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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

In re: PaPUC Docket No. R-2020-3019612, et al.

Pa. P.U.C., et al. v. Reynolds Disposal Company

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We are counsel to Reynolds Disposal Company and are submitting, with this letter via electronic filing, Supplement No. 8 to the Company's Tariff Sewage – Pa. P.U.C. No. 4, in compliance with the Order of the Public Utility Commission entered April 15, 2021. Supplement No. 8 is issued today with an effective date of May 1, 2021.

Please contact me with any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

By See Assessment

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Encl.

cc: Certificate of Service (w/encl.)

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter and Supplement No. 8 to Tariff Sewage – Pa. P.U.C. No. 4, upon the persons and in the manner set forth below:

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# REYNOLDS DISPOSAL COMPANY

# GREENVILLE, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,

RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

IN

# PYMATUNING, DELAWARE, AND HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIPS,

#### MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ISSUED: April 28, 2021 EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2021

Filed in compliance with the Opinion and Order of the Public Utility Commission entered April 15, 2021, at R-2020-3019612, et al.

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# **NOTICE**

THIS SUPPLEMENT INCREASES USER RATES AND CHANGES RULES AND REGULATIONS

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# LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THIS SUPPLEMENT

This Tariff Supplement No. 8 to Tariff Sewage Pa P.U.C. No. 4 pursuant to Commission Rules and Regulations associated with a general rate increase application at Docket No. R-2020-3019612 increases rates for all sewage service in all rate classes to produce a net annual revenue increase of \$135,000 on a total Company basis, or by approximately 30.24%. As detailed below, Phase-I increase of 3.85%, Phase-II increase of 17.43%, and Phase-III increase of 8.96%, respectively.

The rate increase will be implemented in three Phases:

Phase-I: Annual revenue increase of \$17,220 which will increase the PENNVEST LOAN REPAYMENT rates for sewage service to all rate classes by approximately 19.55% - the impact on a total Company revenue basis is approximately 3.85%. Phase-I: will also incorporate the change in rates from quarterly to monthly, i.e., the change in general rates is revenue neutral.

Phase-II: Annual revenue increase of \$77,780 which will increase general rates for sewage service to all rate classes by approximately 21.71% - the impact on a total Company revenue basis is approximately 17.43%. Phase-II rates will become effective on July 1, 2021.

Phase-III: Annual revenue increase of \$40,000 which will increase general rates approximately 9.15% over Phase-III rates – the impact on a total Company revenue basis is 8.96%. Phase-III rate will become effective on January 1, 2022.

This Supplement also addresses the change in the Company's billing method as it changes from quarterly to monthly billings.

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# **SCHEDULE OF METER RATES**

# **Application**

This schedule is available to all Domestic, Commercial and Public Service customers, based upon water consumed and having metered water supply services.

All customers served under this schedule shall be subject to a quarterly customer charge of \$23.94, plus a consumption charge based upon the following volumetric rates (effective through May 31, 2021):(C)

# **VOLUMETRIC RATES**

	Per 1,000
	<u>Gallons</u>
For the first 10,000 gallons per quarter	\$6.38
For the next 40,000 gallons per quarter	\$5.69
All over 50,000 gallons per quarter	\$3.44

All customers served under this schedule shall be subject to a <u>monthly</u> customer charge as follows:(C) All consumption charge based upon the following monthly volumetric rates: (C)

\$7.76	(D)	
\$6.3800	(C)	(I)
\$5.6900	(C)	(I)
\$3.4400	(C)	(I)
\$9.44		(I)
\$7.7656		(I)
\$6.9257		(l)
\$4.1871		(I)
\$10.30		(I)
\$8.4774		(I)
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# SCHEDULE OF METERED RATES (CONTINUED)

Where more than one Residential or Commercial unit (fixed or mobile) is served through a single meter, the charge shall be determined by the average water usage per unit. The average water usage per unit shall be determined by dividing the water registered by the meter by the number of units served through such meter. This average usage is calculated on the above rates and is subject to customer charges the same as any other Residential or Commercial customer. The resulting charge is then multiplied by the units served to determine total charge for such meter.

# Application

Sewage rates for Industrial customers shall be charged on the basis of water consumed via metered water supply service.

#### SCHEDULE OF FLAT RATES

Should an Industrial customer determine and establish to the satisfaction of the Company that the majority of metered water is consumed in the Industrial process and not entering the sanitary sewer lines as sewage or industrial waste, the customer may request Flat Rate Service, whereby, such customer shall be billed on an employee count as provided herein. The Reynolds Disposal Company reserves the right to review the disposition of industrial wastes at any time service is in force.

Industrial Service	Net Rate <u>Per Quarter</u>	
Per individual employee including employer and employees	\$38.77 (effective through May 31, 2021) (C)	
Industrial Service	Net Rate Per Month	(C)
Per individual employee including employer and employees	\$12.92 (effective June 1, 2021) \$15.73 (effective July 1 2021) \$17.17 (effective Jan. 1, 2022)	(C) (I) (I)

Industrial customers having their own source of water which does enter sewer lines shall furnish metering devices with prior approval of such device by the Company and will be billed on the basis of water consumed.

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# SCHEDULE OF FLAT RATES (CONTINUED) Domestic and Commercial Service

#### Domestic Service

The following flat rate for domestic service shall apply to single family dwellings having their own unmetered water supply. Should a second facility (apartment, mobile home, etc.) be added to an existing service, same shall be billed as an individual domestic unit.

<u>Domestic Service</u>	Per Quarter (effective through May 31, 2021)	(C)
Each Domestic Unit	\$118.27	

The following **monthly** flat rate for domestic service shall apply to single family dwellings having their own (C) unmetered water supply. Should a second facility (apartment, mobile home, etc.) be added to an existing service, same shall be billed as an individual domestic unit.

<u>Domestic Service</u>	Per Month	(C)
Each Domestic Unit Each Domestic Unit Each Domestic Unit	\$39.42 (effective June 1, 2021) \$47.98 (effective July 1, 2021) \$52.38 (effective January 1, 2022)	(C) (I)
		(1)
Commercial Service (effective through May 31, 2021)		(C)

The quarterly rate for Commercial Service customers having their own source of unmetered water shall be as follows:

Basic commercial customer with no more than two (2) individual (men and women) rest rooms, one (1) floor drain, one (1) supply sink, one (1) utility sink and one (1) drinking fountain shall be classed as single commercial.

Each additional connection (stack tap or floor drain) shall be added at the rate indicated below.

Known heavy users, such as Laundromats, car washes, or other water-intensive customers shall be billed at the same rates as metered customers with such quantities estimated on a monthly basis by a representative of Reynolds Disposal Company.

If such estimates are questioned by the customer, it shall be the responsibility of the customer to furnish metering devices with prior approval of such device by the Company.

	Commercial Service	Per Quarter
	Each Commercial Unit	\$121.90
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# SCHEDULE OF FLAT RATES (CONTINUED)

# Commercial Service

The **monthly** flat rate for Commercial Service customers having their own source of unmetered water shall (C) be as follows:

Basic commercial customer with no more than two (2) individual (men and women) rest rooms, one (1) floor drain, one (1) supply sink, one (1) utility sink and one (1) drinking fountain shall be classed as single commercial.

Each additional connection (stack tap or floor drain) shall be added at the rate indicated below.

Known heavy users, such as Laundromats, car washes, or other water-intensive customers shall be billed at the same rates as metered customers with such quantities estimated on a monthly basis by a representative of Reynolds Disposal Company.

If such estimates are questioned by the customer, it shall be the responsibility of the customer to furnish metering devices with prior approval of such device by the Company.

Commercial Service	Per Month	(C)
Each Commercial Unit Each Commercial Unit Each Commercial Unit	\$40.63 (effective June 1, 2021) \$49.46 (effective July 1, 2021) \$53.99 (effective January 1, 2022)	(C) (I) (I)

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# PENNVEST LOAN REPAYMENT

# **APPLICATION**

This schedule applies to all customers regardless of service classification and is applied to all **monthly** billing, whether based on gallons of usage or flat rate. (C)

#### <u>RATES</u>

Metered	\$2.3312 per 1,000 gallor	\$2.3312 per 1,000 gallon		
Unmetered: Residential and Commercial	\$12.43 per month	(C)	(I)	
Industrial - Per Individual Employee	\$5.72 per month	(C)	(I)	

# STATE TAX ADJUSTMENT SURCHARGE

A surcharge of 0.0% will apply to all services rendered on or after January 1, 2008.

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

- (a) Whenever any of the tax rates used in calculation of the surcharge is changed.
- (b) Whenever the utility makes effective any increased or decreased rates.
- (c) And on March 31, 1986, 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 that if the recomputed surcharge is <u>less</u> than the one in effect, the Utility <u>will</u>, and if the recomputed surcharge is <u>more</u> than the one then in effect, the Utility <u>may</u> submit with such recomputation, a tariff or supplement to reflect such recomputed surcharge the effective date which shall be 10 days after filing.

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# 5. DEPOSITS AND CREDIT STANDARDS

(C)

#### A. DEPOSITS:

The Company reserves the right to require a deposit equal to the estimated gross bill for any single billing period plus one month, the maximum period not to exceed four months, with a minimum of \$100 to secure payment of sewage disposal service rendered and damages to Reynolds Disposal Company property, where the credit of the Customer has not been established to the satisfaction of Title 52 Pa. Code Chapter 56. Upon receiving this deposit, the Company will pay simple interest at the rate of the average of one-year Treasury Bills for September, October, and November of the previous year, unless otherwise required by law. Upon deposits held for more than one year, at the option of the Company or the Customer, interest earned may be applied to service bills.

The Company will refund said deposit on notice to discontinue service and after payment in full has been made for all service rendered, or when the Customer shall have paid undisputed bills for service over a period of twelve consecutive months, beginning at any time subsequent to June 1, 1946, and any Customer having secured the return of a deposit shall not be required to make a new deposit unless the service has been discontinued and the Customer's credit standing impaired through failure to comply with tariff provisions, or whenever a Customer has been delinquent, as defined in Title 52 Pa. Code Chapter 56, in the payment of any two consecutive bills, or three or more bills within the preceding 12 months.

#### **B. CREDIT STANDARDS:**

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The Company will provide residential service to new customer without requiring a security deposit when the applicant meets one of the following requirements.

- OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY. The applicant owns or has entered into an agreement to purchase the property for which he is applying for service.
- PRIOR UTILITY PAYMENT HISTORY. The applicant has been a recipient of the Company's sewage disposal service within a period of 48 consecutive months preceding the date of the application and was primarily responsible for payment for such service, so long as:
  - 1. The service of the applicant was not terminated for nonpayment during the last 12 consecutive months of that prior service.
  - 2. The applicant does not have an unpaid balance for that prior service.
- <u>CREDIT INFORMATION</u>. The applicant provides information demonstrating that he is not an unsatisfactory credit risk. The absence of prior credit history does not, of itself, indicate an unsatisfactory credit risk.

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# B. CREDIT STANDARDS (CONTINUED):

(C)

• A customer will be considered a credit risk when he has been delinquent in the payment of any two consecutive bills or three or more bills within the preceding twelve months.

### 6. LEAKS, STOPPAGES, AND/OR DEFECTIVE PLUMBING

The Company shall not be liable for any damage or expense resulting from leaks, stoppages, or defective plumbing or from any other cause occurring to any premises or within any house or building; and it is expressly stipulated by and between the Company and the Customer that no claims shall be made against the said Company on account of the breaking, stoppage or any damage or expense to any part of the service line lying on said property.

# 7. PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL USE

It will be necessary to have a permit from the Company before making any connection to any main, service line, or pipe controlled by the Company. The Company will seek redress through Clause 5, Section 34, of the Act entitled "The General Corporation Act of 1874" for any violation of this Rule.

#### 8. THE COMPANY CAN CONTROL SERVICE

The Company shall not be liable for a deficiency or failure of service when occasioned by an emergency or to make repairs, connections, or failure from any cause beyond control. The Company reserves the right to restrict service whenever the public welfare may require it.

#### 9. VACATING PREMISES

When the premises are vacated, the Customer must give at least seven (7) days notice to the office of the Company that the service may be terminated and the Customer will specify the date on which it is desired that service be discontinued. In absence of such notice, the Customer will be responsible for the sewage service

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#### 9. VACATING PREMISES (continued)

until such notice is given. Customers desiring an abatement from sewage bills shall report same in writing or call in person at the office of the Company. All vacancies shall date seven (7) days from the day reported at the office of the Company. When vacancy is properly reported, an allowance will be made for the period of vacancy, but not for less than one month.

A new application must be made on any change of Customers, on a property as heretofore described, and the Company shall be at liberty to discontinue the service until such new application has been made and approved.

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