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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)
UTILITY SOLUTIONS, LLC to)
Implement Initial Rates and Charges)
for Water Services in its Elk Grove)
Subdivision, Gallatin County, Montana)
Service Area)

UTILITY DIVISION SERVICE)
COMMISSION)
DOCKET NO. D2005.11.163

Consolidated with

IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)
UTILITY SOLUTIONS, LLC to)
Implement Initial Rates and Charges)
for Wastewater Services in its Elk)
Grove Subdivision, Gallatin County,)
Montana Service Area)

UTILITY DIVISION)
DOCKET NO. D2005.11.164

AMENDED APPLICATION

COMES NOW Utility Solutions, LLC, the applicant in the above-entitled proceedings (hereinafter "Applicant" or "Utility Solutions"), and respectfully shows the Commission as follows:

I.

Applicant is a Montana Limited Liability Company duly authorized and doing business in the State of Montana as a public utility in the Elk Grove Subdivision, Bozeman, Montana.

II.

Applicant's full name and business address are Utility Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 10098, Bozeman, Montana 59719.

III.

The following described interim rate schedules for water and sewer service in the Elk Grove Subdivision, copies of which are attached as Appendix A, are currently on file with

the Commission and in effect for service by the Applicant:

Interim Metered Water Service

Interim Flat Rate Sewer Service

IV.

The rate schedules attached as Appendix A are unreasonable and unjust as they do not permit Utility Solutions to recover in the rates it charges its customers the cost of providing service to those customers.

V.

Attached hereto as Appendix B are proposed new rate schedules for water and sewer service rendered by the Applicant:

Metered Water Service

Flat Rate Sewer Service

VI.

The proposed rates set forth in Appendix B are reasonable and just as they permit the Applicant to recover in the rates it is permitted to charge its customers the cost of providing water and sewer service to those customers.

VII.

In support of this application and in accordance with ARM 38.5.101, et seq., Utility Solutions files concurrently herewith statements and related work papers prepared by its consultant, Sandra Barrows.

VIII.

In support of this application Utility Solutions files concurrently herewith the prefiled testimony of its consultant, Sandra Barrows.

IX.

This application is submitted in accordance with the provision of Title 69, Chapter 2, and pursuant to those provisions Applicant is entitled to the relief sought herein.

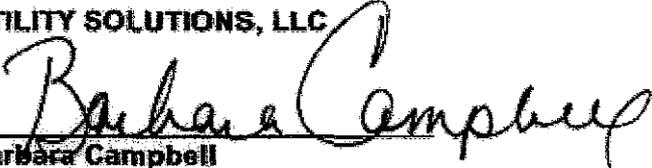
WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the following relief:

1. Cancellation of the rate schedules set forth in Appendix A and the substitution therefore of the rate schedules set forth in Appendix B;
2. Such other and further relief as to the Commission seems equitable and just.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2009.

UTILITY SOLUTIONS, LLC

By


Barbara Campbell

Public Service Commission of Montana

Utility Solutions

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INTERIM METERED WATER SERVICE

Schedule M

Availability: For the Elk Grove Service Area Gallatin County, Montana for all purposes except resale.

Rate:

Applicable to all residential and small commercial customers.

Customer Charge \$14.68/per month

Quantity Charge

For all usage per 1000 gallons or fraction thereof \$1.644

The Customer Charge is applicable to all metered water service. It is a readiness to serve charge which is added to the charge computed at the Quantity Rates for water used during the month.

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WATER SERVICE

Special Rules of Service

Schedule R

Consumer Deposits

Any new customer or customer that has been previously been disconnected for non-payment will be charged a deposit of approximately twice the average monthly billing. This amount will be refunded when the customer has paid the bill on time for 12 months or upon termination of service.

Unauthorized use of service

Unauthorized use of service is defined as any deliberate interference such as tampering with the Company's meter, connections, equipment, seals, procedure or records that result in a loss of revenue to the company. Unauthorized service is also defined as reconnection of service that has been terminated, without the company's consent.

Cost incurred to repair damage to company owned property installed on the customer's premise will be billed to the customer.

Charges for unauthorized use of service will be:

- a. time, material and transportation costs used in investigation or surveillance.
- b. estimated charge for water
- c. on-premise time to correct situation.
- d. costs incurred to repair company owned property if any damage.

Reconnection of Service

Water service disconnected for unauthorized use of service shall not be reconnected until the customer furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the company's rules and conditions of service and paid all outstanding service charges.

Late payment fee

An account having a balance left unpaid 30 days after the bill date is subject to a 1.0% late payment charge.

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INTERIM FLAT RATE WASTEWATER SERVICE

Schedule F

Availability: For the Elk Grove Service Area Gallatin County, Montana for all purposes except resale.

Rate:

Applicable to all residential and small commercial customers not provided service by meter.

Residential	\$ 53.79/per month
Daycare	\$ 80.10/per month
Commercial	\$108.76/per month

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WASTEWATER SERVICE

Special Rules of Service

Schedule R

Consumer Deposits

Any new customer or customer that has been previously been disconnected for non-payment will be charged a deposit of approximately twice the average monthly billing. This amount will be refunded when the customer has paid the bill on time for 12 months or upon termination of service.

Unauthorized use of service

Unauthorized use of service is defined as any deliberate interference such as tampering with the Company's meter, connections, equipment, seals, procedure or records that result in a loss of revenue to the company. Unauthorized service is also defined as reconnection of service that has been terminated, without the company's consent.

Cost incurred to repair damage to company owned property installed on the customer's premise will be billed to the customer.

Charges for unauthorized use of service will be:

- a. time, material and transportation costs used in investigation or surveillance.
- b. estimated charge for wastewater
- c. on-premise time to correct situation.
- d. costs incurred to repair company owned property if any damage.

Reconnection of Service

Wastewater service disconnected for unauthorized use of service shall not be reconnected until the customer furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the company's rules and conditions of service and paid all outstanding service charges.

Late payment fee

An account having a balance left unpaid 30 days after the bill date is subject to a 1.0% late payment charge.

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METERED WATER SERVICE

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Schedule M

Availability: For the Elk Grove Service Area Gallatin County, Montana for all purposes except resale.

Rate:

Applicable to all residential and small commercial customers.

Customer Charge \$33.22 /per month

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Quantity Charge

For all usage per 1000 gallons or fraction there of.... \$5.327

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The Customer Charge is applicable to all metered water service. It is a readiness to serve charge which is added to the charge computed at the Quantity Rates for water used during the month.

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WATER SERVICE

Special Rules of Service

Schedule R

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Any new customer will be charged a deposit of approximately twice the average monthly billing. This amount will be refunded when the customer has paid the bill on time for 12 months or upon termination of service.

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- a. time, material and transportation costs used in investigation or surveillance.
- b. estimated charge for water
- c. on-premise time to correct situation
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Reconnection of Service

Water service disconnected for unauthorized use of service shall not be reconnected until the customer furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the company's rules and conditions of service and paid all outstanding service charges.

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WATER SERVICE

Special Rules of Service (Continued)

Schedule R

Sprinkling

Company will specify the hours and days during which sprinkling will be permitted and will publish notice thereof in newspapers at the start of the sprinkling season or whenever conditions require a change and will permanently post such notice in its local office.

Temporary Disconnection

If service has been temporarily discontinued at the customer's request, a reconnection charge of \$100.00 per meter will be paid before service is reconnected.

Disconnection/Reconnection

If service has been disconnected for non-payment, a reconnection charge of \$100.00 per meter will be paid before service is reconnected.

Permanent Disconnection

Customers who wish to have their water service permanently discontinued, will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the physical disconnection of the service line from the utility's system.

Multiple Users

In situations where more than one user is being provided with water from a single service line, with a single shut-off device controlling the water flow, and if any one or more of the water users either will not sign up for service or will not pay for that service, then the responsibility for payment of future water charges must be assumed by the property owner until such time as the piping configuration has been modified to provide an individual shut-off valve for each water user in order to prevent the service from being disconnected for non-signup or non-payment.

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Special Rules of Service (Continued)

Schedule R

Failure to provide payment

Failure to provide payment or satisfactory arrangements for payment may result in total discontinuance of service even though one or more users may not be in arrears with their account.

Returned Check Fee

A fee of \$15.00 will be charged to any customer who presents a check that is returned unpaid by the depository financial institution for any reason.

Refunds

Customer bills or refunds that total \$1.00 or less will not be issued.

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FLAT RATE WASTEWATER SERVICE

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Availability: For the Elk Grove Service Area Gallatin County, Montana for all purposes except resale.

Rate:

Applicable to all residential and small commercial customers not provided service by meter.

Residential	\$113.76 /per month
Daycare	\$398.17 /per month
Commercial	\$398.17 /per month

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