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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES ORDER MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

BPU DOCKET NO. WR13030210 OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 03748-13

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

By this Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), considers a letter brief filed as a Motion for Clarification ("Motion") by United Water New Jersey Inc. (the "Company" or "United") asking the Board to clarify its November 22, 2013, Order in Docket No. WR13030210.

BACKGROUND/PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Company is a public utility engaged in the business of collecting, treating, and distributing water for retail service to approximately 197,000 customers in its service territory, which includes portions of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Morris, Hunterdon and Sussex Counties. The Company also supplies water service to municipalities including the Township of Saddle Brook, the Borough of Fairlawn, the Borough of Saddle River, the Borough of Allendale, the Borough of Mahwah, the Village of Ridgewood and the Borough of Ramsey.

United filed its first DSIC Foundational Filing on August 6, 2012, which was approved by the Board on October 23, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as "Foundational Filing 1"). The initial DSIC recovery period under Foundational Filing 1 was November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, for which the Company implemented a DSIC on July 1, 2013 in order to recover \$900,001 in revenues. This equated to a 16 cents per month charge for a 5/8-inch meter with proportionately higher charges for larger meter sizes.

On March 11, 2013, United filed pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:1-5.12 and 14:9-7.1 <u>et seq.</u>, a petition to increase rates for water service and to make other tariff changes. Specifically, the Company requested an increase in base rate revenues of approximately \$29,994,809 or approximately 14.69% above the adjusted annual level of revenues for the posttest year period ending November 30, 2013. The test year for the base rate case was a 12month test year ending May 31, 2013. The Company also sought: (a) to establish the prudence of in-service investments made in the context of the Company's current DSIC; (b) to update its Foundational Filing for future DSIC eligible investments; and (c) to implement certain specified tariff changes including the implementation of monthly billing.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.6(b), United "continue[d] to make DSIC-eligible investments and collect a DSIC charge during [its] pending rate case filed in accordance with existing Board rules." On October 11, 2013, within the pending base rate case, the Company filed a Foundational Filing, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.1 seeking the implementation of a new DSIC (hereinafter referred to as "Foundational Filing 2"). On or about October 30, 2013, United, the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and Board Staff entered into a stipulation settling the base rate case. ALJ Irene Jones issued an Initial Decision Adopting the Stipulation on November 7, 2013. On November 21, 2013, United filed its DSIC Filing for its DSIC recovery period from May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, under Foundational Filing 1.

On November 22, 2013, the Board issued its Order adopting the Initial Decision resolving the base rate case and approving Foundational Filing 2. In its November 22, 2013 Order, the Board ordered that United's Foundational Filing 1 approved October 23, 2012, was concluded and that any new DSIC charges would have to be in accordance with its November 22, 2013 Foundational Filing 2).

On December 3, 2013, United filed a Motion for clarification ("Motion") of the Board's November 22, 2013 Order. Mtn at 1. Specifically, the Company sought "clarification of the single issue of the language regarding the DSIC".

A meeting was held on December 16, 2013, to discuss, in a generic manner, timing issues associated with DSIC filings. All interested water utilities were invited to attend along with Rate Counsel, Board Staff and litigating and advising DAsG for water rate cases. On January 15, 2014, the parties to United's rate case and other interested water utilities were invited to a meeting to discuss DSIC issues specifically related to the Company's rate case and Motion. The Board's advising DAG could not participate in that meeting as it involved specific litigation issues related to a pending proceeding (i.e., United's Motion). A schedule was set at the January 15, 2014 meeting to permit the filing of comments by January 29, 2014, and reply comments by February 4, 2014. Rate Counsel filed comments on January 29, 2014, and United filed reply comments on February 6, 2014. Additionally, the parties to United's rate case engaged in less formal discussions. United filed an additional letter on March 27, 2014, addressed to the Commissioners and Secretary Izzo reiterating its position and urging the Board to grant its Motion at the next scheduled Board meeting. On March 27, 2014, Rate Counsel submitted a letter stating that they did not intend to file a response to the Company's letter.

MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

In its Motion, United argues that "[t]he Board's Order contains language regarding the [DSIC] which appears at odds with the DSIC regulations, and involves matters not directly before the Board." Mtn at 1. United notes that during the settlement discussions leading to the Stipulation, Board Staff, Rate Counsel and United extensively discussed how DSIC would be reflected in the Company's base rates. United asserts that during these settlement discussions, the parties to the base rate case discussed the DSIC investments from the DSIC recovery period May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, under Foundational Filing 1. United also asserts that the

parties agreed that because the period had not yet run and that Board Staff and Rate Counsel were not able to review the spending, United would implement the DSIC rate in mid-January after the review period. Mtn at 4. United then notes that the language of the Board's November 22, 2013 Order appears to deny the Company recovery of investments made pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.6 and preclude recovery of these costs until United's next base rate case. United states that this result is inconsistent with the "agreement and expectations of the settling parties." Mtn at 5.

In its November 22, 2013 Order, the Board cited N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.4(d) in stating that once the DSIC rate is reset to zero, any subsequent DSIC spending must be made consistent with the Foundational Filing approved November 22, 2013 (Foundational Filing 2). United attempts to distinguish between such "future" investments and those investments it made during the pendency of the rate case pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.6(b). United postulates that the Board did not consider this provision when issuing its Order. The Company cites Governor Christie's Executive Order 2, in stating that the Board must consider the rules and regulation in effect at the time of filing. United argues that its November 21, 2013, six month filing was consistent with the Board's October 23, 2012 approval of United's Foundational Filing 1. United further asserts that during settlement, no party objected to the continued implementation of a DSIC charge in Foundational Filing 1 and that United acquiesced to not including these charges in its current rate case in light of Board Staff and Rate Counsel's requests. United further asserts that other provisions of the rules are frustrated by the Board's Order and that the Board's "interpretation" of the DSIC rules, which were 'new' should be addressed prospectively and that the Board's Order is unfair to United and would discourage investment, having the opposite effect of the intent of the DSIC rules.

REPLY COMMENTS

Rate Counsel filed a reply to the Motion on January 29, 2014 ("Reply"). Rate Counsel, as a signatory to the Stipulation joined with the Company requesting clarification of the DSIC interpretations contained in the Order. Rate Counsel agrees with the Company and asserts that the DSIC mechanism was intended to be a straightforward regulatory tool to allow water utilities recovery of a portion of non-revenue producing infrastructure investments. Rate Counsel asserts that the Order's interpretation of DSIC is contrary to the purpose of the regulation. This is the first case where the Board is interpreting the interrelationship between implementing the DSIC regulations and resolving a base rate case.

Rate Counsel adopts the statement of facts contained in the Motion and joins the Company in its request for clarification of the Order's language precluding the Company from recovering DSIC eligible investments made during the pendency of the rate case. Specifically, the Order states that the Company "may no longer implement or seek to recover DSIC rates through the October 23, 2012 Foundational Filing". Rate Counsel argues that this means the Company cannot recover any of the DSIC investments included in its second six month filing from May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

Rate Counsel states in its Reply that another objectionable provision in the Order is, "Any projects commenced during the effective period of the October 23, 2012 Order but not made part of the DSIC Rate and moved into rate base, may be counted towards the required annual base spending and reviewed during the Company's next base rate case." Reply at 4. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.3(1) ties the base spending calculation to the twelve month period of the Foundational Filing, which Rate Counsel asserts this is contrary to the Order and asks that this contradictory language be reconsidered. According to Rate Counsel, the Order effectively denies the

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Company recovery of five months of DSIC eligible projects. They further argue that <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.6(b) allows for the continuation of making DSIC-eligible investments and the collection of a DSIC charge during the pendency of a rate case and therefore the second six month charge should be recovered.

Moreover, Rate Counsel argues that the interpretation to allow projects begun under the October 23, 2012 Foundational Filing, but not moved into rate base, to count toward the annual base spending and be reviewed during the next base rate case directly contradicts <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.3(b). Rate Counsel asserts that each base spending calculation has to match the time period of the DSIC investments at issue. The Board Order applies past base spending to future DSIC investments and circumvents regulatory review and true up.

Rate Counsel asks that the Board clarify its Order and find that the Company may implement the second six month DSIC surcharge and rescind its language allowing the DSIC investments to count towards future base spending.

RESPONSE COMMENTS

In a responsive filing dated February 4, 2014, United asserts that the Board must act to harmonize its conflicting regulations, to give each provision meaning. United asserts that the Board's intent in adopting the DSIC regulations was clear, but that the Board's Order takes the opposite approach, relying on one provision and ignoring another. United also asserts that the Board has imposed an interpretation of the regulations inconsistent with the understanding of the Signatory Parties to the stipulation. United further asserts that the Board's Order has real and tangible consequences for the Company, and that if the Board's Order remains unchanged, it and other water utilities will need to re-evaluate their accelerated investments in New Jersey.

DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS

United's Motion for clarification seeks the review and modification of the Board's November 22, 2013 Order, which is being reviewed by the Board under <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:1-8.6. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:1-8.6 requires that such a motion enumerate the alleged errors of law or fact, and where an opportunity is sought to introduce additional evidence, that evidence shall be stated briefly with the reasons for failing to provide it previously.

Here, United and Rate Counsel argue that the Board should clarify its November 22, 2013 Order because the applicable DSIC regulations are contradictory and their application is contrary to the purpose of the regulations. It is further asserted that the Order is inconsistent with the understanding of the parties to the stipulation.

In support of its Motion, the Company cites <u>Medford Convalescent & Nursing Center v. Division</u> <u>of Medical Assistance & Health Services</u>, 218 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 1, 5 (App. Div. 1985). <u>Medford</u> requires that a "regulation should be construed in accordance with the plain meaning of its language, and in a manner that makes sense when read in the context of the entire regulation." <u>Id.</u> at 6. In finding that the agency improperly re-interpreted its regulations, the court found that agency's motivation was consistent with legislative direction, sympathized with the agency's desire to reinterpret the regulation and noted "it may well be appropriate that the CFA rate should be adjusted downward." <u>Ibid.</u> Nonetheless, the court found that the agency's interpretation required reading the last sentence of the regulation as if it "spoke in the past tense

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rather than the present tense." Ibid. Such a rewriting is "inconsistent with the plain language and also with the intent of the regulations." <u>Id.</u> at 7

In a separate case, the Appellate Division further emphasized the limitations in interpreting regulations, stating "an agency may not use its power to interpret its own regulations as a means of amending those regulations or adopting new regulations" <u>Venuti v. Cape May County</u> <u>Const. Bd. of Appeals</u>, 231 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 546, 554 (App. Div. 1989). In <u>Venuti</u>, the Department of Community Affairs interpreted its regulations by issuing a bulletin. In rejecting the applicability of the bulletin, the court found that the Department did not give affected parties an opportunity for a meaningful response through the rulemaking process.

As discussed, the regulations provide that a company can continue to charge and operate under the DSIC during a pending rate case. Here, notwithstanding the arguments of Rate Counsel and United, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.4(d) and 10.6(b) are not inconsistent. The regulations otherwise address the implementation of a DSIC charge during a pending rate case and subsequent collection of DSIC spending through the pending base rate case. In fact, the first six month filing under Foundational Filing 1, which initially implemented United's DSIC Rate, was filed and charged during the pending rate case underlying this Motion. The amount from the first six month filing, which was collected under the DSIC rate was subsequently rolled into rate base, through the stipulation, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.6(b). Additionally, the regulations provide that any project that was implemented during the test year, whether or not it has been placed in the DSIC charge shall be considered part of the base rate case proceeding. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.6(a). As such, the collection of DSIC spending which is permitted during the pendency of a base rate case may be incorporated into the pending rate case, under the methods permitted in the regulations, depending on the timing of the case, the test year and conclusion of the proceeding.

In this case, \$900,001 of spending already being collected under the DSIC rate and an additional \$220,731 of the uncollected DSIC spending made during the test year were included in the base rate case stipulation pursuant to the regulations. United then attempted to collect an additional \$1,003,037 of spending from June 1, 2013 through November 1 2013 by continuing collection under Foundational Filing 1. However, the rules prohibit the ongoing collection of a DSIC rate beyond the conclusion of the subsequent base rate case. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.2. At that time, the rules provide collection can only continue through the conclusion of the DSIC period, which is defined as closing with the end of the rate case, and that the DSIC rate is reset to zero. Ibid. A new DSIC Rate can only be implemented six months later – pursuant to a newly approved foundational filing.

Having reviewed the Motion the supporting documentation, the November 22, 2013 Board Order and underlying Stipulation as well as the rulemaking history of this chapter, the Board **HAS DETERMINED** that its November 22, 2013 Order was consistent with the Initial Decision and Stipulation presented for consideration. In addition, having reviewed the DSIC regulations, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the DSIC regulations are consistent. The provisions noted by the Company and Rate Counsel, provide that during the pendency of a rate case, a Company, as occurred here, may continue to spend and collect under a DSIC. In resolving a rate case, the parties must consider the DSIC regulations, including those provisions that permit the recovery of certain DSIC costs in the pending rate case. Consideration should also be given to the timing of rate filing and settlement, as DSIC expenses which are incorporated in DSIC rates at the conclusion of the rate case will be incorporated into the resolution of the pending rate case. While United and Rate Counsel may disagree with the regulations, any changes which the Board would deem appropriate must be made through an appropriate rulemaking process. Venuti, supra, 231 N.J. Super. at 554.

The Board further notes that a review of the rulemaking history of the DSIC rule supports the Board's conclusion. At that time, the Board stated that, "Resetting the DSIC rate at a new base rate case prevents carryover from one DSIC period to the next." 44 <u>N.J.R.</u> 1723(a). Thus, the rulemaking history explained that the DSIC rate would be reset to zero and that DSIC spending would not carry forward beyond the conclusion of the rate case.

Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DENIES</u> United's Motion and the relief sought therein. The Board further reiterates and reminds all water utilities that pursuant to the DSIC rules, at the conclusion of a rate case, the DSIC Rate is reset to zero. Any new spending made must be pursuant to a newly approved foundational filing (which may be approved concurrently with the resolution of the rate case). As such, pending spending projects should be reviewed by the parties and to the extent appropriate under the rules considered in any rate case settlement.

RATE CASE PHASE II

Having concluded that United's Motion is denied, the Board determined that it was appropriate to further review the timing of United's DSIC filing for the period of May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013. In looking at the November 21, 2013 six month filing, the Board notes that this filing was in fact made pursuant to the DSIC regulations and prior to the issuance and effectiveness of the Board's November 22, 2013 rate case order. As such, the Board reviewed the recoveries sought within the filing to see if it would have been appropriate to have incorporated these DSIC costs into base rates. In its November 21, 2013 filing, United sought recovery of \$1,223,768 through the DSIC rate. Of this amount, \$220,731 occurred during the test year and was incorporated into the base rate case settlement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.6(a). The outstanding amount of \$1,003,037 was spent during the second DSIC Period and was subject to a six month filing made November 21, 2013. The Board further notes that in its response to the Motion, Rate Counsel raised a concern with a provision in the Board's November 22, 2013 Order addressing base spending.

Here, the proximity of United's November 21, 2013 DSIC filing to the Board's November 22, 2013 rate order did not permit sufficient time for Rate Counsel and Board Staff to review the filing and have the amounts moved into the DSIC Rate prior to the conclusion of the base rate case as provided under the DSIC rules. Had the filing been reviewed and the DSIC Rate been implemented prior to the conclusion of the base rate case, the amount would have been incorporated into the base rate case.

Under certain circumstances, the Board has permitted a Phase II rate case increase upon the completion of the examination of certain metrics. Although the parties did not request such relief, upon re-examination of this matter, the Board has determined, sua sponte, that notwithstanding the fact that the Motion is denied, the Board deems it appropriate to modify its prior Order to permit the implementation of a Phase II rate adjustment. This Phase II rate adjustment addresses the projects which were listed by United on its timely November 21, 2013 filing, but which have not otherwise been incorporated into the rate base at the time of the November 22, 2013 order. These projects total \$1,003,037. In implementing this Phase II adjustment, the Board has determined that the \$1,003,037 shall be allocated consistent with the rate design agreed to by the parties and approved in the Board's November 22, 2013 Order.

In this case, the \$1,003,037 which the Board has determined will be implemented through a Phase II of the rate case is the amount of money United and Rate Counsel had sought to be collected through the continuation of United's DSIC – after deducting the amount which United previously recovered through rates pursuant to the November 22, 2013 Order. The Board has determined that this amount will be implemented in base rates through this Phase II.

As this amount will now be collected through base rates, the issue raised by Rate Counsel in its reply is mooted. Nonetheless, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>MODIFIES</u> its prior order and reiterates, as was stated by Rate Counsel in its reply, that the calculation of Base Spending shall be made consistent with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:9-10.3(1). As such, monies spent during Foundational Filing 1 may not be counted towards base spending of Foundational Filing 2.

CONCLUSION

The Board further recognizes that as the DSIC rules have been implemented, there have been some concerns raised over the implementation of the rules. The Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DIRECTS</u> Staff to note all issues raised during the implementation of the DSIC for the Board's consideration in a future rule amendment.

The Board wishes to reiterate that the DSIC is still a new process in New Jersey. The rules as adopted, and explained at the time of adoption, require that the DSIC rate is reset to zero at the conclusion of a subsequent base rate case. The rules provide for circumstances where the parties to the base rate case will incorporate DSIC expenses into the settled base rates. The implementation of the DSIC rules is and will continue to be one of many factors considered by a water utility when filing and settling base rates. As has previously been stated by the Board and reiterated in this Order, the costs of one DSIC Foundational Filing cannot, under the rules, be carried forward and collected beyond a base rate case where the DSIC rate is reset to zero. Additionally, as clarified here, this amount cannot otherwise be counted towards base spending of a subsequent DSIC foundational filing.

In light of the above and having reviewed the record including: the original proof of revenues; the DSIC revenue requirement calculation; and the tariff pages attached hereto setting forth the allocation of the \$1,003,037 to rates, the Board having sua sponte opened a Phase II, <u>HEREBY</u> <u>ORDERS</u> the implementation of the Phase II rates in accordance with the attached Tariff pages and upon said implementation <u>FURTHER</u> <u>ORDERS</u> the close of Phase II. The Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>FINDS</u> that the implementation of rates incorporating the \$1,003,037 in a manner which is consistent with the rate design incorporated into the November 22, 2013 Order to be reasonable, in the public interest, and in accordance with the law.

The Board <u>FURTHER</u> <u>ORDERS</u> that to the extent its November 22, 2013 Order is inconsistent with this Order, the provisions of this Order shall supersede the Board's November 22, 2013 Order.

This Order shall be effective on May 9, 2014. The tariffs attached hereto are <u>HEREBY</u> <u>ACCEPTED</u> and are effective for service as of the effective date of this Order.

DATED: 5/9/14

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BPU NO. 4 – WATER

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 37 Superseding Tenth Revised Sheet No. 37

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1 GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable the use of water supplied through meters in the entire territory served by the Company.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Continuous except as limited by "Standard Terms and Conditions."

RATE:

Consumption Charge: \$ 4.1211 per hundred cubic feet * \$ 5.5095 per thousand gallons ** Exempt Rate \$ 3.5490 per hundred cubic feet \$ 4.7447 per thousand gallons

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:12A-17, the above rate is inclusive of the State Water Tax of 1-cent per thousand gallons.

<u>SPECIAL PROVISION</u>: Consumption charges for municipal water systems which purchase water under this Rate Schedule shall be reduced by \$0.00748 per hundred cubic feet.

* One hundred cubic feet equals 748 gallons

Facilities Charge:

Size of Meter	Per Month	** Exempt Rate <u>Per Month</u>
5/8 Inch	\$ 8.65	\$ 7.45
3/4 Inch	12.97	11.17
1 Inch	21.62	18.62
1-1/2 Inch	43.25	37.25
2 Inch	69.20	59.59
3 Inch	129.75	111.74
4 Inch	216.25	186.23
6 Inch	432.49	372.45
8 Inch	691.99	595.93
10 Inch	994.73	856.64
12 Inch	1,427.23	1,229.10

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Tenth Revised Sheet No. 39 Superseding Ninth Revised Sheet No. 39

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2

SERVICE TO OTHER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to municipal water systems and water utilities (as defined in <u>N.J.R.S. 48:2-13)</u> in the entire territory purchasing water under special agreements at the option of the Company.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Continuous except as limited by "Standard Terms and Conditions."

RATE:

\$ 2.3322 per hundred cubic feet.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Payment is due within 15 days after the bill date.

Bills will be rendered monthly.

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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to customers throughout entire territory for private fire protection service, as defined in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 8.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

Continuous except as limited by "Standard Terms and Conditions."

RATE:

Private Fire Protection Service through metered connections with or without hose or hydrants connected to them.

<u>Size c</u>	of Meter/Service		** Exempt
		Per Month	Rate
			Per Month
*	1-1/2 Inch	\$ 17.45	\$ 15.03
*	2 Inch	31.14	26.82
	3 Inch	87.28	75.16
	4 Inch	138.46	119.24
	6 Inch	285.56	245.92
	8 Inch	507.66	437.18
	10 Inch	793.22	683.10
	12 Inch	1,142.22	983.65

Private Fire Protection through hydrants owned by the Company or customer and connected to Company owned mains located in private rights-of-way.

Rate per Hydrant per Month

Hydrant

\$ 61.33

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Seventh Revised Sheet No. 50 Superseding Sixth Revised Sheet No. 50

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 7

HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION WATER SERVICE

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable to the use of water supplied to the common areas served by the Company.

RATE:

A. UNMETERED

Flat Rate Charge: \$ 1.35 per month per residential unit

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:12A-17, the above rate is inclusive of the State Water Tax of 1-cent per thousand gallons.

B. METERED

The rates shall be the same as set forth in Rate Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service

C. FIRE PROTECTION CHARGE

Flat Rate Charge: \$ 1.96 per month per residential unit

The amount of a customer's bill for a billing period will be the total of the Flat Rate Un-metered Charge or Metered Charge and the Fire Protection Charge.

MINIMUM CHARGE:

Applicable Facilities Charge and Fire Protection Charge.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Payment is due within 15 days after the bill date.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

The Homeowner's Association will be liable for all charges for water service to the common elements.

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