

SECTION G. RATES AND SERVICE FEES

Unless specifically defined in this Tariff, all fees, rates, and charges as stated shall be non-refundable.

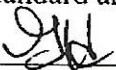
1. **Service Investigation Fee.** The Corporation shall conduct a service investigation for each service application submitted at the Corporation office. An initial determination shall be made by the Corporation, for a \$40.00 charge, as to whether the service request is Standard or Non-Standard. An investigation shall then be conducted, and the results reported under the following terms:
 - a. All Standard Service requests shall be investigated without additional charge and all applicable costs for providing service shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant within ten (10) working days of application.
 - b. All Non-Standard Service requests shall be subject to a minimum \$250.00 fee, appropriate to each project, to cover all administrative, legal, and engineering fees associated with investigation of the Corporation's ability to deliver service to the Applicant to;
 - (1) provide cost estimates of the project,
 - (2) to present detailed plans and specifications as per final plat,
 - (3) to advertise and accept bids for the project,
 - (4) to present a Non-Standard Service Contract to the Applicant, and
 - (5) to provide other services as required by the Corporation for such investigation. A Non-Standard Service Contract shall be presented to the Applicant within a suitable amount of time as determined by the complexity of the project. (See Section F.)

2. **Membership Fee.** At the time the application for service is approved, a refundable Membership Fee must be paid for each service requested before service shall be provided or reserved for the Applicant by the Corporation.
 - a. The Membership Fee for water service is \$500.00 for each service unit.
 - b. The Membership Fee for wastewater service is \$500.00 for each service unit.
 - c. Membership fee for oversized or Master Metered Accounts shall be based on multiples of meter size equivalence.

3. **Easement Fee.** When the Corporation determines that private right-of-way easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure easements in behalf of the Corporation and/or pay all costs incurred by the Corporation in validating, clearing, and retaining such right-of-way in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Tariff. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such right-of-way and/or facilities sites in behalf of the Applicant. (See Section E 3., Section F 8. b.)

4. **Installation Fee.** The Corporation shall charge an installation fee for service as follows:
 - a. **Standard Service** shall include all current labor, materials, engineering, legal, customer service inspection, and administrative costs necessary to provide individual metered water or wastewater service and shall be charged on a per tap basis (x2.0) as computed immediately prior to such time as metered service is requested and installed.
 - b. **Non-Standard Service** shall include any and all construction labor and materials, inspection, administration, legal, and engineering fees. Non-Standard Service shall also be charged on a per tap basis (x2.0) and as determined by the Corporation under the rules of Section F of this Tariff.
 - c. Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations

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as per Section E 3(e) of this Tariff.

5. *Equity Buy-In Fee.*

6. *Monthly Charges.*

a. **Base Rate**

(1) Water Service - The monthly charge for standard metered water service is for a 5/8" by 3/4" meter. The 5/8" X 3/4" meter charge is used as a base multiplier for larger non-standard meters in accordance with the following chart based on American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications:

| METER SIZE | 5/8" X 3/4" METER EQUIVALENTS | MONTHLY RATE |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5/8" X 3/4" | 1.0 | \$34.50 |
| 3/4" | 1.5 | \$50.63 |
| 1" | 2.5 | \$84.38 |
| 1 1/2" | 5.0 | \$168.75 |
| 2" | 8.0 | \$270.00 |
| 3" DISP. | 9.0 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 3" CMPD. | 16.0 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 3" TURB. | 17.5 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 4" CMPD. | 25.0 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 4" TURB. | 30.0 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 6" CMPD. | 50.0 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 6" TURB. | 62.5 | \$ _____ .00 |
| 8" CMPD. | 80.0 | \$ _____ .00 |

Base rate fee's not set out above will be determined as the need arises.

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- (2) A) Sewer Service - The monthly charge for standard sewer service on a per tap basis is as follows: \$25.30 per month.
 B) Base charges for customers using a larger water meter size will be determined using the following chart.

| METER SIZE | 5/8" X 3/4" METER EQUIVALENTS | MONTHLY RATE |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 5/8" X 3/4" | 1.0 | \$25.30 |
| 3/4" | 1.5 | \$37.95 |
| 1" | 2.5 | \$63.75 |
| 1 1/2" | 5.0 | \$126.54 |
| 2" | 8.0 | \$184.00 |

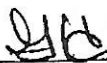
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- b. **Gallonge Charge** - In addition to the Base Rate, a gallonge charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period.
- (1) Water - \$1.00 per 100 gallons.
 - (2) Sewer - \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons (Commercial Connections only).
 - (3) The Corporation shall, as required by Section 5.701, Water Code of the State of Texas, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent of the charge for retail water or wastewater service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. This fee is collected on all charges pertaining to Section G.6. Monthly Charges of this tariff. (30 TAC 291.76(d))
- c. **Assessments.** - If at the end of the fiscal year, or in the event of emergency repairs, the Board of Directors determines the total amount derived from the collection of water or wastewater charges to be insufficient for the payment of all costs incident to the operation of the Corporation's system during the year in which such charges are collected, the Board shall make and levy an assessment against each Member of the Corporation as the Board may determine or as may be required by Rural Development, so that the sum of such assessments and the amount collected from water and other charges is sufficient to fully pay all costs of the operation, maintenance, replacement and repayment of indebtedness for the year's operations. (See Article XVIII of USDA Model Bylaws, Section 1)
- d. **Late Payment Fee.** Once per billing period, a penalty \$5.00 for the first five days and \$5.00 per day thereafter, the maximum penalty charged will be \$50.00. This late payment penalty shall not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing but shall be applied to any unpaid balance during the current billing period.
NOTE: For Political Subdivisions and state agencies the above late payment fee does not apply. Instead a late penalty of 1% shall be assessed for any amount unpaid on the 46th day after the bill is received by the state agency or political subdivision and an additional 1% shall be assessed for each month thereafter that the bill remains unpaid. (Government Code Chapter 2251)
- e. **Owner Notification Fee.** The Corporation may, at the expense of the Member, notify said Member of a renter/lessee delinquent account status prior to disconnection of service. The Owner Notification Fee shall be \$30.00 per notification. (See Miscellaneous Transaction Forms.)
7. **Mortgagee/Guarantor Notification Fee.** The Corporation shall assess a fee of \$30.00 for each notification to a Membership lien-holder under agreement prior to Membership cancellation. (See

Miscellaneous Transaction Forms.)

11. **Returned Check Fee.** In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, corporation, or partnership to the Corporation for payment of services provided for in this Tariff, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge of \$40.00. (See Miscellaneous Transaction Forms)
12. **Reconnect Fee.** The Corporation shall charge a fee of \$50.00 for reconnecting service after the Corporation has previously disconnected the service for any reason provided for in this Tariff except for activation of service under Section E 6.b. Re-Service.
13. **Seasonal Reconnect Fee** – Base Rate multiplied by the number of months during which service is suspended, not to exceed 9 months during any 12 consecutive months.
14. **Service Trip Fee.** The Corporation shall charge a trip fee of \$50.00 for the first ½ hour, time in excess of ½ hour will be charged at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for any service call or trip to the Member's tap as a result of a request by the Member or resident for response to damage of the Corporation's or another Member's facilities, for customer service inspections due to suspicion of meter tampering, bypass or diversion of service, or for the purpose of disconnecting or collecting payment for services. For service trips that extend beyond 1/2 hour, such as when an extended line location is required, the Corporation shall charge \$65.00 per employee per hour for each additional hour required.
15. **Equipment Damage Fee.** If the Corporation's facilities or equipment have been damaged by tampering, by-passing, installing unauthorized taps, reconnecting service without authority, or other service diversion, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, and equipment necessary for repair, replacement, and other Corporation actions. This fee shall be charged and paid before service is re-established. If the Corporation's equipment has not been damaged, a fee equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, equipment, and other actions necessary to correct service diversions, unauthorized taps, or reconnection of service without authority shall be charged. All components of this fee will be itemized, and a statement shall be provided to the Member. If the Corporation's facilities or equipment have been damaged due to negligence or unauthorized use of the Corporation's equipment, right-of-way, or meter shut-off valve, or due to other acts for which the Corporation incurs losses or damages, the Member shall be liable for all labor and material charges incurred as a result of said acts or negligence.
16. **Meter Tampering and Diversion Penalty.** In addition to the Equipment Damage Fee, the Corporation may charge a penalty for "Tampering" as defined in Section E 23. The penalty may only be assessed against the person who committed the Tampering. An owner cannot be assessed for the Tampering committed by their tenant. The penalty shall not exceed six (6) times the Base Rate.
17. **Customer History Report Fee.** A fee of \$30.00 shall be charged to provide a copy of the Members record of past water purchases in response to a Member's request for such a record.
18. **Meter Test Fee.** The Corporation shall test a Member's meter upon written request of the Member. Under the terms of Section E of this Tariff, a charge of \$75.00 shall be imposed on the affected account for a field accuracy test. If the customer requests an AWWA shop test the fee will be \$150.00
19. **Transfer Fee.** An Applicant for service who is a Transferee shall complete all required application forms, etc., and pay a Transfer Fee of \$30.00.

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20. **Non-Disclosure Fee.** A fee of \$30.00 shall be assessed any customer requesting in writing that personal information under the terms of this tariff not be disclosed to the public.
21. **Information Copy Fee.** A fee for the copying of any public information will be charged to the person requesting that information in compliance with the cost rules of the Government Code Section 552.261 et. seq.
22. **Tap Inspection Fee.** A fee of \$45.00 will be assessed for each water or sewer tap, this fee will be paid at the same time as the tap fee.
23. **Customer Service Inspection Fee, Residential.** A fee of \$75.00 will be assessed each Applicant before permanent continuous service is provided to new construction.
24. a) If a residence has more than one kitchen, or three bathrooms a fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each additional bathroom or kitchen area.
b) A \$45.00 fee will be assessed for each swimming pool, spa, irrigation system, water softener, water treatment system or other plumbing improvement that is added after completion of the home. If the inspection is performed during the original home construction an additional \$10.00 fee will be assessed.
25. **Customer Service Inspection Fee, Commercial.** A fee will be assessed based on actual cost. An estimated fee will be paid at the same time tap fees are paid. If the actual cost is greater than the estimated cost the difference will be paid prior to permanent service being provided.
26. **Franchise Fee Assessment.** The Ellinger Sewer and WSC is not located within the corporate limits of any city therefor no franchise fee will be assessed.
27. **Regulatory Assessment.** A fee of 0.5% of the amount billed for water/sewer service will be assessed each customer; this assessment is required under Texas law and TCEQ regulations. NOTE: The regulatory assessment is not to be collected from state agencies, wholesale customers, or buyers of non-potable (not drinkable) water. (Ref. TCEQ RG-199 revised Oct. 2002. TCEQ Section 291.76 (c))
28. **Additional Assessments.** In the event any federal, state or local government imposes on the Corporation a "per meter" fee or an assessment based on a percent of water/sewer charges, this fee or assessment will be billed and collected as a "pass through" charge to the customer.
29. **Groundwater District Production Fee.** No fee will be assessed until such time as the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District assesses such fee.
30. **Debt Service Reserve Fee.** Each member will be assessed a monthly Debt Service Reserve Fee of \$5.00 that will be billed as part of their water bill.
31. **Other Fees.** All services outside the normal scope of utility operations that the Corporation may be compelled to provide at the request of a customer or Member shall be charged to the recipient based on the cost of providing such service.

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