Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc. Supplement No. 15 to Tariff Wastewater Pa. P.U.C. No. 1

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#### COMMUNITY UTILITIES OF PENNSYLVANIA INC.

#### RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING

THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND/OR DISPOSAL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC IN

STROUD AND POCONO TOWNSHIPS IN MONROE COUNTY, A PORTION OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP IN CHESTER COUNTY, AND PORTIONS OF LEHMAN TOWNSHIP IN PIKE COUNTY,

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Service Territory Formally Known as Penn Estates Utilities, Inc., Utilities, Inc., and Pennsylvania Utility Company

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# NOTICE

THIS TARIFF SUPPLEMENT INCREASES AND OR CHANGES THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUC'S ORDER AT DOCKET NOS. R-2023-3042804 AND R-2023-3042805, RESETS THE STAS TO ZERO, AND IMPLEMENTS THE COMPANY'S LOW-INCOME RATE FOR WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS AND ARREARAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SEE LEAF NO. 2)

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#### **LIST OF CHANGES**

Tariff Supplement No. 15 increases and/or changes the schedule of rates applicable to all customers consistent with the PUC's Order at Docket Nos. R-2023-3042804 and R-2023-3042805, resets the State Tax Adjustment Surcharge ("STAS") to zero, and implements the Company's low-income rate for wastewater customers and Arrearage Management Program ("AMP"). The increase in annual operating revenue is intended to produce an additional \$1,447,621 per year.

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#### Penn Estates Division

#### PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

#### Section A - Rates for Metered Service

Metered rate of \$18.00 per thousand gallons for residential flow, \$17.82 per thousand gallons for commercial flow, or \$9.90 per thousand gallons for low-income flow. All wastewater customers are subject to base charges listed within Part I, Section B.

# Section B - Customer Charges

In addition to the metered rate, a monthly customer charge of \$39.90 applies to each customer (C,D) account or \$21.94 for each low-income customer account.

# Section C - Returned Check Charge

A charge of \$25 will be assessed any time where a check which has been presented to the Company for payment on account has been returned by the payor's bank for any reason.

### Section D - Availability

\$22.30 per month per lot if located within Penn Estates and upon which no structure has been (D) erected for an availability charge. This rate will continue to be billed quarterly.

### <u>Section E – Tampering Fee</u>

Unauthorized connections, repairs, or other tampering with the system will render the service subject to immediate discontinuation without notice and wastewater service shall not be restored until such unauthorized connections, repairs, and other tampering with the system have been removed and unless settlement is made in full and for wastewater service estimated by the Company to have been used by reason for such unauthorized connection. The fee for these unauthorized connections, repairs, and system tampering shall be \$200 plus any actual costs to repair.

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Utilities, Inc. of Pennsylvania Division

#### PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

#### Section A - Rates for Metered Service

Metered rate of \$18.00 per thousand gallons for residential flow, \$17.82 per thousand gallons for (C,I) commercial flow, or \$9.90 per thousand gallons for low-income flow.

### Section B - Customer Charges

In addition to the metered rate, the following customer charges apply:

Residential Per month, per household	\$ 39.90	(C,D)
Low-Income Per month, per household	\$21.94	(C,D)
School Per month	\$ 771.45	(D)
All Other (Customers not identified as Residential or School) Per month	\$ 39.90	(D)

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#### Part I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)

(Service Territory Formally Known as Public Utility Company – Lehman Township, Pike County)

Section A - Rates for Service

The charge per residential dwelling unit for sewer service is as follows:

### **Residential (Metered Rate):**

Customer Charge		
Eagle Village (Monthly)	\$39.90	(I)
Eagle Village - Office (Monthly)	\$39.90	(I)
The Glen at Tamiment (Monthly)	\$39.90	(I)
Eagle Point (Monthly)	\$39.90	(I)
Low-Income (Monthly)	\$21.94	(C,D)
Consumption Charge	\$18.00 per thousand gallons	(I)
Consumption Charge (Low-Income)	\$9.90 per thousand gallons	(C,D)
Availability Charge for Unoccupied Lots	\$22.30 per Month	(I)
Commercial (Metered Rate): Customer Charge (Monthly)	\$39.90	(I)
Consumption Charge	\$17.82 per thousand gallons	(I)

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#### **PART I: SURCHARGE**

#### STATE TAX ADJUSTMENT SURCHARGE

In addition to the charges provided in this tariff, a surcharge of 0.00% will apply to all charges for service rendered on or after the effective date of this tariff. (I)

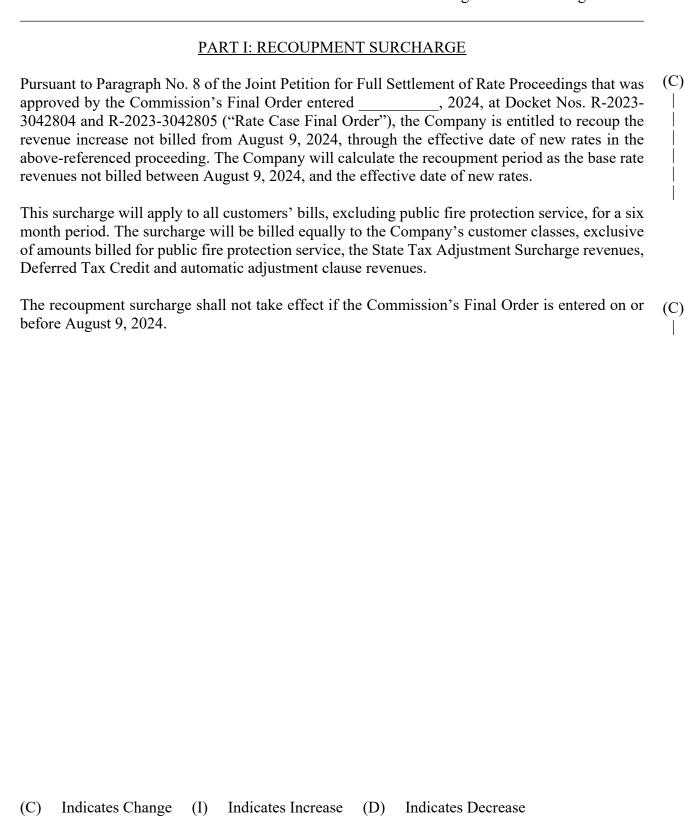
The above surcharge will be recomputed, using the same elements prescribed by the Commission.

- a. Whenever any of the tax rates used in the calculation of the surcharge are changed.
- b. Whenever the utility makes effective any increased or decreased rates; and
- c. On March 31, 1999, and each year thereafter.

The above recalculation will be submitted to the Commission within 10 days after the occurrence of the event or date which occasions such recomputation; and, if the recomputed surcharge is less than the one then in effect, the Company will, and if the recomputed surcharge is more than the one in effect, the Company may, submit with such recomputation a tariff or supplement to reflect such recomputed surcharge, the effective date of which shall be 10 days after filing.

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## ARREARAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Customers approved for CUPA's low-income rate and with a past-due balance greater than \$400 can participate in CUPA's Arrearage Management Plan ("AMP"). CUPA's AMP allows eligible customers to have a portion of their past-due balances forgiven after demonstrating an ability to cover current bills. See below for details.

- The AMP will be comprised of the total past due balance for all services water and/or wastewater. The past due balance threshold of \$400 for participation in the AMP will be based upon this combined balance.
- AMP customers will be enrolled in a multi-month Deferred Payment Arrangement ("DPA"). A DPA allows customers to take their past-due balance and split their past-due balance over equal monthly installments.
- The default AMP period for low-income customers will be 12 months. While these terms may be default periods, CUPA will allow good faith flexibility by including consideration of ability of the customer to pay, length of time over which the past due balance accumulated, payment history, and size of unpaid balance.
- AMP customers who make timely payments and stay current with their monthly water/wastewater bill, including the DPA portion of their bill, for half of the months of the AMP term will have the remaining monthly DPA payments forgiven.
- If the customer defaults on the DPA, normal collections processes apply. The customer may request to establish a new DPA (not an AMP DPA) for any then-current past due balance. The customer may be eligible for an AMP DPA to be implemented 12 months after default of a previous AMP DPA.
- If the customer defaults on the DPA, then all payments made by the customer to satisfy the customer's obligations under the DPA will contribute towards satisfying the customer's overall arrearage (e.g., if a customer makes monthly payments totaling \$250 of their \$500 requirement under the AMP with a \$1,000 overall arrearage balance, then the customers arrearage balance upon default would be \$750.)
- The AMP will be indifferent as to how or who makes payments on the balance.
- Customers who apply for or are approved for the Low-Income Program will be informed of the AMP and offered an opportunity to participate in the AMP in conjunction with the Low-Income Program outreach.
- If a CUPA customer contacts CUPA or DEF regarding an issue with paying their bill or signing up for either the AMP or the low-income program, the customer shall be informed of both programs, including eligibility requirements.

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# **PART II: DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases, when used in this tariff, shall have the meanings assigned below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- 1. <u>Annual Line Extension Costs</u>: The sum of a Company's additional annual operating and maintenance costs, debt costs and depreciation charges associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the line extension.
- 2. <u>Annual Revenue:(For Line Extension Purposes)</u> The Company's expected additional annual revenue from the line extension based on the Company's currently effective tariff rates for customers similar in nature and size to the bona fide service applicant.
- 3. <u>Applicant</u>: A person, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, authority, state or federal governmental agency or other entity who applies to become a customer of the Company in accordance with Part III, Section A, of this tariff.
- 4. Bona Fide Service Applicant: (For Line Extension Purposes) A person or entity applying for wastewater service to an existing or proposed structure within the Company's certificated service territory for which a valid occupancy or building permit has been issued if the structure is either a primary residence of the applicant or a place of business. An applicant shall not be deemed a bona fide service applicant if:
  - a) applicant is requesting wastewater service to a building lot, subdivision or a secondary residence;
  - b) the request for service is part of a plan for the development of a residential dwelling or subdivision; or
  - c) the applicant is requesting special utility service.
- 5. Commission: The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
- 6. Company: Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.
- Company Service Line: The wastewater line from the collection facilities of the Company which connects to the customer service line at the hypothetical or actual curb line or the actual property line.

# PART II: DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

- 8. <u>Customer</u>: A person or entity who is an owner or occupant and who contracts with the Company for wastewater service.
- 9. <u>Customer Service Line</u>: The wastewater line extending from the end of the Company service line or connection to the point of connection at the customer's premise.
- 10. <u>Debt Costs (For Line Extension Purposes):</u> The Company's additional annual cost of debt associated with financing a line extension investment based on the current debt ratio and weighted long-term debt cost rate for the Company or that of a comparable jurisdictional wastewater utility.
- 11. <u>Depreciation Charges (For Line Extension Purposes)</u>: The Company's additional annual depreciation charges associated with a specific line extension investment to be made based on the current depreciation accrual rates for that Company or that of a comparable jurisdictional wastewater utility.
- 12. <u>Dwelling Unit</u>: A structure or dwelling intended to be occupied as a whole by one family.
- 13. Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs): For a commercial and/or industrial customer the EDU is a measure based upon the estimated maximum daily wastewater flow for that type of business as calculated by the Department of Environmental Protection Regulation at 25 Pa. Code §73.17 divided by 250 gallons per day. 250 gallons per day is the typical Company estimated maximum daily wastewater flow from its current single family unit.
- 14. <u>Garbage</u>: The solid wastes from domestic cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling and storage of produce.
- 15. Grinder pump: Any mechanical or powered device used to grind, macerate or fluidize garbage so that it can be discharged into the wastewater system of the Company.
- 16. <u>Line Extension</u>: (For Line Extension Purposes) An addition to the Company's main line which is necessary to serve the premises of a customer.
- 17. <u>Main</u>: The Company's pipe, excluding service connections, located in a public highway, street, alley or private right-of-way which pipe is used in transporting wastewater.
- 18. Meter: Any certified device used by the Company, or by the Commission, for the purpose of measuring water or wastewater consumption.

# PART II: DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

- 19. Nonresidential Service: Wastewater service supplied to a commercial or industrial building, including a hotel or motel, or to a master-metered trailer park or multi-tenant apartment building, or to any customer who purchases wastewater service from the Company for the purpose of resale.
- 20. Operating and Maintenance Costs: (For Line Extension Purposes) The company's average annual operating and maintenance costs associated with serving an additional customer, including customer accounting, billing, collections, water purchased, power purchased, chemicals, and other variable costs based on the current total Company level of such costs, as well as costs particular to the specific needs of that customer, such as line flushing.
- 21. <u>Public Utility</u>: Persons or corporations owning or operating equipment or facilities in this Commonwealth for water, electric or wastewater collection, treatment, or disposal for the public for compensation.
- 22. <u>Residential Service</u>: Wastewater service supplied to an individual single-family residential dwelling unit.
- 23. <u>Regulatory Agency</u>: Agencies, including but not limited to the Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), which have authority over the operations of and/or discharges into and/or from the Company's treatment facilities.
- 24. <u>Sanitary Sewer</u>: A sewer which carries sanitary wastewater and excludes storm, surface and ground water.
- 25. Special Utility Service: Residential or business service which exceeds that required for ordinary residential purposes. See additional clarification in Section G, Part 2(d) of this tariff.
- 26. <u>Storm Sewer</u>: A sewer which receives discharges from stormwater building sewers and/or carries off surface, subsurface, or stormwater from the buildings, ground, streets, or other areas, including street wash.
- 27. <u>Suspended Solids</u>: Solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, wastewater, or other liquids, and which are largely removable by filtration.

# PART II: DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

- 28. <u>Tariff</u>: All of the service rates, rules and regulations issued by the Company, together with any supplements or revisions thereto, officially approved by the Commission and contained in this document.
- 29. <u>Toxic Substances</u>: Any substances where gaseous, liquid or solid waste which, when discharged to a public sewer in sufficient quantities, will be detrimental to any biological wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to human beings or animals, inhibit aquatic life, or create a hazard to recreation in receiving waters of the effluent from a wastewater treatment plant, or as defined pursuant to PL 92-500 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) or its amendments.
- 30. <u>Wastes</u>: Any liquid, gaseous, or solid substances or combination thereof which are discarded, leached, or spilled substances or combination thereof including sanitary wastewater but excluding storm-water.
- 31. <u>Wastewater</u>: A combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, together with such ground surface and storm water as may be present in sanitary sewers.

# PART III: RULES AND REGULATIONS

# Section A - Applications for Service

- 1. <u>Service Application Required</u>: All applications for service must be in writing on a form provided by the Company and signed by the owner or owners of the property to which wastewater collection service will be provided.
- 2. Change in Ownership or Tenancy: A new application must be made to the Company upon any change in ownership where the owner of the property is the customer, or upon any change in the identity of a lessee where the lessee of the property is the customer. The Company shall have the right to discontinue or otherwise interrupt wastewater collection service upon three (3) days notice if a new application has not been made and approved for the new customer.
- 3. Acceptance of Application: An application for service shall be considered accepted by the Company only upon oral or written approval by the Company. The Company may provide service to the applicant pending formal review and acceptance of the application.
- 4. <u>Application Forms</u>: Application forms can be obtained at the Company's local business office, presently located at:

Penn Estates Utilities, Inc. 570 Hallet Road East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

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5. <u>Temporary Service</u>: In the case of temporary service for short-term use, the Company may require the customer to pay all costs of making the service connection and for its removal after the service has been discontinued, or to pay a fixed amount in advance to cover such expenses. If the service connection is physically removed, the customer shall receive a credit for reasonable salvage value.

# Section B - Construction and Maintenance of Facilities

Customer Service Line: The customer service line shall be furnished, installed, maintained and/or replaced, when necessary, by and at the sole expense of the customer. The Company reserves the right to determine the size, kind and depth of customer service lines.

- Separate Trench: The customer wastewater service line shall not be laid in the same trench
  with drain or water pipe, the facilities of any other public utility or of any municipality or
  municipal authority that provides a public utility service.
- 3. <u>Customer's Responsibilities</u>: All service lines, connections and fixtures furnished by the customer shall be maintained by the customer in good working order. All valves, meters and appliances furnished by the Company and on property owned or leased by the customer shall be protected properly by the customer. All leaks in the customer service line or any pipe or fixtures in or upon the customer's premises must be repaired immediately by the customer.
- 4. <u>Right to Reject</u>: The Company may refuse to connect with any piping system or furnish wastewater collection, treatment and/or disposal through a service already connected if such system or service is not properly installed or maintained.
- 5. Water Use Standards for Certain Plumbing Fixtures: This rule establishes maximum water use criteria for certain plumbing fixtures installed in all new construction or renovation. Such standards have been implemented to achieve maximum efficiency of water use which the Commission has determined is technologically feasible and economically justified.

(a) Maximum permitted water usage levels shall be as follows:

Plumbing Maximum Water Fixture Use

water closets 1.6 gallons/flush urinals 1.5 gallons/flush

- (b) The Company may exempt particular customers, or classes of customers, when it is determined that the water use standards for plumbing fixtures listed above are unreasonable, cannot be accommodated by existing technology or are otherwise inappropriate.
- 6. <u>Individual Service Lines</u>: Except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Company, each individual customer shall be served only through a separate service line connected directly to the Company's collection main, and that service line shall not serve any other customer or premise. No additional attachment may be made to any customer's service line for any purpose without the express written approval of the Company.
- 7. <u>Connection to Company Mains</u>: No connection shall be made to the Company's main, nor detachment from it, except under the direction and control of the Company. All such connections shall be property of the Company and shall be accessible to it and under its control. The Company will maintain all service lines from the main to the curb.

#### Section C - Discontinuance, Termination and Restoration of Service

- 1. <u>Discontinuance by Customer</u>: Where a customer requests the Company to discontinue service, the following rules shall apply:
  - (a) A customer who wishes to have service discontinued shall give at least three (3) days notice to the Company, specifying the date on which service is to be discontinued. In the absence of proper notice, the customer shall be responsible for all service rendered until the time that the Company shall have actual or constructive notice of the customer's intent to discontinue service. The customer shall not begin to use nor cease to use wastewater service without the prior written consent of the Company. A customer discontinuing service remains a customer for purposes of paying turn-on fees pursuant to Rule 3 of this Section for a period of nine (9) months.
  - (b) Where a customer requests turn-on of service within six (6) months of disconnection, the customer shall be subject to monthly minimum billing for the period of disconnection.

- 2. <u>Termination by Company</u>: Service to the customer may be terminated for good cause, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (a) making an application for service that contains material misrepresentations;
  - (b) failure to repair leaks in pipes or fixtures;
  - (c) tampering with any service line, curb connection, or installing or maintaining any unauthorized connection;
  - (d) theft of service, which shall include taking service without having made a proper application for service under Part III, Section A;
  - (e) failure to pay, when due, any charges accruing under this tariff;
  - discharge of any prohibited substance listed in Section F into the wastewater system;
  - (g) receipt by the Company of an order or notice from the Department of Environmental Protection, a health agency, local plumbing inspector or other similar authority, to terminate service to the property served on the grounds of violation of any law or ordinance, or upon notice to the Company from any such authority that it has ordered an existing violation on the property to be corrected and that such order has not been complied with or
  - (h) material violation of any provisions of this tariff.
- 3. <u>Turn-on Charge</u>: Whenever service is discontinued or terminated pursuant to Rule 1 or Rule 2 of this Section, service shall be permitted by the Company only upon the payment by the customer of a turn-on charge and the curing of the problem that gave rise to the termination if under Rule 2.

#### Section D - Billing and Collection

1. <u>Issuance of Bills</u>: The Company will bill each customer within fifteen (15) days of the last day of each billing period.

- 2. <u>Billing Due Date</u>: The due date for payment of a bill for nonresidential service shall be no less than fifteen (15) days from the date of transmittal. The due date for payment of a bill for residential service shall be no less than twenty (20) days from the date of transmittal. If the last day for payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday, or on any day when the offices of the Company are not open to the general public, the due date shall be extended to the next business day. The Company may not impose a late-payment charge unless payment is received more than five (5) days after the stated due date.
- 3. <u>Late-Payment Charge</u>: All amounts not paid when due shall accrue a late-payment charge at the rate not to exceed one and one half percent 1.50% per billing period, not to exceed eighteen percent (18%) per year when not paid as prescribed in Rule 2 of this Section.
- 4. <u>Change in Billing Address</u>: Where a customer fails to notify the Company of a change in billing address, the customer shall remain responsible to remit payment by the billing due date.
- 5. <u>Application of Payment</u>: Utility bills rendered by the Company shall include only the amount due for utility service. Where a customer remittance to the Company includes payment for any non-utility services, proceeds will be applied first to pay all outstanding regulated utility charges.
- 6. Return Check Charges: The customer will be responsible for the payment of a charge for each time a check presented to the Company for payment on that customer's utility bill is returned by the payer bank for any reason including, but not limited to, insufficient funds, account closed, payment stopped, two signatures required, post-dated, stale date, account garnished, or unauthorized signature. This charge is in addition to any charge which may be assessed against the customer by the bank.
- 7. <u>Disputed Bills</u>: In the event of a dispute between the customer and the Company with respect to any bill, the Company will promptly make such investigation as may be required by the particular case and report the result to the customer. The customer is not obligated to pay the disputed amount during the pendency of the Company's investigation. When the Company has made a report to the customer sustaining the bill as rendered, the customer shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of such report in which to pay the bill. If the Company determines that the bill originally rendered is incorrect, the Company will issue a corrected bill with a new due date for payment. Any amounts received by the Company in excess of the amount determined to be due by the Company's investigation of the dispute shall be refunded to the customer.

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### PART III: RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

## Section E - Deposits

#### 1. Residential Customers:

- (a) New Applicants—The Company will provide service without requiring a deposit unless the applicant was terminated for nonpayment within the prior twelve (12) months or has an unpaid balance for prior service from the Company. The amount of the deposit will not be greater than an estimated average bill for one (1) billing period plus the estimated bill for one (1) additional month's service.
- (b) Existing Customers—If a customer has paid late on two (2) consecutive occasions or a total of three (3) times within the prior 12-month period, the Company may send a letter informing the customer that a deposit may be required if another late payment is received within the next twelve (12) months. An existing customer may be required to pay a deposit as a condition to having service restored after termination for non-payment or for failure to comply with a payment agreement. The amount of the deposit will not be greater than an estimated average bill for one (1) billing period plus the estimated bill for one (1) additional month's service.
- (c) Deposit Refunds and Interest—A deposit will be refunded if service is discontinued and the final bill is paid or if the customer has paid the bills for the prior 12-month period without having been late on more than two (2) occasions and is not currently delinquent. Interest for all Customer deposits shall be computed at the rate governed by 66 Pa. C.S. §1404(c)(6).

#### Nonresidential Customers:

(a) New Applicants—A deposit may be required from any new applicant who does not have prior satisfactory credit history with the Company. The amount of the deposit will not be greater than an estimated average bill for one (1) billing period plus the estimated bill for one (1) additional month's service.

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(c) Deposit Refunds and Interest—A deposit will be refunded if the customer pays all bills on time over a 12-month period or if service is disconnected and the final bill has been paid. There will be no interest paid on deposits for nonresidential accounts.

## Section F - Wastewater Control Regulations

#### 1. General:

- (a) No storm water from pavements, area ways, roof runoff water, foundation drains, subsurface drains, water from springs, cooling water, basement sump pumps, unpolluted industrial or commercial process water or other sources shall be admitted to the Company mains.
- (b) The discharge of garbage to the sewer system is expressly prohibited. Properly shredded garbage may be discharged into the sewer system when expressly authorized by the Company.
- (c) This does not exclude or preclude pump-out of manholes by a utility company or of manholes on plant premises which should be kept in dry or reasonably dry condition.
- 2. <u>Discharges</u>: No person shall cause or permit to be discharged into the Company's wastewater system any toxic substances or wastes having any of the following characteristics:
  - (a) Wastes containing any gasoline, naphtha, fuel, oil or other liquids, solids or gases which by reason of their nature or quality may cause fire or explosion or be in any other way injurious to persons, the structures of the wastewater system or its operation.
  - (b) Wastes having a temperature in excess of 120 degrees F. or less than 20 degrees F.
  - (c) Washes having a pH lower than 6.0 or higher than 9.0 having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazards to structures, equipment or personnel of the wastewater system.

- (d) Wastes containing any noxious or malodorous gas or substance that either singly or by interaction with sewage or other wastes is likely in the opinion of the Company to create a public nuisance or hazard to life or prevent entry to sewers for their maintenance and repair.
- (e) Wastes containing ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, hair, chemical or paint residues, greases, paunch, manure, cotton, wool, plastic or other fibers, lime, slurry or any other solid or viscous material of such character or in such quantity as in the opinion of the Company may cause an obstruction to the flow in sewers or otherwise interfere with the proper operation of the sewer system.
- (f) Wastes containing insoluble, non-flocculent substances having a specific gravity in excess of 2.65.
- (g) Wastes containing soluble substances in such concentrations as to cause the specific gravity to be greater than 1.1.
- (h) Wastes containing any of the following substances in concentrations exceeding those shown in the following table as measured by an acceptable method:

Substance	Maximum Permissible Concentration
Phenolic Compounds, e.g.,	
As C6H5OH	1.00  mg/l
Cyanides as CN	0.00 mg/l
Cyanates as CNO	0.00 mg/l
C.B.O.D. (5 day)	300.00 mg/l
Iron as Fe	3.00 mg/l
Trivalent Chromium as CR plus three	.05 mg/l
Hexavalent Chromium as CR. plus six	.05 mg/l
Nickel as Ni	.05 mg/l
Copper as Cu	.50 mg/l
Lead as Pb	0.50 mg/l
Zine as Zn	0.50  mg/l
Mercury as Hg	0.00 mg/1

- (i) Wastes containing other matter detrimental to the operation of a sewage treatment plan or sanitary sewers causing erosion, corrosion or deterioration in sewers, equipment and structures of a sanitary or sewage treatment plant.
- (j) Wastes containing more than 100 mg/l by weight of tar, fat, oil or grease.
- (k) Wastes containing more than 10 mg/l of any of the following gases, hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, or any of the halogens.
- (1) Wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance, in a sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals or create any hazard in the sewer system operation and such toxic wastes shall include, but not be limited to wastes containing cyanide, chromium and/or copper ions.
- (m) Any waste containing toxic substance in quantities sufficient to interfere with the biochemical processes of the sewage treatment works or that will pass through the sewage treatment works and exceed the state and/or federal requirements in respect thereof.
- (n) Any waste containing radioactive isotopes.

# 3. Sampling and Analysis:

(a) All measurements, tests and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in these rules may be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" as prepared, approved and published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and/or the Water Pollution Control Federation or other reference sources specified by regulatory agency requirements, such as "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes," U.S.E.P.A. 1974 or its subsequent updated version.

- (b) All measurements, test, inspections and analyses deemed by the Company to be necessary under this Section or any other part of the Rules and Regulations of the Company, shall be done by the Company or its agents, employees or contractors. If the measurements, test, inspections and/or analyses determine that a customer has created a situation which is in violation of any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation then the customer shall be required to pay all costs incurred in order to measure, test, inspect, analyze and remedy the situation. Otherwise, the costs involved are to be borne by the Company. Costs assessed against a Customer pursuant to this Section shall be in addition to any other fees charged by the Company. The costs shall be payable within 30 days of presentation of a bill for such costs by the Company to the Customer(s).
- (c) Where the Company deems it advisable, it may require any person discharging wastes to install and maintain, at his or her own expense, in a manner approved by the Company or its representative, a suitable device to continuously measure and record the pH of the wastes so discharged.
- 4. <u>Disposal of Wastes From Septic Tanks and Cesspools</u>: No person shall dispose of wastes from septic tanks, cesspools, or other such sources of sanitary sewage to the Company's wastewater system, except as designated by the Company.
- 5. <u>Penalties</u>: The Company reserves the right to deny wastewater service for violation of any provision of these regulations, subject to PUC rules and regulations.
- 6. <u>Damage to System and Indemnification</u>: In the event of any damage to the Company's wastewater system caused by a customer, such damage shall be immediately reported to the Company and said customer shall reimburse Company for the costs of such repairs.

#### Section G - Line Extensions

- 1. Requests by Bona Fide Service Applicant: Upon request by a bona fide service applicant, the Company shall construct line extensions within its franchised territory consistent with the following directives:
  - (a) Line extensions to bona fide service applicants shall be funded without customer advance where the annual revenue from the line extension will equal or exceed the Company's annual line extension costs.

- (b) If the annual revenue from the line extension will not equal or exceed the Company's annual line extension costs, a bona fide service applicant may be required to provide a customer advance to the Company's cost of construction for the line extension. The Company's investment for the line extension shall be the portion of the total construction costs which generate annual line extension costs equal to annual revenue from the line extension. The customer advance amount shall be determined by subtracting the Company's investment for the line extension from the total construction costs.
- (c) The Company's investment for the line extension shall be based on the following formula, where X equals the Company's investment attributed to each bona fide applicant:

X = [AR - OM] divided by [I + D]; and,

AR = the Company's annual revenue

OM = the Company's operating and maintenance costs

I = the Company's current debt ratio multiplied by the Company's

weighted long-term debt cost rate

D = the Company's current depreciation accrual rate

# Customer advance financing, refunds and facilities on private property:

- (a) When a customer advance is required of a service applicant and an additional customer or customers attach service lines to the line extension within ten (10) years, the Company shall refund a portion of the advance to the customer. Deposits made for additional facilities other than the line extension are contributions in aid of construction and need not be refunded.
- (b) The Company will refund to the applicant, during a period of ten (10) years from the date of the extension deposit, a per-customer amount for each additional bona fide service applicant from whom a street service connection shall be directly attached to such main extension as distinguished from extensions or branches thereof. Provided, however, that the total amount refunded shall not exceed the original deposit without interest, and provided that all or any part of the deposit not refunded within said ten (10) year period shall become the property of the Company and shall be treated as Contributions in Aid of Construction for ratemaking purposes. The per customer refund amount shall equal the Company's investment attributed to each bona fide applicant as calculated in the formula contained in Section G, Rule 1, Subsection (c) of this tariff.

- (c) The Company shall require a customer to pay, in advance, a reasonable charge for service lines and equipment installed on private property for the exclusive use of the customer.
- (d) Special utility service shall mean residential or business service which exceeds that required for ordinary residential purposes. Section G, Rule 1, (a) through (c) of this tariff do not apply to special utility service. By way of illustration and not limitation, special utility service shall include: the installation of facilities such as oversized mains and booster pumps as necessary to provide adequate flows, or service to large commercial and industrial facilities. An otherwise bona fide applicant requesting service which includes a "special utility service" component is entitled to bona fide applicant status, including the corresponding Company contribution toward the costs to the line extension which do not meet the special utility service criteria.
- 3. Requirement for Extension Deposit Agreement: Where extension of facilities is not fully funded by the Company pursuant to Rule 2 of this Section, the execution by the applicant of an Extension Deposit Agreement for customer contribution or advance shall be a condition of extending the facilities. Upon notice that the Company is prepared and able to go forward with the work, the applicant will deposit with the Company the amount specified in the Extension Deposit Agreement.
- 4. Size of Main: The Company shall have the exclusive right to determine the type and size of mains to be installed and the other facilities required to render adequate service. However, where the Company decides to install a pipe larger than necessary to render extension of adequate service to the applicant, estimated or actual cost figures in the Extension Deposit Agreement shall include only the material and installation cost for a pipe the size of which is necessary to provide adequate service to the applicant. Any incremental costs of a larger pipe will be the responsibility of the Company. All estimated or actual cost figures referred to in the Extension Deposit Agreement shall include a reasonable allowance for overhead costs and taxes as appropriate.
- 5. <u>Length of Extension</u>: In determining the necessary length of an extension, the terminal point of such extension shall be at that point in the curb line, which is equidistant from the side property lines of the last lot for which service was requested. A street service connection will be provided only for customer service lines that extend at right angles from the curb line in a straight line to the premises to be served.

6. Cost True-up: At the conclusion of the main extension project there shall be a reconciliation of the actual costs incurred to the amount of extension deposit that has been paid by the customer. If the actual cost exceeds the deposit, the applicant shall be responsible for payment to the Company of the difference. If the deposit exceeds the actual cost, the Company shall refund the difference.

#### Section H - Service Continuity

1. Regularity of Service: The Company may, at any time, shut off service in case of accident or for the purpose of making connections, alterations, repairs or changes, or for other reasons. The Company will, pursuant to Commission regulations at 52 Pa. Code §67.1 and as circumstances permit, notify customers to be affected by service interruptions.

# 2. <u>Liability for Damages:</u>

- (a) Limitation of Damages for Service Interruptions—The Company's liability to a customer for any loss or damage from any excess or deficiency in the wastewater collection service due to any cause other than willful misconduct or negligence by the Company, its employees or agents shall be limited to an amount no more than the customer charge or minimum bill for the period in question. The Company will undertake to use reasonable care and diligence in order to prevent and avoid interruptions and fluctuations in service, but cannot and does not guarantee that such will not occur.
- (b) Responsibility for Customer Facilities—The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by reason of any break, leak or other defect in a customer's own service pipe, line, fixtures or other installations, except where the damage is a result of the negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, its employees or agents.

#### Section I - Waivers

The Company may, at its sole discretion, waive any of the Rules contained herein that operate for the benefit of the Company; provided, that no such waiver will be valid unless in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the Company, and provided that no waiver will be allowed where the waiver would constitute a violation of the Public Utility Code, the regulations of the Commission or of any other applicable statute, law or regulation.

# Section J - Amendment of Commission Regulations

Whenever Commission regulations in Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code are duly amended in such a way as would produce a difference between Commission regulations and this tariff, this tariff is deemed to be amended so as to be consistent with the amendments to the regulations, except that if application of the amendment to Title 52 is discretionary, this tariff will remain unchanged.

#### Section K - Industrial and Commercial Service Limitations

- 1. Pretreatment: All industrial and commercial waste proposed for discharge into the sewer system shall be studied to determine the degree of pretreatment, if any, necessary in order that the waste will not adversely affect the system or the sewage treatment facilities. The Company will have the authority to properly control any waste discharge into its sewage system by regulating the rate of any waste discharge into its sewer system by requiring necessary pretreatment, and excluding certain waste, if necessary, to protect the integrity of the Company's system.
- Customer Limitations: Customers specifically agree that service applies exclusively for domestic/household sewage. If any Customer discharges industrial or commercial waste that:
  - the existing wastewater treatment plant is unable to satisfactorily treat; or,
  - is not in compliance with discharge permit standards, disrupts the normal functioning of the existing wastewater treatment plant; or,
  - · is more costly to treat than typical domestic wastewater; or,
  - requires the utilization of more wastewater treatment plant capacity per gallon of
    effluent than that required by average typical domestic wastewater, then the customer
    shall provide, at the customer's own expense, such primary treatment as may be
    necessary before such waste is discharged into the Company mains. No commercial or
    industrial waste, whether pretreated or not, may be discharged without prior written
    authorization from the Company.

<u>Company Limitations</u>: The Company will not be liable nor bound to increase wastewater treatment plant operations to accommodate industrial or commercial waste.

- 3. <u>Specific dangers</u>: In general, any waste will be considered harmful to the Company wastewater system if it may cause any of the following damaging effects:
  - (a) chemical reaction either directly or indirectly with the materials of construction of the system in such a manner as to impair the strength or durability of the sewer structures;
  - (b) mechanical action that will destroy the sewer structures;
  - (c) restriction of the hydraulic capacity of the sewer structures;
  - (d) restriction of the normal inspection or maintenance of the sewer structures;
  - (e) danger to public health and safety; or
  - (f) obnoxious condition contrary to public interest.

# Section L - Privilege to Investigate/Right of Access

The Company's authorized representatives shall have the right of access at all reasonable times to all parts of any premises connected with the system, for the purpose of examining and inspecting connections and fixtures, including the water and/or wastewater metering arrangement, or for disconnecting service for any proper cause.

<u>Section M – Liability of Company – This Section Only Applies to Customers in Penn Estates</u> <u>Utilities, Inc., and Utilities Inc. service territories</u>

The Company shall not be liable for damages of any kind or character for any deficiency or failure of sewer service, for the blockage or breaking or sewer overload for any deficiency in any Customer Service Line, or for any other interruption of sewer service caused by breaking of machinery, stopping for repairs or for any reason or occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Company. The Company shall not be liable for any damage to any property caused by any of the foregoing reasons or for any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Company.

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