

WATER OF BETHEL, LLC



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DATE: AUGUST 31, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Water of Bethel has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for authorization for a general rate change and to update tariffs. If approved, the new rates will become effective October 1, 2020. Your rates have not been increased since 1998 causing great financial hardship on the system. Throughout this time there have been significant repairs and improvements within the system. This increase in water rates will only partially cover over time what has been spent to bring clean safe water to your homes. The new Tariff will help the company start on a path towards a sustainable system increasing your property value, increasing your water quality and ensuring your system remains reliable and functional for years to come. If you have any questions about how this rate change may affect you, please call Water of Bethel at 253-255-5892 or bethelh20@gmail.com.

The company revenue impact of this filing, based on a 2019 test year, will be an annual increase of \$33,443. The average customer usage is 881 cubic feet per month and the average bill would increase by approximately \$15.72 per month starting October 1, 2020. Your increase may be different based on your usage data. The rate impact is presented below:

Current Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	Usage Rate per each 100 cubic feet
3/4 - Inch	\$21.60	\$.95

Proposed Rates:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	1st Block (cubic feet)	1st Usage Rate*	2nd Block (cubic feet)	2nd Usage Rate*	3rd Block (cubic feet)	3rd Usage Rate*
3/4 - Inch	\$31.00	0 – 800	\$1.25	801- 1,200	\$1.50	Over 1,201	\$2.00

Additionally, the company will be adjusting many of our ancillary charges to help recover cost directly incurred by customers. Ancillary Charges will be adjusted to the following:

Rule/Schedule#	Rule Description	Old Charges	Proposed Charge
Rule 5	Disconnection Visit Charge (per visit)	\$0.00	\$100.00
Rule 6	Reconnection Charge (per visit)	\$25.00	\$150.00
Rule 11	Service Visit Charge	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr
Rule 14	Late Payment Charge of; 2% Unpaid Balance or Minimum Charge	\$0.00	2% or \$6 Minimum
Rule 20	Account Set-up Charge	\$0.00	\$35.00

Rule 21	NSF Charge (each check)	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Redeposit Fee	\$0.00	
Rule 22	Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$50.00
Rule 24	Backflow Assembly Testing and Inspection	0	\$100.00/hr
Rule 28	Damage and Repair Clause		
	<i>Hourly Labor Charge</i>	0	\$100.00/hr + Cost of Materials
	<i>After hours emergency labor charge</i>	0	\$150.00/hr + Cost of Materials
	Schedule Description		
Schedule 1	Non metered rate service	\$0.00	\$48.79/Month
Schedule 4	Service Connection Charge (short side)	\$413.00	\$3,500
	<i>Long side</i>	\$413.00	\$5,800
Schedule 8	Cross Connection Control	\$0.00	\$100.00/hr
	<i>Installation by approved installer/Service visit/Premises inspection charge</i>		
Schedule 9	Water System Facilities Charge	\$0.00	\$6,500.00

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 24, 2020. The UTC building is closed to the public until further notice. This open meeting may be conducted by telephone only. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also call this number for the status of the UTC building closure or visit www.utc.wa.gov. You can also comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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A memo containing the staff recommendation will be available on the commission website about three days prior to the open meeting. To view the memo, go to utc.wa.gov. Click on the link near the bottom that says "Documents." Under "Open Meetings," click on "Agendas, meeting minutes, orders." When the open meeting date (see above) appears, click on it, then on the memo for this filing. Then click on "Documents." This will take you to a page with the memo and other filed documents.

Sincerely,
Water of Bethel/ Cole Loncar