

Solmar Water System, Inc.

P.O. Box 1989
Sequim, WA 98382

February 28, 2018

Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Subject: Solmar Water System, Inc. – General Rate Filing

Dear Mr. King:

Solmar Water System, Inc. is requesting an estimated annual revenue increase of \$11,200 to cover operating expenses. In the past four years the following operating costs have increased dramatically. These include utilities (power and telecommunications) 100% increase, required water testing and treatment 75% increase, insurance 41% increase, and water distribution tax 10% increase. Other necessary capital improvements costs have included a new source pump, service meters, and distribution valves. These items are necessary for the continued supply of reliable water to our customers, and to comply with Washington State regulations. Below is the comparison between current and proposed rates.

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Rate Change	Percentage
Service Connection Fee	\$ 650.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 50.00	7.7%
Service Visit	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	66.7%
Flat rated, unmetered service	\$ 33.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 3.00	9.1%
Ready to Serve	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.25	\$ 0.25	1.0%
3/4" Metered Base Rate	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.25	\$ 0.25	1.0%
Tier 1, 0 - 1,000 cubic feet	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.50	50.0%
Tier 2, 1,001 - 2,000 cubic feet	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.50	33.3%
Tier 3, >2,000 cubic feet	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	50.0%
3" Metered Base Rate	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (50.00)	-4.0%
Tier 1, 0-10,000 cubic feet (cf) to 0 - 15,000 cf	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.50	50.0%
Tier 2, 10,001 - 20,000 cf to 15,001 - 30,000 cf	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.50	33.3%
Tier 3, >20,000 cf to >30,000 cf	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	50.0%

In addition to the proposed rate increase changes, language within tariff WN-U3 has been revised to comply with the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission current generic tariff and Sheet No. 27 Cross Connection Control Non-Response Options (a) has been deleted. Customers are responsible for complying. Option (a) puts unnecessary liability on the operator to inspect a customer's plumbing and personal property.

Thank you and your staff for the attention given to this matter. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at Solmar Water System, Inc. at (360) 683-7191 or solmarwater@gmail.com.

Cordially,



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Solmar Water System, Inc.

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