## New Proposed Tariff Pages for Consolidated Rates

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## ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

For Belmont Water, Bow Water, TGV Water and TB Water

## RATE SCHEDULE For COMBINED WATER TARIFF SYSTEM

## MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY SERVICE FEES

The following fees are associated with miscellaneous services that the Company may provide from time to time:

Type of Service:

- A. Late Charge: In the event the Company does not receive payment for a bill by the due date, in addition to all other remedies, the Company shall recover a late charge equal to one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month, or portion thereof, that the remains unpaid after the due date.
- B. Disconnect Fee: If any bill for service is unpaid after 25 days from the billing date and no payment arrangement has been made, the Company will issue a past due notice with the addition of a finance charge. The Company will issue a notice indicating that if the balance remains unpaid after 60 days from the billing date and no payment arrangement has been made, the Company will add a disconnection fee for the greater of \$60.00 or the actual costs to the Company for the round trip to the premises for the purpose of discontinuing the service. The Company would also include a copy of the tariff provision related to payment for services (which identifies the collection and other fees). In addition, if a payment arrangement has been agreed upon, but not followed, the Company will add a collection fee. In accordance with PUC 203.08, financial hardship customers are not subject to late charges and penalties.
- C. Returned Checks: In the event a check or draft presented for payment is dishonored by the institution upon which it is drawn, in addition to all other remedies, the Company shall recover a return check charge equal to the greater of \$35.00 or the actual charges imposed upon the Company by the involved institution for the returned instrument.
- D. Collection Costs: In the event a customer shall violate, or be responsible for the violation of, any of the provisions of this tariff, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay charge when due, the Customer shall in addition to all other remedies, pay the Company all its costs incurred in the enforcement of this tariff or the collection of such charges, including, but not limited to, its reasonable attorney's fees.

- E. Service Pipe: A tapping fee of \$500.00 (plus materials) will be required to be paid in full prior to any new service connection being made to the water system.
- F. Testing: Meters will be tested in accordance with the requirements of the metering testing rules of the NHPUC. If a customer request the testing of a meter, and upon such test, the accuracy of the meter is within the then tolerance prescribed by the NHPUC, the customer shall pay \$100.00 for such testing.
- G. Restricted Use of Water: When necessary to conserve supply, the Company may, upon compliance with the rules of the NHPUC, restrict use and prohibit use for non-essential purposes. If a customer is in non-compliance with a restriction placed on non-essential water use, a penalty of \$250.00 will be imposed.
- H. Cross-Connections: In the event a connection is deemed incapable of causing back flow between the public water supply and any plumping fixtures, devise or appliance, or between any waste outlet or pipe having direct connection to waste drains because of one or more devised, such devise9s) shall be tested as frequently as the Company deems prudent, but no less than semiannually. The Customer shall pay the Company a fee of \$150.00 for each test of each such devise.
- I. Service Connection Charge: The customer shall pay to the Company a charge of \$120.00 when service is reestablished following disconnection for any reason. The customer shall pay to the Company a charge of \$20.00 when service is transferred from one obligor to another, to be paid by the transferee obligor. When service is disconnected prior to, or in the process of, transferring service to another obligor, only one charge described in this paragraph shall be made.
- J. Service Suspension Charge: Whenever, at the request of a customer, service is suspended, the customer shall pay to the Company a service suspension charge equal to 70% of 1/3 of the monthly customer charge which would have been owed by the Company but for the suspension of service for each month or portion thereof that service is suspended plus \$100.00. The service suspension charge shall be due and payable at the end of the suspension.
- K. Main Pipe Extension: For extension of service, the customer or customer group, or contractor, will be required to make a "Contribution in Aid of Construction" and deposit with the Company in advance of construction an amount equal to the construction costs (exclusive of service and meters) of such extension.
- L. Contribution in Aid of construction (CIAC) payment of tax:

The formula for calculating the tax cost associated with CIAC is as follows:

Current Effective Tax Rate: Current BPT Rate + (Current Federal Tax Rate \* (1 - Current BPT Rate))

<u>Plant or Equipment Tax Cost:</u> ((CIAC - [CIAC\*(1/Tax Life)\*.5]) / (1-Current Effective Tax Rate)) - CIAC Value Land or Cash Tax Cost: ((CIAC) / (1-Current Effective Tax Rate)) – CIAC Value

CIAC Tax Rate: Tax Cost / CIAC value

Examples of proposed formula based upon 1) \$1,000 of plant and equipment contributions and 2) \$1,000 of cash or land contributions:

Effective Tax Rate (as of 1/1/2020): .077 + (.21\* (1 - .077) = 27.08%

- Contributed Plant or Equipment example: Tax Cost: (\$1,000 - [\$1,000 \* 1/25) \* .5) / (1 - .2708) - \$1,000 = \$343.94
- 2) Contributed Land or Cash example: Tax Cost: (\$1,000 / (1 - .2708) - \$1,000 = \$371.37 CIAC Tax Rate: \$371.37 / \$1,000 = 37.14%

The above examples describe how this calculation is made on pro forma property value of \$1,000 and using for example purposes only, tax rates effective as of January 1, 2020. These examples are for demonstrative purposes only – actual tax rates and property values are subject to change and will be determined at the time the CIAC payment is calculated.

Information about the Federal Corporate Tax Rate as of January 1, 2020 can be found at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p654.pdf

Information about the State of NH BPT can be found at https://www.revenue.nh.gov/transparency/business-taxs.htm

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