

**Red Mountain Water Association
1232 Columbia Park Trail
Richland, WA 99352
Phone 509-736-1133 Fax 509-736-1144**

Rate Increase Notice – Sept 1, 2019

Red Mountain Water Association (Red Mountain Water) has filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) to increase rates which will increase annual revenue by \$15,060, or approximately 25% to cover average annual operating cost increases during the last 10 years. Red Mountain Water's last rate increase was in 2009. Operating costs over this 10-year period have increased an average of 2.5% per year, primarily from rising labor and electricity costs. This rate increase affects customer water costs an average of \$15 per month. For your information, potable water provided by the City of West Richland is about 50% higher than these proposed new rates. If approved, the rates will be effective October 1, 2019. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1 inch meters:		
Base charge	\$19/mo	\$23/mo.
0 - 8,000 gallons	\$0.75/1000 gal.	\$0.95/1000 gal.
8,001 – 80,000 gallons	\$0.91/1000 gal	\$1.15/1000 gal.
Over 80,000 gallons	\$1.00/1000 gal.	\$1.25/1000 gal.
1 ½ inch meters:		
Base charge	\$31/mo	\$39/mo.
0 - 16,000 gallons	\$0.75/1000 gal	\$0.95/1000 gal.
16,001 – 160,000 gallons	\$0.91/1000 gal	\$1.15/1000 gal.
Over 160,000 gallons	\$1.00/1000 gal.	\$1.25/1000 gal.

If you have any questions about the filing and how it will affect you, please call Red Mountain Water at 509-736-1133. The commission has the authority to set final rates that may vary from the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. If you would like to comment on this filing, be added to the commission's mailing list, or have questions about the ratemaking process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web site, at www.utc.wa.gov/comment. The commission is scheduled to make a decision at its open meeting on September 26, 2019. If you are unable to attend an open meeting in person, the commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Room 110, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503
E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Sincerely,



Brett Nelson, Red Mountain Water Association General Partner

Company Seventy Nine
dba Red Mountain Water Association
2018 Water Usage and Billing Summary
At Varying Levels of Usage

Period	Winter	Summer	Ttl Gallons	Ttl Billing
12/1/17 - 1/31/18	852,840		852,840	\$ 4,124.78
2/1/18 - 3/31/18	1,130,130		1,130,130	\$ 4,420.18
4/1/18 - 5/31/18		7,565,700	7,565,700	\$ 10,421.41
6/1/18 - 7/31/18		16,139,150	16,139,150	\$ 18,325.79
8/1/18 - 9/30/18		14,738,370	14,738,370	\$ 17,479.24
10/1/18 - 11/30/18	2,245,400		2,245,400	\$ 5,368.77
Total Usage in Gallons	4,228,370	38,443,220	42,671,590	\$ 60,140.17
Total Customers	85	85	85	
Avg Bi-Monthly Gallons/Customer	16,582	150,758	83,670	

Billing - Old Rates:

Total Annual Amount	\$13,913.73	\$46,226.44	\$ 60,140.17
Avg Bi-Monthly Billing	\$ 54.56	\$ 181.28	\$ 117.92

Billing - New Rates:

Total Annual Amount	\$17,109.09	\$58,090.91	\$ 75,200.00
Avg Bi-Monthly Billing	\$ 67.09	\$ 227.81	\$ 147.45

Note: All revenue for Red Mountain Water is regulated. There is no unregulated revenue.