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Date May 21, 2024

To: Red Mountain Water System Customers

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES FOR 1” AND 1-1/2” METERED SERVICE

Red Mountain Water Association, LLC (“RMWA”) has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) for permission to increase the water rates we charge all our customers. The proposed rates will increase the annual revenues of the company by approximately \$17,900 (27.6%) per year to cover the increased operating expenses of labor, insurance, postage, fuel, electricity, contractual labor services, etc. If approved, the new rates will become **effective on July 1, 2024**. The rate increase will be based on water used beginning July 1, 2024, and reflected on your July 31, 2024 billing.

At the same time, RMWA is proposing a new Tariff document reflecting the new ownership, changing to monthly billing, operational services, and adjusted ancillary charges, etc.

The changes to the tier structures allow a higher usage of water at the lower rate charges.

The following tables compares existing rates to the proposed rates:

Monthly 1” Service	Current Rate
Base Rate	\$21.00 monthly
Tier 1 0-8,000 gallons	\$0.80 per 1000 gallons
Tier 2 8,001-65,000 gallons	\$1.00 per 1000 gallons
Tier 3 Over 65,001 gallons	\$1.23 per 1000 gallons

Monthly 1” Service	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
Base Rate	\$27.25 monthly	29.8
Tier 1 0-28,000 gallons	\$1.10 per 1000 gallons	37.5
Tier 2 28,001-175,000 gallons	\$1.45 per 1000 gallons	45.0
Tier 3 Over 175,001 gallons	\$1.65 per 1000 gallons	34.1

Monthly 1-1/2” Service	Current Rate
Base Rate	\$42.00 monthly
Tier 1 0-16,000 gallons	\$0.80 per 1000 gallons
Tier 2 16,001-130,000 gallons	\$1.00 per 1000 gallons
Tier 3 Over 130,001 gallons	\$1.23 per 1000 gallons

Monthly 1-1/2” Service	Proposed Rate	Percent Increase
Base Rate	\$54.50 monthly	29.8
Tier 1 0-56,000 gallons	\$1.10 per 1000 gallons	37.5
Tier 2 56,001-260,000 gallons	\$1.45 per 1000 gallons	45.0
Tier 3 Over 260,001 gallons	\$1.65 per 1000 gallons	34.1

Below is a table of changes to other ancillary service fees (Tariff Schedule X) that may affect you:

Ancillary Charge	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Explanation
Disconnection Visit Charge	N/A	\$35.00	Rule 5: Company will charge when Utility Employee is dispatched to disconnect service.
Reconnection Visit Charge	\$50.00	\$60.00	Rule 6: Company will charge when Utility Employee is dispatched to reconnect service.
Service Visit Charge (first minimum hour)	N/A	\$75.00	Rule 11: Employee is dispatched for condition caused by customer.
Service Visit Charge (additional hourly rate)	N/A	\$50.00	Rule 11: Employee is dispatched for condition caused by customer.
NSF Charge (each check)	\$15.00	\$25.00	Rule 21: Charge applied for checks returned by bank.
Backflow Assembly Testing and Inspection	N/A	N/A	Rule 24: The Utility will not perform the testing services.
Seasonal Turn Off/On (per visit)	N/A	\$35.00 – Off \$25.00 - On	Rule 25: For seasonal usage (monthly charges continue)
Damage and Repair Charge	N/A	\$75.00/ hour, plus costs	Rule 28: Actual costs incurred by Utility for facility damages caused by customer

If you have any questions about the proposed filing or how it will affect you, please call Red Mountain Water Association, LLC at: Office 509-492-4050, or Paul (mobile) 509-460-1202.

The WUTC has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher than the company's request, depending on its investigation. You may comment on the case by using the "Submit Comment" feature on the WUTC's website at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 PO Box 47250
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250
 Email: comments@utc.wa.gov
 Telephone 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissions at an open meeting which is scheduled for **9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2024**. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting held in the UTC office located at: 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, you can participate by telephone by calling 306-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. Accommodations and translation services are available: please email communications@utc.wa.gov to request.

Sincerely

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