

ORDER NUMBER 2633

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF

the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act

and

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Panorama Water

**For Approval of
2023 to 2026
Revenue Requirements & Rate Application**

BEFORE:

Bryan Robinson, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
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Dated this 25th day of October 2023

File No: 0321243

Whereas:

1. On December 30, 2022 Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“Corix” or “the Utility”) filed its Revenue Requirement and Rate Application for 2023 through to 2026 with detailed support to increase water rates effective January 1, 2023 (“the Application”). The last rate application was approved by Order 2584 for the test years 2020 to 2022. In the Application, Corix requested substantial water rate increases largely as a result of completion of the Groundwater Source Development Program (GSDP) and recovery of the Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account, as well as higher proposed Operating and Maintenance expenses.
2. The proposed residential and commercial rates for Test Years 2023 to 2026 are shown below:

Table 1: Proposed Customer Rates: Test Years 2023 to 2026

	Effective January 1, 2023	Effective January 1, 2024	Effective January 1, 2025	Effective January 1, 2026
Residential Fixed Charge per bed unit per month	\$13.55	\$14.33	\$15.08	\$15.39
Residential Metered Rate per cubic meter	\$8.24	\$8.71	\$9.17	\$9.36
Commercial Fixed Charge per bed unit per month	\$15.04	\$15.91	\$16.74	\$17.08
Commercial Metered Rate per cubic meter	\$8.63	\$9.13	\$9.61	\$9.81

3. On January 18, 2023 by Order 2622, the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (“Deputy Comptroller”) approved Corix’s request for an interim, refundable rate increase effective January 1, 2023. The rates and charges were to remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the Deputy Comptroller’s final decision.
4. A written hearing process was conducted from January 27, 2023 to May 5, 2023. On July 19, 2023 the Deputy Comptroller issued Order No 2628 that required Corix to refile the Application in accordance with the determinations and directives in the Reasons for Decision and Order 2628 by August 16, 2023. Until then, the proposed rates and Water Tariff No. 6 effective January 1, 2023 were to continue to be billed on an interim refundable basis.
5. On August 16, 2023 Corix submitted an amended version of the Application to comply with Order 2628. Revenue Requirements for 2023-2026 were adjusted and the proposed rates were adjusted as shown in the table below:

	Effective January 1, 2023	Effective January 1, 2024	Effective January 1, 2025	Effective January 1, 2026
Residential Fixed Charge per bed unit per month	\$12.94	\$13.67	\$14.54	\$14.70
Residential Metered Rate per cubic meter	\$7.87	\$8.31	\$8.84	\$8.94
Commercial Fixed Charge per bed unit per month	\$14.36	\$15.17	\$16.13	\$16.32
Commercial Metered Rate per cubic meter	\$8.24	\$8.71	\$9.26	\$9.37

6. Corix's proposal to apply the final water rates beginning with the next billing cycle that includes adjustments to refund customers the difference between interim and final rates billed to date in 2023 is acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE, the Deputy Comptroller orders that the refiled 2023 to 2026 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application is approved and accepted for filing effective January 1, 2023.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of October 2023.



Bryan Robinson
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

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