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January 20, 2016

VIA EMAIL: [cgassert@urc.in.gov](mailto:cgassert@urc.in.gov)

Mr. E. Curtis Gassert, Director  
Water and Wastewater Division  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 W Washington St , Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Simultaneous Water Tracker for Brown County Water Utility, Inc. ("BCW")

Dear Mr. Gassert:

As you may know on January 5, 2016, BCW filed its Request for Approval of a Procedure to Simultaneously Track its Increase in Purchased Water Costs Resulting from Citizens Water's Rate Increase ("Request") in Cause No. 44644. The Request was granted by the Presiding Officer on the record at the January 12, 2016, hearing in Cause No. 44644.

Please find enclosed, pursuant to BCW's approved Request, a verified Water Tracker Application proposing to simultaneously track BCW's increase in purchased water cost resulting from the Citizens Water increase to be approved in Cause No. 44644, together with the copy of the Corporation Resolution approving same, and the utility's current schedule of rates and charges incorporating the water tracker. BCW provides service in four (4) counties and will be publishing the notices required by 170 IAC 6-5-8. BCW will provide the proof of publication of the notices when it receives them.

Kindly hold this Application to be approved on the same day as the Citizens Water rate order in Cause No. 44644, consistent with BCW's Request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I remain,

Cordially,  
Cline, King & King, P.C.

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**BROWN COUNTY WATER UTILITY, INC.**

5130 N State Road 135  
Morgantown, IN 46160

**SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES**

Per IURC Cause No. 44648  
Approved November 18, 2015

**(a) Metered User Block (Retail Customers)**

For the use of and service rendered by the Brown County Water Utility, Inc. based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

		Rate per <u>1,000 Gallons</u>
First	4,000 gallons per month	\$ 13.16 *
Next	2,000 gallons per month	12.73 *
Next	2,000 gallons per month	12.41 *
Next	2,000 gallons per month	10.90 *
Next	5,000 gallons per month	9.35 *
Next	35,000 gallons per month	6.30 *
Over	50,000 gallons per month	4.79 *

**(b) Metered User Minimum Schedule**

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
5/8 -inch meter	2,000	\$ 26.32 *
3/4 -inch meter	3,000	39.48 *
1 -inch meter	5,000	65.37 *
1 1/2 -inch meter	10,000	124.72 *
2 -inch meter	15,000	171.47 *
3 -inch meter	30,000	265.97 *
4 -inch meter	70,000	487.77 *
6 -inch meter	120,000	727.27 *

\* Subject to the water tracking factor in Appendix A.

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**(c) Wholesale Rates and Charges (Town of Nashville)**

For use of and service rendered by the Brown County Water Utility, Inc. to the Town of Nashville, Indiana.

Fixed monthly charges:

Standby Water Service Charge (SWI 79)	\$ 3,925.00
Standby Water Service Charge (SWI 94)	7,339.32

Variable rate based upon metered usage (per month):

Water Volume Payment (WVP) - per 1,000 gallons	\$ 1.47 *
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**(d) Membership Fee (non-refundable)** \$ 100.00**(e) Connection Charge**

Each user at the time he/she is connected with the waterworks system shall pay a charge to cover the costs of: excavating and tapping the main, furnishing and installing service pipe from the main to the lot line, furnishing and installing corporation and stop cocks, and furnishing and installing meter cock, yoke and meter. The charge for a 5/8- and 3/4- inch meter tap shall be \$1,320.

The charge for a tap larger than the 5/8- and 3/4-inch meter tap shall be the cost of labor, materials, power machinery, transportation, and overhead incurred for installing the tap, but shall not be less than the charge for a 5/8- and 3/4-inch meter tap.

**(f) Reconnection Charge/Disconnection Charge**

When the service is turned off for non-payment of bill, or whenever for any reason beyond the control of the waterworks, a re-establishment of service is required by any one customer, this charge will be made by the waterworks to cover the cost of discontinuance and re-establishment of service. The charge, together with any arrears due the waterworks, shall be paid by the customer before service will be re-established. Business hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays (except holidays).

During Business Hours	\$ 67.00
After Business Hours (including holidays)	84.00

\* Subject to the water tracking factor in Appendix A.

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**(g) General Service Charge**

When any non-routine service call is made by the Utility the charge shall be paid as follows:

During Business Hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)	\$ 49.00
After Business Hours (including holidays)	62.00

**(h) Late Payment Charge**

Each user that does not submit payment of his or her bill within seventeen (17) days after the date of the billing shall pay the following late payment charge:

10% of the first	\$ 3.00
3% of the excess over	3.00

In the event that the user's bill is not paid within thirty (30) days of the billing, this will result in disconnection. If a user's bill is not paid within sixty (60) days of the billing, this will result in the invalidation of the user's membership certificate.

**(i) Returned Check Charge** \$ 25.00

Any check returned by any banking institution as unpaid will be charged a returned check fee.

**(j) Online Credit and Debit Card Payment**

Customers may pay their monthly water bill online with a Credit and Debit Card. Water customers electing to pay their monthly water bill online shall pay the additional charge for such service. The monthly water bill will be charged the following fee for such service. The additional charge will cover the cost paid to the credit card company, the transaction fee and the annual operating expense of such service.

Transaction Fee	\$ 0.34
Percentage of Water Bill (Credit Card)	2.2% Times monthly water bill
Percentage of Water Bill (Debit Card)	2.2% Times monthly water bill

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**(k) Water Bill Payments by Telephone**

The Utility may offer a service allowing its customers to pay their water bills by telephone. If the Utility offers this service the customer charge for each completed water bill payment transaction is \$1.11 plus the current debit/credit card fees in the Utility's tariff. The telephone bill payment system shall verbally notify the customer of applicable charges and, after providing the notification, allow the customer the opportunity to terminate the call without incurring the charges.

Telephone Charge per Transaction	\$	1.11
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**(l) Voluntary Disconnection**

A customer seeking disconnection of his or her water service must deliver a written request for disconnection to the Utility at its business office. The request for disconnection must contain the following information: customer's name or names; the service address; the customer's forwarding address; the customer's service account number; the meter reading from the last water service bill; the date disconnection is requested; and must be signed by the customer. The request for disconnection must be delivered to the Utility at least three (3) business days prior to the requested disconnection date. The Utility shall disconnect the service within three (3) working days of the requested disconnection date. The customer will be responsible for all billing for service until the date of disconnection or three (3) working days of the requested disconnection date, whichever first occurs.

**(m) Fees Applicable to Reconnection Taking Place Within One (1) Year**

If a customer has requested his or her service to be discontinued, or has had service disconnected for non-payment, and thereafter seeks reconnection within twelve (12) months of the date of disconnect, the customer must pay bills due and payable, all fees and charges incurred as the result of disconnection/reconnection, plus the minimum monthly rate times the number of months the service has been discontinued.

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**(n) Pressure Reducing Valve ("PRV")**

If the Utility provides water to a customer at a pressure exceeding Ninety (90) PSI, measured at, or near, the meter, the customer shall purchase, install and maintain a properly functioning Pressure Reducing Valve ("PRV"). The PRV shall be installed in the customer's service line in a manner acceptable to the Utility. The PRV shall operate to insure the pressure of the water entering the customer's premises does not exceed the recommended pressure rating of the customer's plumbing fixtures and equipment.

**(o) Ownership and Use of Utility Property**

The Utility may, from time to time, purchase, install, and deploy certain property, including but not limited to, Water Meters and Service Stops (shut-off valves), for providing water service to its customers. The Utility shall own and have the exclusive right to control all of its utility property. Except, however, a customer may operate the Service Stop to turn off its water service in the event of an emergency, or for repairs to the customer's facilities with the Utility's permission. No customer or person not authorized by the Utility shall operate or access the Utility's property to initiate service or restore service after the service has been disconnected.

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**APPENDIX A**

The water tracking factor set forth in this schedule is applicable where clearly denoted on other rate schedules and shall be occasioned solely by changes in the cost of purchased water, in accordance with 170 IAC 6-5-1.

	<u>Water Tracking Rate</u>
Per IURC Conference Minutes - Approved _____	\$ 0.10 per 1,000 gallons

CORPORATE RESOLUTION  
OF BROWN COUNTY WATER UTILITY, INC.

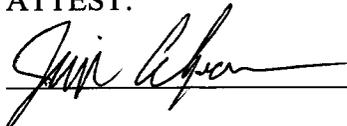
The duly authorized and elected Board of Directors of Brown County Water Utility, Inc., a rural not-for-profit Indiana water corporation, meeting in regular session of the Board of Directors on January 19, 2016, hereby approve and authorize the duly elected President and Secretary of said Board to execute any and all necessary papers to file an Application for Water Tracker, pursuant to 170 IAC 6-5-7, with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") requesting to recover an increase in the purchased water costs resulting from Citizens Water's rate increase authorized in IURC Cause No. 44644.

It is further established by the Board of Directors that said Board fully ratifies and approves any and all actions taken by said President, Ben Phillips, and Secretary, Jim Ackerman, in regard to the execution of any and all documents that are necessary to complete the Application for Water Tracker with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 19th day of January, 2016.

  
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Ben Phillips, President

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Ackerman, Secretary

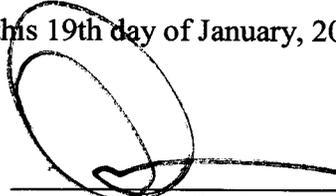
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STATE OF INDIANA                    )  
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COUNTY OF BROWN                )        SS:

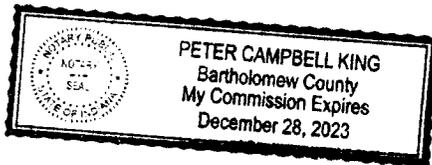
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Ben Phillips, President, and Jim Ackerman, Secretary, of Brown County Water Utility, Inc., who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Corporate Resolution for and on behalf of said Brown County Water Utility, Inc., and who, having been duly sworn, stated that the representations therein contained are true.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 19th day of January, 2016.



My Commission Expires:  
12-28-12

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Peter Campbell King, Notary Public  
Bartholomew County, Indiana





**WATER TRACKER APPLICATION**  
 State Form 54669 (5-11)  
 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TARIFF CHANGE**

TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

1. Brown County Water Utility, Inc. under and pursuant to Indiana code chapter 8-1-2, as amended, hereby file with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, an  increase /  decrease (select one) in its schedule of rates for water sold in the amount of \$ 0.10 (not to exceed)

per 1,000 gals. or  100 cu. ft. (select one).

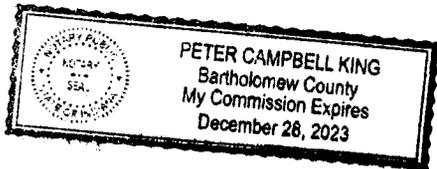
2. The accompanying tariff changes are based solely upon the changes in the cost of water purchased by this utility computed in accordance with 170 IAC 6-5.

3. All of the matters and facts stated herein and in the attached exhibits are true and correct. The rate changes shall take effect for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission.

Name: Ben Phillips  
 Title: Ben Phillips, President

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
 COUNTY OF BROWN )

BEN PHILLIPS, as President personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 19th day of January, 2016, who after having been duly sworn according to law, stated that he/she is an officer of Brown County Water Utility, Inc.; that he/she has read the matters and facts stated above and in all exhibits attached hereto and that the same are true; and that he/she is duly authorized to execute this instrument for and on behalf of Applicant herein.



[Signature]  
 Signature of Notary Public  
Peter Campbell King  
 Printed name of Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12-28-23



**COMPUTATION OF CHANGE IN COST OF WHOLESALE WATER PURCHASED**

Name of Company Brown County Water Utility, Inc.		Telephone Number ( 812 ) 988 - 6611
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 5130 N. SR 135, Morgantown, IN 46160		
Name of Wholesale Water Supplier(s) Citizens Energy Group		
Effective Date of Rate / Supplier Change (month, day, year)	Based Upon Water Purchased for Twelve Months Ended (month, day, year) December 31, 2014	

RATES OF SUPPLIER			ANNUAL COST OF WHOLESALE WATER PURCHASED		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Rate Component	Immediately Prior to Change	Changed Rate	Purchased Water 1,000 gals. or 100 cu. ft.	At Rates Effective Immediately Prior to Change	At Changed Rate
<b>SERVICE CHARGE</b>					
Meter Size: 6"	\$ 170.85	\$ 294.36		\$ 2,050.20	\$ 3,532.32
Meter Size:	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>VOLUME CHARGE</b>					
First	\$ 3.000	\$ 3.723	180	\$ 540.00	\$ 670.14
Next	\$ 2.897	\$ 3.595	2,220	\$ 6,431.34	\$ 7,980.90
Next	\$ 2.638	\$ 3.274	9,600	\$ 25,324.80	\$ 31,430.40
Next	\$ 1.785	\$ 2.215	42,685	\$ 76,192.73	\$ 94,547.28
Next	\$	\$		\$	\$
Next	\$	\$		\$	\$
All Over	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.688	26,122	\$ 35,525.92	\$ 44,093.94
<b>TOTALS</b>			80,807	\$ 146,064.99	\$ 182,254.98

COMPUTATION OF WATER TRACKING FACTOR		
1. Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 6	New Costs	182,254.98
2. Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 5	Prior Costs	146,064.99
3. Increase Purchased Water Costs: (1) - (2)		36,189.99
4. Increase in Utility Receipts Tax and Other Similar Revenue Based Tax Charges @ _____% (See footnote A)		0
5. Increased Revenue Requirements: (3) + (4)		36,189.99
6. Total Metered Water Sold: (in 1,000 Gals. or cu. ft.) From Exhibit 2, Column (3)		\$ - 353,371
Tracking Factor: (5) + (6)		0.10

A – Utility Receipts Tax only applies to municipal and investor-owned water utilities.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING FOR A CHANGE IN WATER RATES BY**

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Notice is hereby given that on January 20, 2016,  
Brown County Water Utility, Inc., under and pursuant to the Public Service  
Commission Act, as amended, has filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission an  increase /  
 decrease (*select one*) in the schedule of rates and charges for water sold by its water utility in the amount  
of a \$ 0.10 (not to exceed) per  1,000 gals./  100 cu. ft. (*select one*) wholesale water cost tracker.

The changes in the schedule of rates and charges submitted to the Commission are based solely upon  
the change in the cost of water purchased by this utility from Citizens Energy Group.  
The rate charges shall apply for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission  
in accordance with IC § 8-1-2-42.

This is a wholesale water cost tracker that is applicable to all class of customers. Objections can be made to the  
Secretary of the Commission: IURC, 101 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500E, Indianapolis, IN 46204 and the Office of  
Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC): OUCC, 115 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500S, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at  
1-888-441-2494.

BROWN COUNTY WATER UTILITY, INC.

FOR ITS WATER UTILITY

BY: *Ben Phillips*  
Executive Officer