

BERKELEY COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of W. VA. CODE § 16-13A-9 that the Berkeley County Public Service District, dba the Berkeley County Public Service Water District (the “Water District”) has requested that the Berkeley County Council (the “Council”) consider the Water Board’s adoption of a Capital Capacity Improvement Fee (CIF) to be added to existing water rates which shall be subject to a Public Hearing beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019, followed by Council discussion and action scheduled for 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Both the public hearing and discussion will be held at 400 West Stephen Street, Suite 205, Martinsburg, W.Va., 25401.

CURRENT TARIFF

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

SCHEDULE I

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all customers served by the Berkeley County Public Service District other than customers formerly served by The Woods Homeowners Association, Inc.

AVAILABILITY

Available for general domestic, commercial and industrial water service

RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

First	2,000 gallons used per month	\$11.45 per 1,000 gallons
Next	88,000 gallons used per month	\$ 7.42 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	90,000 gallons used per month	\$ 5.24 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the following per month based on meter size:

5/8 inch meter	\$22.90 per month
1 inch meter	\$57.24 per month
1-1/2 inch meter	\$114.47 per month
2 inch meter	\$183.15 per month
3 inch meter	\$343.41 per month
4 inch meter	\$572.35 per month
6 inch meter	\$1,144.70 per month
8 inch meter	\$1,831.50 per month

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Where connection, hydrants, sprinklers, etc on private property are maintained by consumer.

Fire Hydrants, \$128.62 per hydrant per year, payable annually

Private Fire Protection Sprinkler systems shall pay \$128.62 per year, plus \$0.43 per sprinkler head, payable annually.

Hose Connections, for fire use only \$74.38 per year, payable annually Simplex or Duplex

Secured Installations (Government or Privately Owned) \$30.21 per inch (fire line nominal diameter-payable monthly

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.

RECONNECTION-\$20.00

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TAP FEE

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A tap fee of \$450.00 will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.76 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above customer's historical average usage.

SPECIAL WATER SERVICES

1. Where water is desired for only a short period of time, and not continuously throughout the year, such as for vacation homes or cottages, building purposes, street paving, cleaning property, filling tanks or other uses of this kind, an application shall be made as set forth in Water Rule 4.1.6., and payment made in accordance with the applicable schedule of rates and charges, in which case a suitable deposit shall be made.
2. When making application for special water service, the applicant shall pay the District the (a) applicable security deposit; and (b) service reconnecting charge.
3. The applicant shall forfeit the total security deposit if the District can show the user tampered with any District property.
4. Each reconnecting of a special water service shall require a new application.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the District, not to exceed \$25.00, will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charge is returned by his or her bank due to insufficient funds.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) if the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

SCHEDULE II

APPLICABILITY

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AVAILABILITY

Available for general domestic and commercial water service.

RATES - RESIDENTIAL (Customers with metered water supply)

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RATES – COMMERCIAL (Customers with metered water supply)

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5/8-inch meter	\$ 70.99
3/4-inch meter	\$ 106.49
1-inch meter	\$ 177.48
1-1/2-inch meter	\$ 354.95
2-inch meter	\$ 567.92
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SCHEDULE III
CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FEE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the entire service area for all new connections to the District’s distribution system except for new connections within the area formerly served by the Woods Homeowners Association, Inc.

CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FEE

1. Phase 1

For 365 days from the effective date of this tariff, for all new connections to the District’s distribution system there shall be paid to the District a Capacity Improvement Fee (“CIF”). The CIF shall be paid at the time the applicant applies for a water meter and the District approves the meter installation request in accordance with District policy. The CIF for each connection shall be determined by the size of meter installed in accordance with the schedule set forth below.

Meter Size	Type	Factor	Capacity Improvement Fee
5/8”	Positive Displacement	1	\$1,006
3/4”	Positive Displacement	1.5	\$1,509
1”	Positive Displacement	2.5	\$2,515
1-1/2”	Positive Displacement	5	\$5,030
2”	Positive Displacement	8	\$8,048
2”	Compound	8	\$8,048
2”	Turbine	8	\$8,048
3”	Compound	16	\$16,096
3”	Turbine	17.5	\$17,605
4”	Compound	25	\$25,150
4”	Turbine	31.5	\$31,689
4”	Fire Service	35	\$35,210
6”	Compound	50	\$50,300
6”	Turbine	70	\$70,420
6”	Fire Service	80	\$80,480

The CIF applies to combined (fire plus domestic) meters when no separate domestic-only meter is provided. A CIF does not apply to a meter dedicated solely for fire service.

Meters in excess of six (6) inches will be individually evaluated by the District.

The District reserves the right to specify meter size.

2. Phase 2

For all connections to the District's distribution system after 365 days from the effective date of this tariff for all new connections to the District's distribution system there shall be paid to the District a Capacity Improvement Fee ("CIF"). The CIF shall be paid at the time the applicant applies for a water meter and the District approves the meter installation request in accordance with District policy. The CIF for each connection shall be determined by the size of meter installed in accordance with the schedule set forth below.

Meter Size	Type	Factor	Capacity Improvement Fee
5/8"	Positive Displacement	1	\$2,012
3/4"	Positive Displacement	1.5	\$3,018
1"	Positive Displacement	2.5	\$5,030
1-1/2"	Positive Displacement	5	\$10,060
2"	Positive Displacement	8	\$16,096
2"	Compound	8	\$16,096
2"	Turbine	8	\$16,096
3"	Compound	16	\$32,192
3"	Turbine	17.5	\$35,210
4"	Compound	25	\$50,300
4"	Turbine	31.5	\$63,378
4"	Fire Service	35	\$70,420
6"	Compound	50	\$100,600
6"	Turbine	70	\$140,840
6"	Fire Service	80	\$160,960

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3. All CIF funds shall be maintained in a separate account administered by the District and shall be used only for upgrades to or construction of new or expanding water sources, water treatment facilities, water storage facilities and/or water transmission/distribution facilities at least 12" in diameter.

On Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. the Berkeley County Council shall conduct a public hearing to discuss the Water District's request to have Capacity Improvement Fees added to existing water rates. The hearing will take place in the Dunn Building, 400 W. Stephen Street, Suite 205,

Martinsburg, WV, 25401. Any person interested may appear before the County Council and present comments with regard to the proposal to increase the District's water rates and charges. Anyone desiring to file a written protest may do so prior to the beginning of the public hearing on April 4, 2019. All protests should briefly state the reason for the protest and should be addressed to Alan J. Davis, County Administrator, 400 W. Stephen Street, Suite 201, Martinsburg, WV 25401. On Thursday, April 11, 2019, at its regular session, at 11:30 a.m., Council will consider and vote on the proposed rate increase. The meeting will be held in the Dunn Building, 400 West Stephen Street, Suite 205, Martinsburg, WV.

Any approved or modified rates, fees and charges will become effective forty-five (45) days following such action by the Council. If the Council takes no action, such proposal shall be effective April 14, 2019.

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