

December 9, 2024

Jeff Killip, Executive Director  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Subject: Olympic Water and Sewer Inc. Surcharge Request

Dear Executive Director,

Olympic Water and Sewer Inc. (OWSI) wishes to file for general rate increase by surcharge with an effective date of February 18, 2025. We have included the following items to fully support our filing.

- 1) **Cover Letter.**
- 2) **Tariff.** The proposed tariff with a proposal effective date of February 18, 2025.
- 3) **First Customer Notice.** This notice was mailed on October 22, 2024.
- 4) **Second Customer Notice.** A copy of the notice to be mailed to customers on December 20, 2024.
- 5) **Ice Pigging Service Agreement.** An estimate per contractor

The proposed amount to be recovered from the customer base is 70% of the estimated cost of the project. The customer portion of the estimated \$350,000 project is \$245,000. The proposed surcharge is \$11.53 a month. OWSI bills will show a \$23.06 surcharge as OWSI bills bimonthly.

If approved the rates will become effective February 18, 2025. The surcharge is set to expire on February 17, 2026, or upon the repayment of \$245,000.

The ice pigging surcharge reflects the need to thoroughly remove accumulated deposits of iron and manganese from the potable water system. Changes in water chemistry, introduced through system disinfection via chlorination, have increased the shedding of these contaminants. Fortunately, modern water treatment methods now target iron and manganese at the source, effectively preventing future buildup.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we held a Town Hall meeting for all the residents in Port Ludlow. The turnout was good at around 60-75. Brown water has been a concern for the community and we did not receive any negative comments to the surcharge. The community is excited we have found a solution and that it can occur probably sometime the summer of 2025.

Please call me at 360-437-2101 if you have any questions. The OWSI email address is 'owsi@portludlowassociates.com'.

Sincerely,

Diana Smeland  
President  
Olympic Water and Sewer Inc.