Columbia Ridge Water **Tariff Amendment Application**

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1. APPLICANT

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. ("**Corix**") owns and operates the Columbia Ridge Water Utility ("**CRW**" or "**Utility**"), which provides water utility service to the Columbia Ridge residential community in the Kootenays region of British Columbia, located 37 km South of Invermere, BC. In addition to CRW, Corix also owns and operates the wastewater utility at this location.

Corix is regulated under the *Water Utility Act*, the *Utilities Commission Act* and the *Water Sustainability Act* by the Comptroller of Water Rights ("**Comptroller**").

2. REGULATORY APPROVAL SOUGHT

Corix requests approval, pursuant to Sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* ("**UCA**"), to amend the terms and conditions of the tariff as outlined in Section 3.1 of this Application, to become effective on the 1st of the month following the issuance of the final Order associated with this review process. Corix is not requesting to change any existing rates in this application.

3. TARIFF AMENDMENT

3.1 TARIFF AMENDMENT: BACK-BILLING

Corix proposes to add a new section (Section 24) in the CRW tariff to include back-billing. The proposed wording will be identical to the wording previously approved by the Comptroller and included in the current Water Tariff No. 2 for Corix's Cultus Lake Water utility. Appendix A of this Application contains the extracted pages with Section 17 (Back-Billing) from the Cultus Lake Water Utility Water Tariff No. 2.

Back-billing means the re-billing by the company for services rendered to a customer because the original billings were discovered to be either too high (over-billed) or too low (under-billed). The discovery may be made by either the customer or the company and may result from the conduct of an inspection. The cause of the billing error may include any of the following non-exhaustive reasons or combination thereof:

- a. the application of an incorrect rate; and
- b. fraud, theft or any other criminal act.

The addition of the back-billing term:

- Provides the ability to address billing errors (over-billing or under-billing) whether from the application of an incorrect rate, fraud, theft or any other criminal act;
- Improves accountability, which enhances trust between Corix and customers;
- Provides clarity to customers and utility staff by defining back-billing and clearly outlining the approach used to addressing back-billing when it is required; and



• Increases standardization across Corix's regulated water utilities in BC, which in turn improves operational efficiencies.

While Corix does not anticipate any material billing errors, the absence of a back-billing term in the tariff restricts Corix's ability to address billing errors, which can be to the detriment of customers (over-billing) or to the detriment of the Utility (under-billing).

For the reasons outlined above, Corix submits that this request should be approved as it is just and reasonable.

3.2 TARIFF COPIES

A clean copy of the proposed Water Tariff is included in Appendix B and a legal blackline version, compared to the existing tariff, is included in Appendix C. The proposed Water Tariff includes the amendment discussed above.

The current Water Tariff No. 3, with an effective date of November 1, 2022, was accepted for filing by the Comptroller of Water Rights on October 19, 2022.

4. STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

All non-confidential documents related to this Application will be made available to the public through the Regulatory Affairs webpage of the Utility's website.

In order to inform stakeholders, Corix prepared a draft Customer Notification Letter that is being submitted to the Comptroller simultaneously with this Application. Once the Comptroller accepts this Application as complete and has reviewed the additional document, Corix will:

- 1) Send out the Customer Notification Letter to customers in the mail;
- 2) Place the Customer Notification Letter on the Utility's website¹; and
- 3) Place a notice regarding the regulatory review of the Application in the News and Notices section of the Utility's website.²

Corix believes that this approach will adequately inform stakeholders of the Application.

¹ <u>https://www.corix.com/columbia-ridge/resources/regulatory-affairs</u>

² <u>https://www.corix.com/columbia-ridge/news-notices</u>



Appendix A: Back-billing Section Approved by the Comptroller for Cultus Lake Water Utility

the Company, the Customer will pay for any costs, including overhead and a reasonable margin, incurred by the Company.

15. Resale / Unauthorized Supply or Use

Unless authorized in writing by the Company, a Customer shall not sell or supply Services supplied to it by the Company to other Persons or use the Services supplied to it by the Company for any purpose other than as specified herein.

A Customer shall not make any connection or extension of any kind to the Water System without the prior written authorization of the Company. If any person makes any unauthorized connection or extension to the Water System, the Company may, in addition to any other remedies, immediately discontinue Services to such unauthorized connection or extension. In the case of any dispute concerning the authority for any such connection or extension, the burden of proof shall be upon the Customer to establish the validity of such authority.

16. Billing

- 16.1. Bills will be rendered on the basis of the Customer's Service Agreement, the Rate Schedules under which the Customer is provided Services and the fees and charges contained in the Standard Fees and Charges Schedule as set out in the Water System Tariff and as amended by the Company with the approval of the Comptroller.
- 16.2. Bills will be rendered as often as deemed necessary by the Company, but generally on semiannual basis. The due date for payment of bills shown on the face of the bill is the first business day after:
 - (a) the twenty first (21st) calendar day following the billing date; or
 - (b) such other period as may be determined by the Company.
- 16.3. Customers requesting historic billing information may be charged the cost of processing and providing this information but shall be notified of such charge in advance.

17. Back Billing

- 17.1. The Company, in the circumstances specified herein, may charge, demand, collect or receive from its Customers in respect of Services rendered, a greater or lesser compensation than that specified in the subsisting Rate Schedules of the Company applicable to those Services. In the case of a minor adjustment to a Customer's bill, such adjustments do not require back-billing treatment to be applied.
- 17.2. Back-billing means the re-billing by the Company for Services rendered to a Customer because the original billings were discovered to be either too high (over-billed) or too low (under-billed). The discovery may be made by either the Customer or the Company and may result from the conduct of an inspection. The cause of the billing error may include any of the following non-exhaustive reasons or combination thereof:
 - (a) the application of an incorrect rate; and
 - (b) fraud, theft or any other criminal act.

- 17.3. If there are reasonable grounds to believe that a Customer has tampered with or otherwise used the Company's Water System or the Services in an unauthorized way, or evidence of fraud, theft or other criminal act exists, then the extent of back-billing will be for the duration of the unauthorized use, subject to the applicable limitation period provided by law, and the provisions of Sections 17.8, 17.9, 17.10, and 17.11 below do not apply.
- 17.4. In addition, the Customer is liable for the direct administrative costs incurred by the Company in the investigation of any incident of tampering, including the direct costs of repair, or replacement of equipment.
- 17.5. Under-billing resulting from circumstances described above will bear interest at the rate normally charged by the Company on unpaid accounts from the date of the original under-billed invoice until the amount under-billed is paid in full.
- 17.6. In every case of under-billing or over-billing, the cause of the error will be remedied without delay, and the Customer will be promptly notified of the error and of the effect upon the Customer's on-going bill.
- 17.7. In every case of over-billing, the Company will refund to the Customer all money incorrectly collected for the duration of the error, subject to the applicable limitation period provided by law. Simple interest, computed at the short-term bank loan rate applicable to the Company on a monthly basis, will be paid to the Customer.
- 17.8. Subject to Section 17.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the Company will back-bill the Customer for the shorter of the duration of the error and;
 - (a) six months for Customers receiving Residential Service or Commercial Service; or
 - (b) one year for all other Customers or as set out in a special or individually negotiated Services Agreement with the Company.
- 17.9. Subject to Section 17.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the Company will offer the Customer reasonable terms of repayment. If requested by the Customer, the repayment term will be equivalent in length to the back-billing period. The repayment will be interest free and in equal installments corresponding to the normal billing cycle. However, delinquency in payment of such installments will be subject to the usual late payment charges.
- 17.10. Subject to Section 17.3 above, if a Customer disputes a portion of a back-billing due to underbilling based upon either consumption, demand or duration of the error, the Company will not threaten or cause the discontinuance of Services for the Customer's failure to pay that portion of the back-billing, unless there are no reasonable grounds for the Customer to dispute that portion of the back-billing. The undisputed portion of the bill shall be paid by the Customer and the Company may discontinue Services if such undisputed portion of the bill is not paid.
- 17.11. Subject to Section 17.3 above, in all instances of back-billing where changes of occupancy have occurred, the Company will make a reasonable attempt to locate the former Customer. If, after a period of one year, such Customer cannot be located, the over-billing or under-billing applicable to them will be cancelled.



Appendix B: Proposed Tariff (Clean)

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.

Columbia Ridge Water Utility

Water Tariff No. 3

Rates and Terms and Conditions For Water Service at Fairmont, British Columbia

Contact Person: Andrew Cradduck, Operations Manager

Email: <u>customercare@corix.com</u> Customer Care Phone: 1.866.457.7273 Emergency Contact: 1.855.244.7808 (24 Hrs)

This Tariff is available for public inspection at:

2120 Toby Creek Road, Panorama, BC

Revisions reflecting Utility transfer accepted for filing by the Comptroller of Water Rights

on _____ day of _____, 2022

Effective Date:

Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights

Definitions

In this tariff the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Authorized Premises" means premises which are entitled to, and authorized for, service in accordance with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of the Utility;
- b) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Water Rights under the Water Act and includes a deputy comptroller or a person appointed by the minister as acting comptroller;
- c) "Customer" means any person who is the owner or lessee of an authorized premises;
- d) "Multi-Residential Service" means Condominiums.
- e) "Premises" means land and buildings thereon;
- f) "Rate" includes:
 - (1) a general, individual or joint rate, fee, charge, rental or other compensation of the Utility,
 - (2) a schedule or tariff respecting a rate;
- g) "Rate Schedule" means the schedule(s) in the Water System Tariff and attached to and forming part of these terms and conditions, which sets out the charges for service and certain other related charges in connection with the provision of services.
- h) "Residential Service" means in-house use plus lawn & garden sprinkling to a maximum area of 1/10 of an acre;
- i) "Service" shall include:
 - 1) the supply of water provided by the Utility to the customer,
 - 2) the plant, equipment, apparatus, appliances, property and facilities employed by or in connection with the utility in providing the supply of water to the property line of the premise.
- j) "Single Family Residential Equivalent" means and includes a single family dwelling unit intended for the use or occupancy by one or more individuals as a non-profit household, and includes a townhouse and side-by-side duplex up to 3 bedrooms per unit.
- k) "Unit" means a building of accommodation occupied separately or to be occupied separately by an owner or lessee and, which either separately or jointly with other units, receives service from a connection to the Utility's waterworks and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes the separate units of accommodation in all dwellings.

1) "Utility" means Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc's Columbia Ridge Water Utility, and its respective duly authorized officers, agents and employees.

Terms and Conditions

1. Application for Service

For authorized premises, charges for service are intended to recover the Utility's costs. The following charges are applicable depending upon the circumstances:

- (a) At the time an application is made for service to premises which had not previously been connected for service, the applicable charge shown in Schedule "A (a)" and/or "A (b)" of this tariff shall be paid by the applicant.
- (b) A turn-on fee of \$75.00 shall be applicable when:

(i) a turn-on of a valve at an existing curb-stop is made at a date after the service connection was installed;

(ii) a customer becomes re-connected after service has been shut-off at the request of the customer, for non-payment of rates, or for violation of these terms and conditions.

- (c) A service shut-off charge of \$75.00 shall be applicable when service has been temporarily shut-off at the request of the customer, or for non-payment of rates, or for violation of these terms and conditions.
- (d) At the time an application for service is made by a new customer, an administration charge of \$25.00 shall apply. This charge is not only applicable for a new connection, but also when a new customer, either owner or lessee of the premises, commences receiving service to an existing authorized premises.

2. Billing and Payment

All bills are issued **quarterly** (except for availability charges which are issued annually) and are due and payable within fifteen days of the date of issue. Flat rates (and flat rate portion of metered rates) are billed in advance of service. For metered rates, excess consumption is billed in arrears. If the amount due on any bill has not been paid in full within (30) thirty days from the date of issue a further bill will be rendered to include the overdue amount plus a late payment charge of \$10.00 per month.

If a cheque is returned by the customer's financial institution an administration fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

3. Service Shut-Off Due to Non-Payment

When an account becomes one month overdue service may be shut off upon 15 days' written notice. A notice mailed to the last known postal address of the customer shall be deemed good and sufficient notice. A collection charge of \$40.00 shall be paid each time a Utility representative attends a customer's premises to disconnect service, following the issuance of a shut-off notice. Service will not be turned on until all outstanding charges against the service, including the collection charge, shut-off charge and turn-on fee (Sections 1(b) and 1(c)) have been paid.

4. Discontinuance of Service

- a) Customers must give at least two working days' notice in writing at the office of the Utility when requesting discontinuance of service and shall be liable for payment for all service until such service has been discontinued.
- b) Any customer who desires to discontinue the use of water for any of the purposes stated in his application for service shall give notice of his intention, in writing, at the office of the Utility, and shall further show that any fittings used for the supply of water for such purposes have been disconnected.
- c) The Utility may discontinue service to any customer who contravenes the terms and conditions contained in this tariff. In the event of further contravention of the tariff, the Utility may detach the service connection from the customer's premises and, upon re-application for service, the customer shall be liable to pay the Utility's cost of performing the said detachment and re-connection in addition to other applicable rates and charges.

5. Access to Premises

A condition of service shall be the customer's consent, upon reasonable notice, for representatives of the Utility to enter onto the customer's property for the purposes of making connections/disconnections, taking water quality samples, reading meters, inspecting pipes and appurtenances, checking on the use or waste of water or determining compliance with these terms and conditions.

6. Interruption of Service

The Utility intends to maintain at all times an adequate and continuous supply of water at suitable pressures but accepts no liability for interruptions due to circumstances beyond its control. However, for the interruptions in excess of 48 hours, a proportionate rebate will be allowed to customers served on flat rates.

7. Restriction of Use of Water

The Utility may restrict or prohibit the use of water for gardening, sprinkling, air conditioning, the filling of swimming pools, or other purposes when, in its opinion, such action is necessary to conserve the water supply or to maintain water pressure. A customer who contravenes water use restrictions may receive one warning notice per calendar year before a fine for contravention applies. A notice delivered to the customer's premises shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of a contravention. For each subsequent contravention during the calendar year, a \$50.00 fine is applicable.

8. Limits on Water Use

No customer shall sell or dispose of any water or permit same to be carried away, or use water or allow it to be used in premises, or for purposes other than those stated in the customer's application for service.

The Utility may, if in its opinion an undue amount of water is used at any time by any customer being served under a flat rate, install a water meter and thereafter charge the customer in accordance with the meter rates included in this tariff. All such meters shall remain the property of the Utility.

9. Multiple Dwellings

In the case of apartment houses, duplexes or houses containing one or more suites, each such accommodation, whether or not self-contained, shall **not** be considered as a separate customer unless it is *so* specified in a schedule of this Tariff other than side-by-side duplexes.

10. Work to be done by the Utility

No person, who is not an agent or employee of the Utility, shall make any connections with or alterations to or tamper with any of the Utility's waterworks, including any water meter belonging to the Utility, nor turn on or off any valve or curb stop of the Utility, without prior authorization by the Utility in writing.

11. Minimum Size of Services

The minimum size of pipe used to serve any one premises shall be 3/4" (19mm) nominal diameter. The type and diameter of pipe used on the customer's premises should be selected with due consideration of pressure losses from friction.

12. Minimum Earth Cover Over Services

All services on the customer's premises shall be buried below the maximum depth of frost penetration but in any event at a minimum depth of 8 feet below the surface of the ground.

13. Ownership of Service

All water service pipes and fittings carrying water from the main to the customer's property line shall be the property of the Utility.

14. Stop Cock

The customer shall provide a shut-off valve (stop cock) inside each of the customer's buildings in which water is used, for the use of the customer in case of leaky or defective pipes or fixtures, or in case the premises is vacated.

15. Customer's Service Pipes

Service connection materials installed on the customer's premises shall be rated by the manufacturer to sustain a minimum working pressure of 160 psi (1100 kilopascals). No service pipe or fitting shall be covered until they have been inspected and approved by the Utility.

16. Dangerous Cross-Connections

The customer shall not permit the plumbing on their premises to be connected to any source of water supply other than the Utility's, or to any potential source of contamination, without first obtaining the Utility's permission in writing. Any back-flow preventers deemed necessary by the Utility to prevent the entry of contaminants shall be installed at the customer's expense.

17. Condition of Customer's Pipes and Fixtures

All customers at their own risk and expense shall keep their pipes, stop cocks and other fixtures in good working order and shall protect them from frost and other damage. The Utility shall, within a reasonable time notify the customer of any leaky pipes and fixtures that are evident on the premises. If the necessary repairs are not made within two (2) working days after such notice has been given, or when the condition of the pipes or fixtures is such as to cause damage to property or material waste of water or damage to property, then without further notice the Utility may shut off the water supply. The water shall not be turned on again until such repairs have been made to the satisfaction of the Utility, and the charges paid as provided by clauses 1 and 4(c) of this tariff. No person whose water supply is shut off pursuant to this section shall have any claim against the Utility for discontinuance of supply.

18. Notice of Service Shut-off

The Utility shall have the right at all times to shut off the water supply temporarily to any premises in order to make repairs, replacements, alterations and extensions to the Utility's waterworks as shall, in the opinion of the Utility, be deemed necessary. Whenever possible the Utility will give reasonable advance notice of shut-off, and, in all cases where the Utility expects service to be interrupted for 24 hours or more, the Utility shall give advance notice to its customers.

19. Application for Extension of Service

For lots not authorized for service, all applications for extension of water service shall be made in writing by the owner or lessee of the premises to which the application refers, or by the owner's duly authorized agent. All applications for service shall state:

- a) the purpose(s) for which the service is to be used (i.e. domestic, commercial, irrigation, etc.);
- b) the legal description of the property;
- c) the number and location of the premises to be served.

Charges for extension of service are intended to recover the Utility's costs. For each application, an initial deposit of \$200 is required to be paid at the time of application. Additional costs incurred by the Utility for legal, engineering and other fees, including Utility staff time, will be payable by the applicant and may require further deposits prior to undertaking certain aspects of the application process.

Each application for extension of service requires an amendment to the Utility's Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN) to include the lot(s) within its authorized service area. In response to each application, the Utility will detail the terms and conditions of service including all rates and charges applicable. Prior to the issuance of an amended CPCN, confirmation is required that either a deposit into the Utility's Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund under Schedule B of this tariff has been made or that additional works have been constructed and contributed to the Utility by the applicant as required by the Comptroller of Water Rights.

Once the amended CPCN is issued, and while the lot(s) are not receiving service, Availability of service (rent) charges under Schedule G of this tariff will be applicable.

Additional applications shall be made for all extensions of service to additional premises and for additional purposes.

20. Water Main Extensions

General Provisions

- 20.1 Any waterworks installed pursuant to an application for extension of service shall be the sole property of the Utility.
- 20.2 The size, type, quality of materials, and their location will be specified by the Utility and the actual construction will be done by the Utility or by a construction agency acceptable to it.
- 20.3 In arriving at the length of the main extension necessary to render service to any point, the distance from such point to the nearest distribution main shall be considered along lines of proper construction and common practice in the location of public waterworks, due consideration being given to the general layout of the Utility's system. The length of the

extension shall be measured along the lines of proper construction from the nearest distribution main to the middle of the furthest property to be served.

- 20.4 The Utility will not be required to make extensions where road grades have not been brought to those established by public authority.
- 20.5 Where an extension must comply with a law, statute, bylaw, ordinance, regulation, specification or order of a public authority, the estimated cost of the extension shall be based upon the waterworks required to comply therewith.

Method of Allocating Advances and Refunds

- 20.6 Advances by original applicants: When more than one applicant is involved and an advance is required in payment for a main extension the amount of the advance shall be divided equally or as otherwise agreed among the applicants are made known to the Utility.
- 20.7 Advances by subsequent customers: An extension charge equal to a pro-rata share of the original cost of the main extension shall be collected by the Utility from each additional customer who connects to the original main extension within five years. The extension charge collected above shall be refunded equally **or as otherwise agreed** to the customers who already have advances deposited with the Utility as a result of connection to the extension, so that in the result all subscribers will have paid their pro-rata share or as otherwise agreed by them and made known to the
- 20.8 Advances which may be required from applicants in payment for extensions will be held by the Utility without interest. Refunds will be made in accordance with these rules and no *person* will have refunded to him an amount in excess of the amount of his advance. Refunds will be paid to the current registered owners of the properties on account of which the deposits were received. Any amount not used by the Utility for construction of the extension and not refunded at the end of five years from the date the advance was received by the Utility from the original applicant or applicants will be retained by the Utility and transferred to the "Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund" account. Thereafter additional customers will be connected without being required to pay the extension charge.

21. Winter Construction

Utility.

The Utility reserves the right to refuse to make extensions and install service pipe to a customer's property line under frost conditions in the winter months that would make the undertaking impractical or in the Utility's opinion, excessively costly.

22. Amendments to Tariff

The rates and charges recorded in this tariff are the only lawful, enforceable and collectable rates and charges of the Utility, and shall not be amended without the consent of the Comptroller. The Comptroller, on his own motion, or on complaint of the Utility or other interested persons that the existing rates in effect and collected or any rates charged or attempted to be charged for service by the Utility are unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, unduly discriminatory or in contravention of the *Water Utility Act*, regulations or law, may, after investigation, determine the just, reasonable and sufficient rates to be observed and in force, and shall, by order, fix the rates.

The Utility may submit to the Comptroller, by letter of application together with full supporting documentation, proposed amendments to rates and charges, and other terms and conditions of service. After initial review of the application, the Comptroller may require the Utility to give an acceptable form of notice of the application to its customers and other interested persons. The notice will state a specific time period within which any interested persons may submit objections to the application to the Comptroller. After investigation of the application and any objections thereto, the Comptroller will decide the matter and notify all interested persons of his decision.

23. Disputes

In case of disagreement or dispute regarding the application of any provision of these terms and conditions, or in circumstances where the application of the terms and conditions appears impracticable or unjust to either party, the Utility, or the applicant or applicants, may refer the matter to the Comptroller for adjudication.

24. Back Billing

- 24.1 The Utility, in the circumstances specified herein, may charge, demand, collect or receive from its customers in respect of services rendered, a greater or lesser compensation than that specified in the subsisting rate schedules of the Utility applicable to those services. In the case of a minor adjustment to a customer's bill, such adjustments do not require backbilling treatment to be applied.
- 24.2 Back-billing means the re-billing by the Utility for services rendered to a customer because the original billings were discovered to be either too high (over-billed) or too low (under-billed). The discovery may be made by either the customer or the Utility and may result from the conduct of an inspection. The cause of the billing error may include any of the following non- exhaustive reasons or combination thereof:
 - (a) the application of an incorrect rate; and
 - (b) fraud, theft or any other criminal act.
- 24.3 If there are reasonable grounds to believe that a customer has tampered with or otherwise used the Utility's Water System or the services in an unauthorized way, or evidence of

fraud, theft or other criminal act exists, then the extent of back-billing will be for the duration of the unauthorized use, subject to the applicable limitation period provided by law, and the provisions of Sections 24.8, 24.9, 24.10, and 24.11 below do not apply.

- 24.4 In addition, the customer is liable for the direct administrative costs incurred by the Utility in the investigation of any incident of tampering, including the direct costs of repair, or replacement of equipment.
- 24.5 Under-billing resulting from circumstances described above will bear interest at the rate normally charged by the Utility on unpaid accounts from the date of the original under-billed invoice until the amount under-billed is paid in full.
- 24.6 In every case of under-billing or over-billing, the cause of the error will be remedied without delay, and the customer will be promptly notified of the error and of the effect upon the customer's on-going bill.
- 24.7 In every case of over-billing, the Utility will refund to the customer all money incorrectly collected for the duration of the error, subject to the applicable limitation period provided by law. Simple interest, computed at the short-term bank loan rate applicable to the Utility on a monthly basis, will be paid to the customer.
- 24.8 Subject to Section 24.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the Utility will back-bill the customer for the shorter of the duration of the error and;
 - (c) six months for customers receiving Residential service or Commercial service; or
 - (d) one year for all other customers or as set out in a special or individually negotiated services Agreement with the Utility.
- 24.9 Subject to Section 24.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the Utility will offer the customer reasonable terms of repayment. If requested by the customer, the repayment term will be equivalent in length to the back-billing period. The repayment will be interest free and in equal installments corresponding to the normal billing cycle. However, delinquency in payment of such installments will be subject to the usual late payment charges.
- 24.10 Subject to Section 24.3 above, if a customer disputes a portion of a back-billing due to under-billing based upon either consumption, demand or duration of the error, the Utility will not threaten or cause the discontinuance of services for the customer's failure to pay that portion of the back-billing, unless there are no reasonable grounds for the customer to dispute that portion of the back-billing. The undisputed portion of the bill shall be paid by the customer and the Utility may discontinue services if such undisputed portion of the bill is not paid.
- 24.11 Subject to Section 24.3 above, in all instances of back-billing where changes of occupancy have occurred, the Utility will make a reasonable attempt to locate the former customer. If, after a period of one year, such customer cannot be located, the over-billing or under-billing applicable to them will be cancelled.

Schedule A

Water Service Connection

The charges shown below apply to connections to a main (see page 3, section 1).

The connection charge (a) recovers the cost incurred by the Utility, and not otherwise recovered, of installing a service connection from the water main to a curb stop and, if required, a meter at the property line of the customer's premises or in the building. Cost herein includes any administrative overhead incurred.

Where, at a time prior to a customer's application for service, a service connection has been installed at no cost to the Utility or at a cost otherwise recovered by the Utility, then upon connection of the service pipe, the rate shown in (b) below shall be paid upon application for service.

(a)	Connection Charge:	At Cost
(b)	Connection of customer's service pipe to an existing curb stop:	\$150

Schedule B

Contribution in Aid of Future Construction

Where as a result of premises becoming qualified as authorized premises a greater number of units require or may require service from the utility, thus utilizing waterworks capacity presently or in the future, then, upon application for an extension of service, in addition to the connection charge and any main extension costs, the charge shown below shall be paid.

For each residential service premises	
qualifying as authorized premises:	\$4,500

Notes:

- 1. For other than a residential service premises, the charge shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis.
- 2. Monies collected are to be deposited to the Utility's Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.

Schedule C

Residential Service Flat Rates

Applicability:	To residential service customers receiving service.	
Rate:	\$48 per month effective January 1, 2016 \$55 per month effective January 1, 2017	

Note:

1. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$23,320 per year, effective January 1, 2016 \$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

2. Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at 80% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

Schedule D

Commercial Flat Rates

Applicability: To all commercial customers receiving service.

Rate: N/A

Note:

- 1. From the above rates collected, <u>%</u> or <u>\$</u> per customer per will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at _____% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

Schedule E

Meter Rates

Applicability: To all customers with metered services.

Rate: N/A

Note:

- 1. From the above rates collected, <u>%</u> or <u>\$</u> per customer per will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- 2. Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at ______% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

Schedule F

Fire Hydrant & Standpipe Rates

(Per Fire Protection Agreement)

Applicability: Within that portion of the utility's authorized service area in the Fairmont fire protection district or other recognized local fire protection authority.

Rates: Hydrants N/A Standpipes/Blow-Offs N/A

Schedule G

Availability of Service (Rent) Charges

Applicability:	To owners of the legal subdivision with Rent Charge Agreements eligible to be registered on title. The Rent Charge becomes effective and due and payable on the first day of the month following CPCN issuance and acceptance of certified as-built drawings (i.e., when lot or lots are eligible for subdivision registration).	
Availability:	All owners of the lots to which this Rent Charge is applicable shall pay the rate during the period they are not users of water service.	
Rate:	\$400 per annum, per residential service lot effective January 1, 2016 \$460 per annum, per residential service lot effective January 1, 2017	

Notes:

- 1. For other than residential service lots, the Rent Charge shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis.
- 2. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$23,320 per year, effective January 1, 2016 \$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

- 3. Once a customer has received approval to connect to the Utility's waterworks, has passed inspection and has been accepted by the Utility as a customer, this Rent Charge will no longer apply to the portion of the property connected to the Utility's waterworks while service is being received. A pro-rated refund of the Rent Charge will be credited to the customer's account, if applicable. If service is temporarily shut-off (e.g., seasonal use), the customer shall pay a minimum of the Rent Charge payable on a pro-rated basis while disconnected or a greater amount if specified in another rate schedule(s) of this Tariff, but not both.
- 4. For the purposes of this Schedule, townhouses and side- by-side duplexes are equivalent to one (1) single family residential equivalent premises.
- 5. Any arrears of Rent Charges shall bear interest from the due date until payment at a rate of 18% per annum accruing daily, and shall be a charge upon the Lands or Future Lot or Lots in question in the same manner as the Rent Charge charged on the Lands.

Schedule I

Untreated Irrigation Service Flat Rates

Applicability:	To all customers receiving service with untreated water for irrigation purposes from a separate connection and not billed in another tariff schedule.
Rate:	\$33.37 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent effective April 1, 2022.

Notes:

1. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

- 2. This tariff Schedule I is grandfathered to customers connected prior to April 1, 2022. No new customers after April 1, 2022 are permitted in this rate schedule unless accepted by Corix on a case by case basis.
- 3. The rate in this schedule is applicable for all months in the year. There is no seasonal use rate for this tariff schedule.
- 4. The charge in this rate schedule shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis on total water use.



Appendix C: Proposed Tariff (Legal Blackline)

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.

Columbia Ridge Water Utility

Water Tariff No. 3

Rates and Terms and Conditions For Water Service at Fairmont, British Columbia

Contact Person: Andrew Cradduck, Operations Manager

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This Tariff is available for public inspection at:

2120 Toby Creek Road, Panorama, BC

Revisions reflecting Utility transfer accepted for filing by the Comptroller of Water Rights

on _____ day of _____, 2022

Effective Date:

Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights

Definitions

In this tariff the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Authorized Premises" means premises which are entitled to, and authorized for, service in accordance with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of the Utility;
- b) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Water Rights under the Water Act and includes a deputy comptroller or a person appointed by the minister as acting comptroller;
- c) "Customer" means any person who is the owner or lessee of an authorized premises;
- d) "Multi-Residential Service" means Condominiums.
- e) "Premises" means land and buildings thereon;
- f) "Rate" includes:
 - (1) a general, individual or joint rate, fee, charge, rental or other compensation of the Utility,
 - (2) a schedule or tariff respecting a rate;
- g) "Rate Schedule" means the schedule(s) in the Water System Tariff and attached to and forming part of these terms and conditions, which sets out the charges for service and certain other related charges in connection with the provision of services.
- h) "Residential Service" means in-house use plus lawn & garden sprinkling to a maximum area of 1/10 of an acre;
- i) "Service" shall include:
 - 1) the supply of water provided by the Utility to the customer,
 - the plant, equipment, apparatus, appliances, property and facilities employed by or in connection with the utility in providing the supply of water to the property line of the premise.
- j) "Single Family Residential Equivalent" means and includes a single family dwelling unit intended for the use or occupancy by one or more individuals as a non-profit household, and includes a townhouse and side-by-side duplex up to 3 bedrooms per unit.
- k) "Unit" means a building of accommodation occupied separately or to be occupied separately by an owner or lessee and, which either separately or jointly with other units, receives service from a connection to the Utility's waterworks and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes the separate units of accommodation in all dwellings.

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 "Utility" means Corix Multi-Utility Services, <u>Inc's</u> Columbia Ridge Water Utility, and <u>its respective duly authorized officers</u>, agents and employees.

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Terms and Conditions

1. Application for Service

For authorized premises, charges for service are intended to recover the Utility's costs. The following charges are applicable depending upon the circumstances:

- (a) At the time an application is made for service to premises which had not previously been connected for service, the applicable charge shown in Schedule "A (a)" and/or "A (b)" of this tariff shall be paid by the applicant.
- (b) A turn-on fee of \$75.00 shall be applicable when:

(i) a turn-on of a valve at an existing curb-stop is made at a date after the service connection was installed;

(ii) a customer becomes re-connected after service has been shut-off at the request of the customer, for non-payment of rates, or for violation of these terms and conditions.

- (c) A service shut-off charge of \$75.00 shall be applicable when service has been temporarily shut-off at the request of the customer, or for non-payment of rates, or for violation of these terms and conditions.
- (d) At the time an application for service is made by a new customer, an administration charge of \$25.00 shall apply. This charge is not only applicable for a new connection, but also when a new customer, either owner or lessee of the premises, commences receiving service to an existing authorized premises.

2. Billing and Payment

All bills are issued **quarterly** (except for availability charges which are issued annually) and are due and payable within fifteen days of the date of issue. Flat rates (and flat rate portion of metered rates) are billed in advance of service. For metered rates, excess consumption is billed in arrears. If the amount due on any bill has not been paid in full within (30) thirty days from the date of issue a further bill will be rendered to include the overdue amount plus a late payment charge of \$10.00 per month.

If a cheque is returned by the customer's financial institution an administration fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

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3. Service Shut-Off Due to Non-Payment

When an account becomes one month overdue service may be shut off upon 15 days' written notice. A notice mailed to the last known postal address of the customer shall be deemed good and sufficient notice. A collection charge of \$40.00 shall be paid each time a Utility representative attends a customer's premises to disconnect service, following the issuance of a shut-off notice. Service will not be turned on until all outstanding charges against the service, including the collection charge, shut-off charge and turn-on fee (Sections 1(b) and 1(c)) have been paid.

4. Discontinuance of Service

- a) Customers must give at least two working days' notice in writing at the office of the Utility when requesting discontinuance of service and shall be liable for payment for all service until such service has been discontinued.
- b) Any customer who desires to discontinue the use of water for any of the purposes stated in his application for service shall give notice of his intention, in writing, at the office of the Utility, and shall further show that any fittings used for the supply of water for such purposes have been disconnected.
- c) The Utility may discontinue service to any customer who contravenes the terms and conditions contained in this tariff. In the event of further contravention of the tariff, the Utility may detach the service connection from the customer's premises and, upon re-application for service, the customer shall be liable to pay the Utility's cost of performing the said detachment and re-connection in addition to other applicable rates and charges.

5. Access to Premises

A condition of service shall be the customer's consent, upon reasonable notice, for representatives of the Utility to enter onto the customer's property for the purposes of making connections/disconnections, taking water quality samples, reading meters, inspecting pipes and appurtenances, checking on the use or waste of water or determining compliance with these terms and conditions.

6. Interruption of Service

The Utility intends to maintain at all times an adequate and continuous supply of water at suitable pressures but accepts no liability for interruptions due to circumstances beyond its control. However, for the interruptions in excess of 48 hours, a proportionate rebate will be allowed to customers served on flat rates.

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7. Restriction of Use of Water

The Utility may restrict or prohibit the use of water for gardening, sprinkling, air conditioning, the filling of swimming pools, or other purposes when, in its opinion, such action is necessary to conserve the water supply or to maintain water pressure. A customer who contravenes water use restrictions may receive one warning notice per calendar year before a fine for contravention applies. A notice delivered to the customer's premises shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of a contravention. For each subsequent contravention during the calendar year, a \$50.00 fine is applicable.

8. Limits on Water Use

No customer shall sell or dispose of any water or permit same to be carried away, or use water or allow it to be used in premises, or for purposes other than those stated in the customer's application for service.

The Utility may, if in its opinion an undue amount of water is used at any time by any customer being served under a flat rate, install a water meter and thereafter charge the customer in accordance with the meter rates included in this tariff. All such meters shall remain the property of the Utility.

9. Multiple Dwellings

In the case of apartment houses, duplexes or houses containing one or more suites, each such accommodation, whether or not self-contained, shall **not** be considered as a separate customer unless it is *so* specified in a schedule of this Tariff other than side-by-side duplexes.

10. Work to be done by the Utility

No person, who is not an agent or employee of the Utility, shall make any connections with or alterations to or tamper with any of the Utility's waterworks, including any water meter belonging to the Utility, nor turn on or off any valve or curb stop of the Utility, without prior authorization by the Utility in writing.

11. Minimum Size of Services

The minimum size of pipe used to serve any one premises shall be 3/4" (19mm) nominal diameter. The type and diameter of pipe used on the customer's premises should be selected with due consideration of pressure losses from friction.

12. Minimum Earth Cover Over Services

All services on the customer's premises shall be buried below the maximum depth of frost penetration but in any event at a minimum depth of 8 feet below the surface of the ground.

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13. Ownership of Service

All water service pipes and fittings carrying water from the main to the customer's property line shall be the property of the Utility.

14. Stop Cock

The customer shall provide a shut-off valve (stop cock) inside each of the customer's buildings in which water is used, for the use of the customer in case of leaky or defective pipes or fixtures, or in case the premises is vacated.

15. Customer's Service Pipes

Service connection materials installed on the customer's premises shall be rated by the manufacturer to sustain a minimum working pressure of 160 psi (1100 kilopascals). No service pipe or fitting shall be covered until they have been inspected and approved by the Utility.

16. Dangerous Cross-Connections

The customer shall not permit the plumbing on their premises to be connected to any source of water supply other than the Utility's, or to any potential source of contamination, without first obtaining the Utility's permission in writing. Any back-flow preventers deemed necessary by the Utility to prevent the entry of contaminants shall be installed at the customer's expense.

17. Condition of Customer's Pipes and Fixtures

All customers at their own risk and expense shall keep their pipes, stop cocks and other fixtures in good working order and shall protect them from frost and other damage. The Utility shall, within a reasonable time notify the customer of any leaky pipes and fixtures that are evident on the premises. If the necessary repairs are not made within two (2) working days after such notice has been given, or when the condition of the pipes or fixtures is such as to cause damage to property or material waste of water or damage to property, then without further notice the Utility may shut off the water supply. The water shall not be turned on again until such repairs have been made to the satisfaction of the Utility, and the charges paid as provided by clauses 1 and 4(c) of this tariff. No person whose water supply is shut off pursuant to this section shall have any claim against the Utility for discontinuance of supply.

18. Notice of Service Shut-off

The Utility shall have the right at all times to shut off the water supply temporarily to any premises in order to make repairs, replacements, alterations and extensions to the Utility's waterworks as shall, in the opinion of the Utility, be deemed necessary. Whenever possible the Utility will give reasonable advance notice of shut-off, and, in all cases where the Utility expects service to be interrupted for 24 hours or more, the Utility shall give advance notice to its customers.

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19. Application for Extension of Service

For lots not authorized for service, all applications for extension of water service shall be made in writing by the owner or lessee of the premises to which the application refers, or by the owner's duly authorized agent. All applications for service shall state:

- a) the purpose(s) for which the service is to be used (i.e. domestic, commercial, irrigation, etc.);
- b) the legal description of the property;
- c) the number and location of the premises to be served.

Charges for extension of service are intended to recover the Utility's costs. For each application, an initial deposit of \$200 is required to be paid at the time of application. Additional costs incurred by the Utility for legal, engineering and other fees, including Utility staff time, will be payable by the applicant and may require further deposits prior to undertaking certain aspects of the application process.

Each application for extension of service requires an amendment to the Utility's Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN) to include the lot(s) within its authorized service area. In response to each application, the Utility will detail the terms and conditions of service including all rates and charges applicable. Prior to the issuance of an amended CPCN, confirmation is required that either a deposit into the Utility's Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund under Schedule B of this tariff has been made or that additional works have been constructed and contributed to the Utility by the applicant as required by the Comptroller of Water Rights.

Once the amended CPCN is issued, and while the lot(s) are not receiving service, Availability of <u>service</u> (rent) charges under Schedule G of this tariff will be applicable.

Additional applications shall be made for all extensions of service to additional premises and for additional purposes.

20. Water Main Extensions

General Provisions

- 20.1 Any waterworks installed pursuant to an application for extension of service shall be the sole property of the Utility.
- 20.2 The size, type, quality of materials, and their location will be specified by the Utility and the actual construction will be done by the Utility or by a construction agency acceptable to it.
- 20.3 In arriving at the length of the main extension necessary to render service to any point, the distance from such point to the nearest distribution main shall be considered along lines of proper construction and common practice in the location of public waterworks, due consideration being given to the general layout of the Utility's system. The length of the

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extension shall be measured along the lines of proper construction from the nearest distribution main to the middle of the furthest property to be served.

- 20.4 The Utility will not be required to make extensions where road grades have not been brought to those established by public authority.
- 20.5 Where an extension must comply with a law, statute, bylaw, ordinance, regulation, specification or order of a public authority, the estimated cost of the extension shall be based upon the waterworks required to comply therewith.

Method of Allocating Advances and Refunds

20.6 Advances by original applicants:

When more than one applicant is involved and an advance is required in payment for a main extension the amount of the advance shall be divided equally or as otherwise agreed among the applicants are made known to the Utility.

20.7 Advances by subsequent customers:

An extension charge equal to a pro-rata share of the original cost of the main extension shall be collected by the Utility from each additional customer who connects to the original main extension within five years. The extension charge collected above shall be refunded equally **or as otherwise agreed** to the customers who already have advances deposited with the Utility as a result of connection to the extension, so that in the result all subscribers will have paid their pro-rata share or as otherwise agreed by them and made known to the Utility.

20.8 Advances which may be required from applicants in payment for extensions will be held by the Utility without interest. Refunds will be made in accordance with these rules and no *person* will have refunded to him an amount in excess of the amount of his advance. Refunds will be paid to the current registered owners of the properties on account of which the deposits were received. Any amount not used by the Utility for construction of the extension and not refunded at the end of five years from the date the advance was received by the Utility from the original applicant or applicants will be retained by the Utility and transferred to the "Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund" account. Thereafter additional customers will be connected without being required to pay the extension charge.

21. Winter Construction

The Utility reserves the right to refuse to make extensions and install service pipe to a customer's property line under frost conditions in the winter months that would make the undertaking impractical or in the Utility's opinion, excessively costly.

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22. Amendments to Tariff

The rates and charges recorded in this tariff are the only lawful, enforceable and collectable rates and charges of the Utility, and shall not be amended without the consent of the Comptroller. The Comptroller, on his own motion, or on complaint of the Utility or other interested persons that the existing rates in effect and collected or any rates charged or attempted to be charged for service by the Utility are unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, unduly discriminatory or in contravention of the *Water Utility Act*, regulations or law, may, after investigation, determine the just, reasonable and sufficient rates to be observed and in force, and shall, by order, fix the rates.

The Utility may submit to the Comptroller, by letter of application together with full supporting documentation, proposed amendments to rates and charges, and other terms and conditions of service. After initial review of the application, the Comptroller may require the Utility to give an acceptable form of notice of the application to its customers and other interested persons. The notice will state a specific time period within which any interested persons may submit objections to the application to the Comptroller. After investigation of the application and any objections thereto, the Comptroller will decide the matter and notify all interested persons of his decision.

23. Disputes

In case of disagreement or dispute regarding the application of any provision of these terms and conditions, or in circumstances where the application of the terms and conditions appears impracticable or unjust to either party, the Utility, or the applicant or applicants, may refer the matter to the Comptroller for adjudication.

24. Back Billing

- 24.1 The Utility, in the circumstances specified herein, may charge, demand, collect or receive from its customers in respect of services rendered, a greater or lesser compensation than that specified in the subsisting rate schedules of the Utility applicable to those services. In the case of a minor adjustment to a customer's bill, such adjustments do not require backbilling treatment to be applied.
- 24.2 Back-billing means the re-billing by the Utility for services rendered to a customer because the original billings were discovered to be either too high (over-billed) or too low (underbilled). The discovery may be made by either the customer or the Utility and may result from the conduct of an inspection. The cause of the billing error may include any of the following non- exhaustive reasons or combination thereof:
 - (a) the application of an incorrect rate; and
 - (b) fraud, theft or any other criminal act.
- 24.3 If there are reasonable grounds to believe that a customer has tampered with or otherwise used the Utility's Water System or the services in an unauthorized way, or evidence of

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	fraud, theft or other criminal act exists, then the extent of back-bil duration of the unauthorized use, subject to the applicable limitati law, and the provisions of Sections 24.8, 24.9, 24.10, and 24.11 b	on period provided by
<u>24.4</u>	In addition, the customer is liable for the direct administrative cos in the investigation of any incident of tampering, including the dir replacement of equipment.	
<u>24.5</u>	Under-billing resulting from circumstances described above will be normally charged by the Utility on unpaid accounts from the date billed invoice until the amount under-billed is paid in full.	
<u>24.6</u>	In every case of under-billing or over-billing, the cause of the error without delay, and the customer will be promptly notified of the e upon the customer's on-going bill.	
<u>24.7</u>	In every case of over-billing, the Utility will refund to the custom collected for the duration of the error, subject to the applicable lin by law. Simple interest, computed at the short-term bank loan rate on a monthly basis, will be paid to the customer.	nitation period provided
<u>24.8</u>	Subject to Section 24.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the customer for the shorter of the duration of the error and;	Utility will back-bill the
	(c) six months for customers receiving Residential service or	Commercial service; or
	(d) one year for all other customers or as set out in a special or services Agreement with the Utility.	r individually negotiated
<u>24.9</u>	Subject to Section 24.3 above, in every case of under-billing, the customer reasonable terms of repayment. If requested by the custo will be equivalent in length to the back-billing period. The repaym and in equal installments corresponding to the normal billing cycl in payment of such installments will be subject to the usual late payment.	omer, the repayment term nent will be interest free e. However, delinquency
24.10	Subject to Section 24.3 above, if a customer disputes a portion of under-billing based upon either consumption, demand or duration will not threaten or cause the discontinuance of services for the cu that portion of the back-billing, unless there are no reasonable gro dispute that portion of the back-billing. The undisputed portion of the customer and the Utility may discontinue services if such und is not paid.	n of the error, the Utility istomer's failure to pay unds for the customer to the bill shall be paid by
<u>24.11</u>	Subject to Section 24.3 above, in all instances of back-billing whe have occurred, the Utility will make a reasonable attempt to locate after a period of one year, such customer cannot be located, the ov billing applicable to them will be cancelled.	e the former customer. If,

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Schedule A

Water Service Connection

The charges shown below apply to connections to a main (see page 3, section 1).

The connection charge (a) recovers the cost incurred by the Utility, and not otherwise recovered, of installing a service connection from the water main to a curb stop and, if required, a meter at the property line of the customer's premises or in the building. Cost herein includes any administrative overhead incurred.

Where, at a time prior to a customer's application for service, a service connection has been installed at no cost to the Utility or at a cost otherwise recovered by the Utility, then upon connection of the service pipe, the rate shown in (b) below shall be paid upon application for service.

(a) Connection Charge: At Cost

(b) Connection of customer's service pipe to an existing curb stop: \$150

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Schedule B

Contribution in Aid of Future Construction

Where as a result of premises becoming qualified as authorized premises a greater number of units require or may require service from the utility, thus utilizing waterworks capacity presently or in the future, then, upon application for an extension of service, in addition to the connection charge and any main extension costs, the charge shown below shall be paid.

For each residential service premises qualifying as authorized premises: \$4,500

Notes:

- 1. For other than a residential service premises, the charge shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis.
- 2. Monies collected are to be deposited to the Utility's Deferred Capacity Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.

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Schedule C

Residential Service Flat Rates

Applicability:To residential service customers receiving service.Rate:\$48 per month effective January 1, 2016

\$55 per month effective January 1, 2017

Note:

1. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$23,320 per year, effective January 1, 2016 \$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

2. Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at 80% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

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	Schedule D Commercial Flat Rates		
Applicability:	To all commercial customers receiving service.		

Rate:

N/A

Note:

- 1. From the above rates collected, <u>%</u> or <u>per customer per</u> will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at _____% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

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	Schedule E	
	Meter Rates	
Applicability:	To all customers with metered services.	
Rate:	N/A	

Note:

- 1. From the above rates collected, <u>%</u> or <u>per customer per will be</u> deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- Seasonal users who request that their water service be shut off are to be charged at _____% of the residential service user rate while their service is disconnected and be subject to the shut-off and turn-on fees per sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Tariff.

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	Schedule F	
	Fire Hydrant & Standpip	e Rates
	(Per Fire Protection Agree	ement)
Applicability:	Within that portion of the utility's authorized service area in the Fairmont fire protection district or other recognized local fire protection authority.	
Rates:	Hydrants	N/A
	Standpipes/Blow-Offs	N/A

Schedule G

Availability of Service (Rent) Charges

Applicability:	To owners of the legal subdivision with Rent Charge Agreements eligible to be registered on title. The Rent Charge becomes effective and due and payable on the first day of the month following CPCN issuance and acceptance of certified as-built drawings (i.e., when lot or lots are eligible for subdivision registration).
Availability:	All owners of the lots to which this Rent Charge is applicable shall pay the rate during the period they are not users of water service.
Rate:	\$400 per annum, per residential service lot effective January 1, 2016 \$460 per annum, per residential service lot effective January 1, 2017

Notes:

- 1. For other than residential service lots, the Rent Charge shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis.
- 2. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$23,320 per year, effective January 1, 2016 \$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

- 3. Once a customer has received approval to connect to the Utility's waterworks, has passed inspection and has been accepted by the Utility as a customer, this Rent Charge will no longer apply to the portion of the property connected to the Utility's waterworks while service is being received. A pro-rated refund of the Rent Charge will be credited to the customer's account, if applicable. If service is temporarily shut-off (e.g., seasonal use), the customer shall pay a minimum of the Rent Charge payable on a pro-rated basis while disconnected or a greater amount if specified in another rate schedule(s) of this Tariff, but not both.
- 4. For the purposes of this Schedule, townhouses and side- by-side duplexes are equivalent to one (1) single family residential equivalent premises.
- 5. Any arrears of Rent Charges shall bear interest from the due date until payment at a rate of 18% per annum accruing daily, and shall be a charge upon the Lands or Future Lot or Lots in question in the same manner as the Rent Charge charged on the Lands.

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Schedule I

Untreated Irrigation Service Flat Rates

Applicability:To all customers receiving service with untreated water for irrigation
purposes from a separate connection and not billed in another tariff
schedule.Rate:\$33.37 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent effective April
1, 2022.

Notes:

1. From total rates collected, the following amounts will be deposited into a Replacement Reserve/Trust Fund and may only be released with the written authorization of the Comptroller of Water Rights:

\$35,000 per year, effective January 1, 2017

- 2. This tariff Schedule I is grandfathered to customers connected prior to April 1, 2022. No new customers after April 1, 2022 are permitted in this rate schedule unless accepted by Corix on a case by case basis.
- 3. The rate in this schedule is applicable for all months in the year. There is no seasonal use rate for this tariff schedule.
- 4. The charge in this rate schedule shall be calculated on a single family residential equivalent basis on total water use.