Supplement No. 48 to Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6

### CITY OF LANCASTER

## RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

### GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

IN

TERRITORY OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LANCASTER INCLUDING AREAS IN THE BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF

EAST HEMPFIELD, EAST LAMPETER, LANCASTER, MANHEIM, MANOR, PEQUEA, WEST HEMPFIELD, AND WEST LAMPETER IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

# **NOTICE**

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This Tariff increases rates for all customers

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# List of Changes Made by this Tariff

This Supplement increases jurisdictional rates by \$2,499,883 or 13.2% over existing rates. Both customer charges and volumetric rates are increased for all customer classes.

This Supplement eliminates a charge for a 1 1/4-inch meter as no customers exist under this rate.

This Supplement creates a separate charge for customers with a 3/4-inch meter – one (3/4-inch) for customers whose service line is 3/4-inch or less and another  $(3/4 \times 1$ -inch) for customers whose service line is 1-inch.

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# <u>Schedule of Rates</u> <u>Meter Rate - General Service</u>

# **Application**

This Schedule applies to all service other than (1) emergency sales for resale and (2) fire protection (See Section 3).

<u>Customer Charges</u> (I)(C)

All metered customers shall be subject to a monthly or quarterly customer charge, based on the required size of meter to render adequate service.

Size of Meter	Customer Charge		Size of Meter	Customer Charge	
	Per Month	Per Quarter		Per Month	Per Quarter
5/8"	\$7.95	\$23.85	3"	\$102.40	\$307.20
3/4"	\$9.30	\$27.90	4"	\$159.90	\$479.70
3/4 x 1"	\$16.70	\$50.10	6"	\$318.00	\$954.00
1"	\$21.10	\$63.60	8"	\$503.60	\$1,510.80
1-1/2"	\$33.20	\$99.60	10"	\$666.20	\$1,998.60
2"	\$51.90	\$155.70	12"	\$1,004.55	\$3,013.64

## Consumption Charges — Residential, Commercial and Industrial

In addition to the customer charge the following water consumption charges will apply:

	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
For the first 25,000 gallons/month or 75,000 gallons/quarter	\$4.796
For the next 575,000 gallons/month or 1,725,000 gallons/quarter	\$3.949
For all over 600,000 gallons/month or 1,800,000 gallons/quarter	\$3.710
Consumption Charge — Large Industrial for all consumption	\$3.568

The minimum charge shall be the customer charge.

When more than one meter is installed on the premises for the convenience of the customer, the above consumption and customer charges will be assessed against the individual meters.

## Schedule of Rates

# Meter Rate - Water Sold for Resale Purposes

## **Application**

This Schedule is applicable to all metered sales to public utilities and municipal corporations for resale purposes.

## **Customer Charges**

Size of	Minimum Charge	Minimum Charge Per Quarter	
Meter	Per Month		
4"	\$159.90	\$479.70	
6"	\$318.00	\$954.00	
8"	\$503.60	\$1,510.80	
10"	\$666.20	\$1,998.60	

# **Consumption Charges**

In addition to the customer charge the following water consumption charges will apply:

## Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

For all consumption \$3.758

The minimum charge shall be the customer charge.

When more than one meter is installed on the premises for the convenience of the customer, the above consumption and customer charges will be assessed against the individual meters.

## **Schedule of Rates**

## Flat Rate — Private Fire Protection Service

## **Application**

This Schedule is applicable to all private fire lines serving yard hydrants and automatic sprinkler or fire service systems located inside buildings, if (1) adequate provision is made to prevent the use of water from such service connections for purposes other than fire extinguishing and (2) a detector check, of a type approved by the Bureau of Water, is installed on the customer's fire service line, said detector check to be purchased and installed at the customer's expense.

#### Rate:

	Per Month	Per Quarter
1" Connection	\$ 3.23	\$ 9.69
1½" Connection	7.27	21.81
2" Connection	12.92	38.76
3" Connection	29.06	87.18
4" Connection	42.34	127.02
6" Connection	68.90	206.70
8" Connection	119.15	357.45
10" Connection	159.91	479.73
12" Connection	231.01	693.03

No charge will be made for water used for extinguishment of accidental fires. All consumption recorded by the disc (small flow) meter, whether from use of water for other purposes, or from leakage from customer-owned pipelines, will be billed at the meter rate for General Service.

## Sec. 4 - Service Connections, cont.

### B. Utility's Service Lines, cont.

- 4.12 Hereafter only one customer will be supplied through one service pipe. Where more than one customer is now supplied through one service pipe under the control of one curb cock, it shall be replaced by separate curb stops and curb boxes for each customer in accordance with Rule 4.5, at the convenience of the utility. All service lines will be the same size as the curb stop up to the water meter. The curb stop shall be six (6) inches behind curbs or pavement edges. If the curb box is in a driveway, the box must be a two (2) inch box. The curb box must be aligned with the shut-off valve, plumb, backfilled and tamped in place, and be at grade after any landscaping. The curb box must be straight and centered on the shut off valve before the City will take ownership of the valve. (C)
- 4.13 Where renewal of a service line of the utility is found to be necessary, the utility wilt renew said service line in the same location as the old one. However, if the customer, for his own convenience, desires the utility's service line at some other location and agrees to pay all expenses of such relocation in excess of the cost of installing the new service line in the same location as the old and cutting off and disconnecting the old service line, the utility will lay the new service line at the location desired. Should the customer, for his convenience, request that the service be renewed using larger size materials than deemed necessary by the utility, the utility will renew the service using the larger size materials, provided the customer pays the additional cost.
- 4.14 The utility is not responsible for the installation and/or maintenance of the customers water lines beyond the end of the utility's service line.

## C. Customer's Service Line

- 4.15 Each customers service line shall be installed and maintained by or on behalf of such customer at his own expense. A customer's service, line shall be of a material and at a location approved by the utility.
- 4.16 The customer's service line shall not: (a) occupy the same trench with, or be placed within eighteen inches of any sewer pipe of any facility of any other public service company, except that a common trench may be ledged for the service if approved by the utility; or (b) be placed within three feet of any open excavation or vault; or (c) pass through any premises other than those served by such customer's service line.
- 4.17 There shall be placed in the service line, inside the wall of the building supplied, at the expense of the customer, a roundway brass stop and waste cock, easily accessible to the occupants for their protection in enabling them to turn off the water in case of leaks, and to drain the pipe to prevent freezing.
- 4.18 Where any service line is directly connected to a heating unit (water heater, steam bailer, etc.) a cheek valve and a relief valve shall be inserted in the line between the utility's meter and said heating unit at the maximum distance possible from the utility's meter.

## (C) Indicates Change

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#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### Sec. 5 – Application for Service

### A. Application

5.1 Each applicant for water service will be required to sign a form provided by the utility, and an agreement to abide by all the rules and regulations of the utility.

The applicant shall provide the following:

- 1. Owner or builder name, phone number, and email address;
- 2. New service address and the date on which the applicant will be ready for service;
- 3. Whether the premises have ever before been supplied by the utility;
- 4. The purpose for which the service is to be used;
- 5. Lot number;
- 6. The size of the service;
- 7. The address to which bills are to be mailed or delivered;
- 8. Whether the application is the owner or tenant of, or agent for, the premises;
- 9. Plumber's name, phone number, and email address;
- 10. Applicable plumbing permit if required by the municipality where service is requested;
- 11. Acknowledgment of the applicable rate schedule.

The application is merely a written request for service and does not bind the applicant to take service for any period of time longer than the one upon which the rates and minimum charges of the applicable rate schedule are based; neither does it bind the utility to give service, except under reasonable conditions.

- 5.2 Developers shall also complete a service installation form and a water application form for all lots in the development prior to any construction. The developer will provide the following:
  - A copy of the development plans, showing the lot number, address, and Lancaster County Real Estate tax map;
  - 2. Lot numbers painted on the curb;
  - 3. A W = water; painted or stamped on the concrete where the service is requested.

The developer will be responsible for curb boxes until the utility has made final inspection. Only one water lateral will be permitted for each proposed lot. (C)

- 5.3 Commercial and Industrial applicants shall also provide:
  - 1. Prints showing tap of the main and location of the meter;
  - 2. Completion of New Service Backflow Prevention Form, before construction;
  - 3. Provide a capacity request letter in gallons per day;
  - 4. Obtain utility approval before bidding to construct the new service;
  - 5. Provide copy of any municipal required street excavation permit if the street must be disturbed.

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#### B. Change in Customer's Equipment

Customers making any material change in the size, character, or extent of the equipment or operations utilizing water service, or whose change In operations results in a large increase In the use of water, shall immediately give the utility written notice of the nature of the change and, if necessary, amend their application.

#### C. Change of Ownership of Property

Where customer is owner of premises supplied with water service, he should immediately notify the Bureau of Water, if and when the property is sold, and the new owner or tenant should sign an application for water service, so that bills for water service will be properly addressed.

#### (C) - Indicates Change.

# Sec. 6 - Special Contracts

Contracts, other than applications, may be required prior to service, under the following conditions:

- 1. When construction of special extension facilities is necessary.
- 2. For temporary service. (See Sec. 13.)
- 3. For tire protection service.
- 4. For connections with other qualified utilities for emergency service.

#### Sec. 7 - Meters

# A. Ownership and Protection of Meter

- 7.1 All meters will be furnished and maintained, as far as ordinary wear is concerned, by the utility, end remain the property of the utility, and be accessible to and subject to its control. A gate valve shall be placed on the service line on the street side of and near the meter (Rule 4.17), and a suitable check valve and a relief valve shall be inserted in the line between the utility's meter and any heating unit directly connected to the service line (Rule 4.18); all to be placed by end remain the property of the customer.
- 7.2 The customer shell be responsible to the utility at all times for proper protection of the meter from injury or loss of the meter arising out of or caused by customers negligence or carelessness, or that of his servants, agents, employees, or any person upon his premises, under, or by authority of, his consent, or sufferance. The customer shall permit no one who is not an agent of the utility or otherwise lawfully authorized so to do, to remove, inspect, or tamper with the utility's meter or other property of the utility on his premises. The customer is also responsible for all equipment that is used to monitor water consumption. If the meter is lost, broken, lighting damaged, frozen and breaks, or any part of the assembly (meter, wire, and outside pad) is damaged by the customer, the customer shall be responsible for the cost to replace the meter and/or damaged assembly parts. (C)
- 7.3 If a range boiler, or heating boiler, is directly connected to the pipelines, the utility will install an approved type of positive action relief valve on the outlet side of the meter to protect the meter from hot water, at the expense of the customer.

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#### Sec. 7 - Meters, cont.

## B. Size and Location of Meter

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7.4 The utility will determine the size and location for the meter. The meter shall be placed at a convenient, accessible location, in a horizontal position, approved by the utility so as to control the entire supply. Meters shall not be higher than 4 feet from the floor. Water lines shall not run under the floor to the meter. A valve will be installed in front of and after the meter. A flared or compression fitting must be used at the first valve before the meter. Copper pipe shall be used up to the valve.

The ERT (encoder-receiver-transmitter) for the meter must be mounted on the wall no lower than 3 feet, at a location approved by the utility. If the customer fails to install the ERT and/or wire at the location required, the service line will be shut off until all requirements have been complied with.

For ERT pit installations, complete any necessary drilling to hook up the antenna for the meter before the meter installation. Pits in a wooded area require pressure treated posts with half plastic piping to cover the wire from the pit to the post. Pits that are on a hill require the post to be mounted at the bottom of the hill, and in an area that allow the utility reader access to get to the ERT. If the utility decides the meter is to be placed within the building to be served, the customer shall provide free of charge and expense to the utility an easily accessible place near the entrance of the service pipe, If the utility decides the meter is to be located outside the building to be served, it must be placed in an approved meter box furnished by the utility at the expense of the customer. (C)

7.5 Meters moved for the convenience of the customer will be relocated at the customer's expense. If the service line from the curb box to the location of the water meter exceeds 100 feet, a meter pit is required. The pit shall be located within 15 feet of the property line. Note that the utility engineer will review the meter pit. A backflow prevention device will be required in accordance with the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Policies and Procedures Manual (See Section 14.2 of the tariff). (C)

### C. Periodic Meter Tests

7.6 All meters shall be tested periodically by the utility without cost to the customer, and the customer may have the meter tested at any other time by making a written application to the Bureau of Water and providing a deposit, as indicated in Rule 7.8, to defray the cost of the special test.

### D. Meter Testing in Disputed Account

- 7.7 In case of a disputed account, involving the accuracy of a meter, such meter shall be tested upon the request of the applicant, in conformity with the provisions of the rules and regulations pertaining to Water Service Utilities, of the Public Utility Commission.
- 7.8 The meter will be tested upon the written request of the Customer and refund made if a meter is found to be fast at any test in accordance with the Rules set forth in the Water Regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. The Customer shall pay a deposit in advance for testing of the meter in accordance with fees established by the Commission in 52 Pa, Code §65.8(h). If the meter tested upon such request shall be found to be accurate within the limits specified by the Commission, the fee shall be retained by the City; but if not so found, then the cost thereof shall be borne by the City and the fee deposited by the Customer shall be refunded.

# (C) Indicates Change

## See. 8 - Discontinuance of Service

# A. Customer's Request for Service Discontinuance

- 8.1 When premises are unoccupied, the customer shall notify the utility in writing and the water will be turned off and all charges for water will cease from the date that the water is turned off by the utility. When the property is again occupied, the customer shall again notify the utility in writing and the water will be turned on. No allowance or refund will be made for unoccupied property when written notice both at time of vacancy and at time of occupancy has not been given as above provided, No refund will be allowed for property unoccupied for a *less* period of time than one month.
- B. Discontinuance of Service for Failure to Obey Rules
- 8.2 Service may be discontinued by the utility after due notice to customer for any one of the following reasons:
  - (a) Use of water by a customer, or with his consent, for any purpose or at any location or property other than those or that described in the application;
  - (b) Failure of a customer to maintain and repair his portion of service line;
  - (c) Undue waste of water by a customer or with his consent;
  - (d) Failure of a customer to pay a bill for water service within the period herein specified or failure to pay any other fee or charge herein provided;
  - (e) Violation by a customer, or with his consent, of any of these Rules and Regulations.
- 8.3 If the utility has reason to suspect that any customer has tampered with the curb cock after the water has been turned off from the premises, the utility may shut off the water at the main, and it will not be again turned on until satisfactory assurance is given that the practice will be discontinued and all bills, including labor, supplies, and permits, incurred in shutting off and turning on the water are paid in fall.

#### C. Restoration—Reconnection Charge

8.4 A charge of eighty-three dollars (\$83.00) payable in advance will be made for turning on water in restoration of service after discontinuance for any of the reasons specified in Rule 8.2.
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- (D) Indicates Decrease
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# Sec. 9 - Deposits

9.1 If the utility requires a deposit pursuant to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff or the Water Regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, deposits will be handled in accordance with any applicable Commission regulations and the Public Utility Code. (C)

(C) Indicates Change

## Sec. 12 - Bills Due and Payment

- 12.1 Meters will be read at regular monthly or quarterly intervals, at the option of the utility, for the preparation of regular bills, and as required for the preparation of opening bills, closing bills, and special bills.
  - 12.2 All bills for unmetered service shall be rendered quarterly in arrears.
- 12.3 The customer will be responsible for the payment for all service rendered by the utility until written notice to discontinue same is received and reasonable time from receipt of said notice shall have elapsed for the utility to take the final reading of the meter.
- 12.4 If any monthly or quarterly bill for water service is not paid within thirty (30) days after the date on which the bill is rendered, a penalty of one and one-quarter percent (1-1/4%) of the amount of said bill shall be imposed thereon, and further, the water shall be shut off after giving the customer ten (10) days written notice of the utility's intention to do so. Upon payment by the customer of an additional charge of eighty-three dollars (\$83.00) as the charge for restoring service, the customer will be returned to service.

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- 12.5 Payments mailed, as evidenced by the United States Post Office mark, on or previous to the last day of the period in which the payment becomes due will be deemed by the utility to be a payment of the bill within the period in which it becomes due.
- 12.6 Bills or notices, relating to the utility or its business, shall be mailed or delivered to the customer's last address as shown by the books of the utility and the utility shall not be otherwise responsible for delivery. The utility shall deliver or mail all such notices and bills to the address given on the application, until a change, in writing, has been filed with the utility by the applicant. Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any customer from the payment of the bill or from being subject to the above provisions with regard to discontinuance of service. The presentation of a bill to the customer is a matter of accommodation and not a waiver of this rule.
- (D) Indicates Decrease
- (C) Indicates Change

#### Sec. 13 - Temporary Service

- A. Charge for Water Service
- 13.1 Charges for water furnished through a temporary service connection shall be at the established rates for other customers.
- B. Installation Charge and Deposits
  - 13.2 The applicant for temporary service will be required:
    - (a) To pay the utility, in advance, the estimated cost of installing and removing all facilities necessary to furnish such service.
    - (b) To deposit an amount sufficient to cover bills for water during the entire period such service may be used, or to otherwise establish his credit.
    - (c) To deposit with the utility an amount equal to the value of any equipment loaned by the utility to such applicant for use on temporary services.
- C. Responsibility for Meters and Installation
- 13.3 The customer shall use all possible care to prevent damage to the meter or to any other loaned facilities of the utility which are involved in furnishing the temporary service from the time they are installed until they are removed, or until 48 hours' notice in writing has been given to the utility that the contractor or other person is through with the meter or meters and the installation. If the meter or other facilities are damaged, the cost of making repairs shall be paid by the customer,.
- D. Temporary Service from a Fire Hydrant/Construction Water
- 13.4 Water for construction purposes may be furnished by a metered service line from the main or by a utility issued permit to use a fire hydrant with a utility issued isolation device and billing meter. Fire hydrant connections are only available at the locations outlined in Section 13.5. There shall be no hook-ups at the curb stop. A permit fee may be required for the utility issued isolation device with billing meter. If temporary service is supplied through a fire hydrant, a permit for the use of the hydrant shall he obtained from the municipality and the utility, It is specifically prohibited to operate the valve of any fire hydrant other than by the use of a spanner wrench designed for this purpose.

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- E. Non-Potable Bulk Water Loading Stations

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PADEP required that the utility permit all locations where water is withdrawn from hydrants connected to the utility's distribution system. The Customer must contact the utility to arrange for a permit and a utility issued isolation device and billing meter before water may be withdrawn at any of the PADEP approved locations listed below:

Conestoga Water Treatment Plant, 150 Pitney Road, Lancaster, PA

Susquehanna Water Treatment Plant, 900 South Fifteenth Street, Columbia, PA

WH-14459 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Rear East Lampeter Township Building

WH-14460 2056 Waterford Drive

WH-12369 506 Ashton Place

WH-11161 642 Fountain Avenue

WH-12606 5 Bentley Lane

WH-14778 55 Cartledge Lane

WH-12460 140 South Tree Drive

WH-17766 400 Block of East Fulton Street North Side

WH-11735 451 College Avenue

WH-10385 Green Street at South Duke Street

WH-10848 347 North Reservoir Street

WH-10580 Ruby Street at 6th Street

WH-11822 304 South Broad Street

WH-10254 North Queen Street at Penn Square

WH-10621 Fairview Avenue at Fremont Street

WH-11786 750 West Chestnut Street

WH-11153 756 Hamilton Street

WH-10684 861 Marjory Terrace

The utility reserves the right to update this list as may be necessary at the direction of the PADEP, without the approval of the Commission, upon the filing of a revised tariff leaf with the Commission. (C)

#### F. Unauthorized Use

13.6 Tampering with any fire hydrant for the unauthorized use of water therefrom, or for any other purpose, is a criminal offense, punishable by law. (C)

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#### Sec. 14 - Cross Connections

14.1 Water service not supplied by the utility shall not be connected or cross-connected with the utility's facilities.

14.2 Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control -The utility recognizes that certain water customers have water systems that have connections to apparatus, vessels, etc., which may have impurities in varying degrees that, if not properly isolated and contained, could contaminate and/or pollute both the customer's water system and the utility's water distribution system. The utility has developed a Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Policies and Procedures Manual, which manual is incorporated herein by reference, as updated from time to time and is available on the City's website. This Manual defines the policy and procedures of the City of Lancaster and the water Customer's responsibility regarding backflow prevention and cross-connection.

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14.3 All Commercial, Industrial, and Bulk water customers shall have an approved backflow prevention device consistent with the degree of hazard, as defined by the utility, at the service connection. The backflow protection shall be a properly installed double check valve assembly, or a reduced pressure zone device as determined by the utility. In addition, all fire systems that constitute a potential cross connection shall have a utility-approved double check detector assembly at the lines leading to the fire system.

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Residential Customers shall be required to install an approved backflow prevention device when they apply for a plumbing permit.

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14.5 The utility will terminate water service to a customer's facility if it is determined that a serious contamination potential exists.

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- 14.6 The utility requires that the Customer shall provide for the testing, maintenance, and repair of backflow devices by a certified backflow prevention assembly technician at least once a year or whenever failure has occurred or is suspected in order to maintain the devices in satisfactory operating condition. The Customer shall also provide, through a certified backflow prevention assembly technician, for the overhaul or replacement of such devices if they are found to be defective. Records of such tests, repairs, overhauls, and replacements shall be submitted by the Customer to the utility. Customers shall be responsible for maintaining records of such tests and related maintenance for a period of the most recent three (3) years. The installation, care, maintenance and repair of backflow devices are at the customer's expense. (C)
- 14.7 Non-compliance with the preceding requirements after due notification may result in the discontinuation of water service. The Customer may be required to reimburse the utility for all costs associated with such action.

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#### Sec. 15 - Frozen Service Lines

15,1 Should any service line become frozen, the utility will thaw out, at its own expense, that portion of the frozen service line between the main and the curb. The customer shall, at his own expense, thaw out that pardon of the frozen service line between the curb and his premises.

#### Sec. 16 - Pools and Tanks

- 16.1 When an abnormally large quantity of water is desired for filling a swimming pool or for other purposes, arrangements must be made with the utility prior to taking such water.
- 16.2 Permission to take water in unusual quantities will be given only if it can be safely delivered through the utility's facilities and if other customers are not inconvenienced.

## (C) Indicates Change

## Sec. 19 - Access to Premises

19.1 The utility or its duly authorized agents shall at all reasonable times have the right to enter or leave the customers premises for any purpose properly connected with the service of water to the customer.

# Sec. 20 - Interruptions in Service

- 20.1 The utility shall not be liable for damage resulting from an interruption in service. Temporary shutdowns may be resorted to by the utility for improvements and repairs. Whenever possible, and as time permits, all customers affected will be notified prior to such shutdowns.
- 20.2 The utility will not be liable for interruption, shortage or insufficiency of supply, or for any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if caused by accident, act of God, fire, strikes, riots, war or any other cause not within its control. The utility, whenever it shall find it necessary or convenient for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to its system, shall have the right temporarily to suspend delivery of water and it shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned thereby. Repairs or improvements will be prosecuted as rapidly as is practicable and, so far as possible, at such times as will cause the least inconvenience to the customers.

## Sec. 21 - Changing Rules and Regulations

21.1 These rules can only be changed in the manner provided by the Public Utility Law. (C)

# (C) Indicates Change