

45 WATER RATE ORDINANCE

Tariff Form No. 12
(Tariff Rule 23.1 et seq.)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that Village of Beech Bottom Water
(name of utility) public utility, has adopted by ordinance on August 15, 2023 (date) a
tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing Water (type of utility
service) service to 250 (number of customers) customers at Beech
Bottom (name localities) in the County(ies) of Brooke

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective October 21, 2023 (date) unless
otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately
\$ 26,115 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 16 %. The average monthly
bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) <u> INCREASE</u>	<u> INCREASE (%)</u>
Residential	\$ <u>5.11</u>	<u>16</u> %
Commercial	\$ <u>6.12</u>	<u>16</u> %
Industrial	\$ <u>7.36</u>	<u>16</u> %
Resale	\$ _____	_____ %
Other	\$ _____	_____ %

Resale customers of _____ (name of utility) include _____
(list all resale customers by name).

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

- (1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or
- (2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or
- (3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the

Village of Beech Bottom -Water
Proposed Water Rates
Schedule 1

Applicability

Applicable within the entire territory served.

Availability

Available for residential, commercial, governmental, industrial, and resale of water service.

Rates (Customers with metered water supply)

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL
First 4,000 gallons	9.25 per 1,000 gallons	11.09 per 1000 gallons	13.31 per 1,000 gallons
Next 6,000 gallons	7.39 per 1,000 gallons	8.86 per 1000 gallons	10.64 per 1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	5.88 per 1000 gallons	7.10 per 1,000 gallons	8.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	4.73 per 1000 gallons	5.68 per 1,000 gallons	6.82 per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	3.78 per 1,000 gallons	4.54 per 1,000 gallons	5.44 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum charge

No minimum bill will be rendered for less than the following, based on meter size: If using the American Water Works Factors: Minimum charges would be:

Meter size in inches	Base rate 5/8 min	AWWA Factors	Minimum charge
5/8"	\$37.00	1.00	\$37.00
3/4"	\$37.00	1.50	\$55.50
1"	\$37.00	2.50	\$92.50
1 ¼"	\$37.00	3.65	\$135.50
1 ½ "	\$37.00	5.00	\$185.00
2"	\$37.00	8.00	\$296.00
3"	\$37.00	16.00	\$592.00
4"	\$37.00	25.00	\$925.00
6"	\$37.00	50.00	\$1,850.00
8"	\$37.00	80.00	\$2960.00

Flat Rate Charge (Customers with Non-metered water supply) ---\$43.75
Equivalent to 5,000 gallons of water usage at residential rates.

Bulk Rates and/or transient

All water for bulk purchase will be billed at the rate of \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Tap Fee- \$750.00

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant. A tap of \$750.00 will be charged to customers with 5/8", 5/8" to 3/4", or 3/4" meter. For customers applying for 1" or larger a fee of \$750.00 plus cost of materials and labor.

Security Deposit

Seventy-four dollars (\$74) or two-twelfths (2/12) of the average usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater.

Delayed Payment Penalty

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

Water Reconnect/ Administrative Fee

Whenever water service which had been previously disconnected for any reason is reconnected, a reconnection fee of \$20.00 shall be charged. In the event of the delinquent water bill is connected in the field, an additional \$20.00 shall be charged.

Rental Property

Property owners must submit to the Water Office, a monthly list of all rental properties as well as the names of all persons occupying said property. Changes to the list will be updated immediately upon occurrence. List can be called/emailed to the Water Office monthly.

Returned Check Charges

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed by the bank or a maximum of \$35.00 (per WV code §61-3-39e) will be imposed upon any customers whose check for payment of charges returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

Leak Adjustment

\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which and shall be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter excluding interior plumbing leaks. This rate shall be applied to all unusual consumption above the customer's historical usage.

Schedule 2

Rate

Per Hydrant, Sprinkler system or hose connections:

6-inch connection	\$64.00 per month
8-inch connection	\$ 105.00 per month

Justification for water rate increase:

1. Tank cleaning, painting and maintenance---- Cost was \$85,120. Reason cost is so high is that the tanks are drained, special paint is needed that will maintain potable water. The interior was sandblasted and sterilized as well. The second tank will need maintenance within the next 3-5 years.
2. Software upgrade was purchased to help read water meter plus wands cost \$12,000.
3. A new wand, one at a cost of \$2750.
4. The road leading to tanks was upgraded to make sure those painting tanks could access the wells \$10,000.
5. Would like to purchase a generator for wells in case of an emergency to continue water service cost \$65,000.
6. Replace water meters to ensure correct reading and replace with another then send meter to be checked and tested for accuracy. There is a cost in doing this. 10-20 meters need to be checked every month. Testing alone is \$25 per meter.
7. General maintenance and chemicals to maintain water quality. The price of chemicals has increased for example, in January 2021 they cost \$839, January 2022 price was \$1018, and January 2023 cost was \$1194.
8. Cost of everyday operation. Wages have increased.
9. The wells will need to be cleaned within the next 3 to 4 years. At the present time the cost is \$19,870 per well. If the pump needs to be replaced this would be an additional \$8-12,000.
10. Repairs to the structure of the south pump house building will also need to be addressed.
11. A contingency fund for major failures, for example if the contact chamber has issues or a major line breaks.

1st Reading 07/18/2023

2nd Reading 08/08/2023

3rd Reading 08/15/2023

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