

Solmar Water System, Inc.

P.O. Box 1989
Sequim, WA 98382

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Jeff Killip
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. Killip:

Solmar Water System, Inc. is requesting an estimated annual revenue increase of \$11,200 to cover operating expenses. In the past decade the following operating costs have increased. These include utilities (power and telecommunications) 90% increase, required water testing and treatment 120% increase, insurance 75% increase, property tax 50% increase and licensing fees 97% increase. Other necessary capital improvements costs include source well SO4 pump, construction of source well SO5 including the pump and controls, source meter, replumbing of the pumphouse and booster pump station, isolation valves, replacement of a portion of the wellfield transmission mains, installation of a 4” blowoff to obtain main flushing at adequate velocity, replacement of telemetry from reservoir to wellfield and sources alternating relay. 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	1,850.00	1,200.00	184.6%
Service Visit	15.00	30.00	15.00	100.0%
Late Payment Charge	2% or \$1.00	2% or \$2.00	1.00	100.0%
Disconnection Visit	25.00	50.00	25.00	100.0%
Reconnection Visit	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.0%
Seasonal turn off/on	N/A	50.00	50.00	
Ready to Serve	25.00	25.00		
3/4" Metered Base Rate	25.00	25.00		
Tier 1, 0-1,000m cubic feet	1.00	1.65	0.65	65.0%
Tier 2, 1,001-2,000 cubic feet	1.50	2.10	0.60	40.0%
Tier 3, >2,000 cubic feet	2.00	2.40	0.40	20.0%
1 1/2" Metered Base Rate	25.00	84.90	59.90	239.6%
Tier 1, 0-1,665 cubic feet	1.00	1.65	0.65	65.0%
Tier 2, 1,666-3,330 cubic feet	1.50	2.10	0.60	40.0%
Tier 3, >3,330 cubic feet	2.00	2.40	0.40	20.0%
3" Metered Base Rate	1,250.00	1,250.00		
Tier 1, 0-10,000m cubic feet	1.00	1.65	0.65	65.0%
Tier 2, 10,001-20,000 cubic feet	1.50	2.10	0.60	40.0%
Tier 3, >20,000 cubic feet	2.00	2.40	0.40	20.0%

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,

Kate O'Claire
Solmar Water System, Inc.

Attachment