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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority – Water – R-2023-3039920;
The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority – Wastewater – R-2023-3039921;
The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority – Stormwater – R-2023-3039919

Petition of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for Authorization to Implement a
Customer Assistance Charge – Docket No. P-2023-3040678

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

A Joint Petition for Settlement regarding the above captioned matters was filed on October 30, 2023 by the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”). It was subsequently brought to our attention that Appendix E: Pro Forma Supplement No. 14 to Tariff Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 (red-line of current tariff) to the Joint Petition for Settlement as initially filed was incomplete. Enclosed please find the complete Exhibit E which we respectfully ask to have included as part of the Joint Petition for Settlement. We apologize for any inconvenience. Copies to be served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,



Deanne M. O'Dell

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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Gail M. Chiodo w/enc.
Cert. of Service w/enc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of **Appendix E to the Joint Petition for Settlement** upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54.

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Appendix E

To

**Joint Petition for
Settlement**

Docket Nos.

R-2023-3039919, et. al.

**Appendix E: Pro Forma Supplement No. 14 to Tariff Water
(red-line of current tariff)**

Supplement No. 14
Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1

THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE
TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN

Issued: ~~TBD March 3, 2023~~ Effective: ~~TBD~~

BY: William J. Pickering, Chief Executive Officer
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Tel: 412-255-8800

NOTICE

This tariff makes changes in ~~rates rules and regulations~~
~~regarding private service line leak repair~~ as approved by the
Commission in its Final Order entered ~~TBD at March 2, 2023 at~~
~~Docket No. R-2023-3039920 P-2022-3030253.~~

LIST OF CHANGES

TABLE OF CONTENTS (PAGE NO. 3):

Added page numbers for new PennVest Charge (PVC).

**PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A - RATES FOR METERED SERVICE -
NUMBER 1 MINIMUM OR BASE CHARGE (PAGE NO. 8)**

Term "Base" added in addition to "Minimum" to describe fixed charge. Added rates for Minimum or Base Charges which will increase for all customer classes. Text moved from Page No. 8 to new Page No. 8a

**PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A - RATES FOR METERED SERVICE -
NUMBER 2 CONSUMPTION CHARGE (NEW PAGE NO. 8A)**

Added rates for Consumption Charges which will increase for all customer classes. Removed references to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213 as no longer applicable.

**PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A-RATES FOR METERED SERVICE -
NUMBER 3 PENNVEST CHARGE (PVC) (NEW PAGES NO. 8B-8D)**

New text describing PennVest Charge to include purpose, effective rate, computation, semi-annual adjustments, and annual reconciliation.

**PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION A.1 - RATES FOR UNMETERED SERVICE
(PAGE NO. 9)**

Added rates for Unmetered Service which will increase for all rate classes.

LIST OF CHANGES (con't)

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION B - FIRE PROTECTION RATES (PAGE NOS. 10 AND 11)

Added rates for Private and Public Fire Protection Rates all rate classes. Removed references to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213 as no longer applicable.

PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION I - SALES FOR RESALE (WHOLESALE) (PAGE NO. 16)

Added rates for Sales for Resale classes.

RIDER BDP - BILL DISCOUNT PROGRAM (RESIDENTIAL) (PAGE NO. 19)

Increase eligibility from 150% of FPL to 200% of FPL. Increased the discount available for BDP participants with income at or below 50% of FPL. Added text that BDP participants will pay 50% of the PVC charge.

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PART I: SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Section A - Rates for Metered Service

1. **Minimum (or Base) Charge***: Each customer will be assessed a service charge based upon the size of the customer's meter as follows except that residential customers residing in newly constructed townhomes who are required to install a meter larger than 5/8" for fire protection and due to City ordinance requirements, may request assessment of the 5/8" minimum charge and usage allowance: (C)

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Gallons</u>	<u>Per Month Rate</u> <u>(Effective January 12, 2022)</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>January 1, 2023</u>	(C)
5/8"	1,000	\$31.54	\$27.00	\$26.52	(I)
3/4"	2,000	\$55.26	\$45.12	\$46.47	(I)
1"	5,000	\$121.38	\$94.17	\$102.08	(I)
1 1/2"	10,000	\$240.01	\$184.73	\$201.85	(I)
2"	17,000	\$401.04	\$306.23	\$337.28	(I)
3"	40,000	\$911.28	\$685.83	\$766.42	(I)
4"	70,000	\$1,562.27	\$1,165.81	\$1,313.93	(I)
6"	175,000	\$3,774.85	\$2,777.07	\$3,174.80	(I)
8"	325,000	\$6,877.76	\$5,018.53	\$5,784.48	(I)
10" or Larger	548,000	\$11,393.44	\$8,249.44	\$9,582.36	(I)

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(C) = Change (I)= Increase (D)=Decrease

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2. **Consumption Charge:** In addition to the Minimum or Base Charge, the following water consumption charges will apply for each 1,000 gallons above the Minimum Gallons for each meter size: (C)

Customer Class	Consumption Charge Rate per 1000 Gals.	Effective January 12, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023	
Residential		\$13.10	\$16.38 \$14.64	(C) (I)
Commercial*		\$12.61	\$16.58 \$13.80	(I)
Industrial**		\$10.96	\$16.50 \$12.13	(I)
Health or Education		\$15.65	\$20.70 \$16.29	(I)

The rate under this schedule applies to all customers, except public fire protection and private fire protection customers, unless otherwise specifically identified in this tariff.

* Rate applies to City of Pittsburgh Municipal Accounts but bills will be calculated based on a phase-in factor pursuant to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213.

** Rate applies to any new bulk water customers.

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3. **PennVest Charge (PVC)**: In addition to the charges provided in this tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy at 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.361 et seq., and Section 1307(a) of the Public Utility Code, the PVC will apply uniformly to all classes of water customers (with the exception of public fire protection customers) for each 1,000 gallons consumed.

a. **Purpose**. The purpose of the PVC is to begin timely recovery of specific interest only and principal and interest ("PI") obligations due by PWSA for loans, not grants, received from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PennVest") when they first become due and until fully repaid and will remain in effect until costs are fully recovered.

b. The currently effective PVC is:

Customer Class	PennVest Charge Rate per 1000 Gals.
All Customers	\$0.00

The above charge per 1000 Gallons is determined as follows:

$$\text{PVC} = \text{PI} / \text{Consumption}$$

$$\text{PVC} = \text{PennVest Charge per 1,000 gallons}$$

$$\text{PI} = \text{Annual Interest Only and/or Principal and Interest payments per PennVest Loans identified below}$$

Consumption = total projected consumption in 1000s gallons used by all customers in forecast year

- f. **Credit Calculation:** An over-collection occurs after the annual PI is fully recovered within the 12-months subject to the Annual Reconciliation. Interest on over-collections will be calculated in the first full month after the over-collection occurred at the residential mortgage lending specified by the Secretary of Banking in accordance with the Loan Interest and Protection Law (41 P.S. §§ 101, et seq.).
- g. The charge will be effective the first billing cycle immediately following the effective date of the tariff supplement. The PVC shall remain in effect if and until included in the general base rates of the Authority; provided, however, that the charge may be continued or adjusted by the Authority as additional PennVest loans, which have been approved for other PWSA Infrastructure Improvement projects, become due and payable.
- h. The charge will be reflected as a separate line item on each customer's bill.
- i. The Authority will segregate all revenues dedicated for PennVest repayment so long as the charge remains in effect.

Section A.1 - Rates for Unmetered Service

As of September 1, 2018, enrollment for Unmetered Service will be closed and no new Unmetered Service customers will be accepted by the Authority. Customers who are receiving unmetered service will be assessed a monthly customer charge per unmetered connection as follows:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Customer Charge Per Month</u>		
	<u>Effective January 12, 2022</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2023</u>	
Residential (per unit)	\$66.30	\$70.44 \$80.68	(C) (I)
Commercial*	\$77.86	\$82.92 \$97.86	(I)

~~*Rate does not apply to City of Pittsburgh Municipal Accounts pursuant to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213.~~

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Section B - Fire Protection Rates

1. Private Fire Protection: A customer charge for non-residential private fire protection service will be assessed as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Line Size (if unmetered)</u>	<u>Customer Charge Per Month (effective January 12, 2022)</u>	<u>Customer Charge Per Month (effective January 1, 2023)</u>	(C)
1" or Less	2"	\$26.92	\$15.43 \$31.39	(I)
1 1/2"-3"	3"	\$82.20	\$46.28 \$97.60	(I)
4"	4"	\$256.85	\$152.25 \$314.87	(I)
6" or Greater	6" or Greater	\$519.70	\$325.06 \$654.54	(I)

2. In addition to any customer charge as applicable above, all customers shall be charged for consumption pursuant to the following terms:

a. In the event of a confirmed fire, no charge shall be made for the use of water to fight the fire using private fire hydrants or fire abatement equipment. Customers whose fire equipment has been activated to fight a fire should notify the Authority to assure that the associated water use will not be billed.

b. For consumption of water related to testing, training on, and maintenance of private fire hydrants and fire abatement equipment, consumption charges shall be billed in accordance with the following rates for water consumption. Water used from private fire protection for these purposes should be based on meter readings where possible. If a meter cannot be used, the Authority will estimate the usage.

Consumption Charge
Rate per 1,000 Gals.

	<u>Effective January 12, 2022</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2023</u>	(C)
Private Fire Protection	\$22.90	\$39.05 \$27.11	(D)

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3. Public Fire Protection: For public fire protection, the charges will be assessed as follows:

		Per Hydrant Charge Per Month		
		<u>Effective January 12, 2022</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2023</u>	(C)
Public Fire Protection*	\$15.62	\$18.35 \$20.69		(I)

**Rate applies to City of Pittsburgh Municipal Accounts but bills will be calculated based on a phase-in factor pursuant to 71 P.S. §§ 720.211 to 720.213.*

No charge shall be made for the use of water to fight a confirmed fire or for reasonable testing, training on, and maintenance of public fire hydrants and abatement equipment.

For use other than public fire protection, charges based on metered usage of a hydrant as set forth in Part II, Section H.3. (C)

(I) = Increase, (C) = Change

Section I - Sales for Resale (Wholesale)

1. Application: This schedule applies to all new sales of water to other water utilities or public authorities for resale.
2. Rates and Terms of Service: A customer consumption charge per 1,000 gallons of usage will be assessed as follows:

<u>Consumption Charge</u> Rate per 1000 Gals.		
<u>effective</u> <u>January 12, 2022</u>		<u>effective</u> <u>January 1, 2023</u> (C)
Sales for Resale	\$9.77	\$10.89 \$12.96 (I)

3. Contracts stipulating the negotiated rate and negotiated terms of Sale for Resale Service may be renegotiated and/or entered into between the Authority and Customer or Applicant when the Authority, in its sole discretion, deems such offering to be economically advantageous to the Authority. Service under this rate is interruptible, and the Authority reserves the right to interrupt service at Authority's discretion.

Section J - New Automatic Payment Enrollment Credit

(C)

Customers enrolling in paperless billing and establishing automatic bill payments for the first time will receive a one-time credit of \$5.00. For customers receiving water, wastewater, and/or storm water service from PWSA, this credit will only be applied once per PWSA account.

(C)= Change; (I) Increase

Rider BDP - Bill Discount Program (Residential)

1. Bill Discount Program: This rider is a program designed to enroll residential ratepayers who satisfy the criteria set forth below in a monthly discounted rate program.
 2. Availability: This rider is available for a Residential customer that meets the low-income criteria of annual household gross income at or below ~~200~~**150**% of the Federal Poverty Level. (C)
 - a. A residential ratepayer who meets the eligibility criteria should complete an application for the Bill Discount Program.
 - b. Eligible customers may be asked to verify income every two years.
 3. Rate (Minimum ~~or~~ **Base** Charge): The Minimum ~~or~~ **Base** Charge for residential service pursuant to Rider BDP will be 0% of the prevailing Minimum Service Charge under Part I, Section A. Any other rates, fees and charges will be at the prevailing amounts under this tariff. (C)
 4. Rate (Consumption Charge): The Consumption Charge for residential service pursuant to Rider BDP for participants with income at or below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level will pay ~~4~~**5**0% of the prevailing Consumption Charge under Part I, Section A (which represents a ~~5~~**6**0% discount off the charge). Any other rates, fees and charges will be at the prevailing amounts under this tariff. (D)
 5. PennVest Charge ("PVC"): ~~BDP participants will pay 50% of the PVC.~~ (C)
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