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September 3, 2014

Brian Latham  
Utility Analyst  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 W Washington Street, Suite 1500E  
Indianapolis IN 46204

Re: Columbus City Utilities 30 Day Filing Request  
Via: Electronic mail (original to follow via postal mail)

Dear Mr. Latham:

Pursuant to I70 IAC 1-6,5, Columbus City Utilities is presenting a 30 day filing to increase some of our non-recurring fees. This filing is to adjust our fees for non-payment turn on/turn off, temporary turn on/turn off, out for winter turn off/turn on, after hours turn on/turn off, returned payment fee, and meter installation fee. These fees will only affect the customers that require the associated services.

Included with this packet is the cost analysis of each fee and an explanation of why the fees are necessary. We are proposing fee increases as approved by the Columbus City Council.

All customers are being notified as required under I70 IAC 1-6-6. Notice was published in *The Republic* newspaper on August 29, 2014. Notice has been posted in a public place in the Columbus City Utilities business office and on our website at [www.columbusutilities.org](http://www.columbusutilities.org)

I verify that notice has been provided as stated in this letter, and filed documents are accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Sincerely,

Dale Langferman  
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Columbus City Utilities  
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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY  
Columbus, Indiana

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CONFERENCE MINUTES  
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SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

I. Rates Approved in Cause No. 39425, Order dated August 13, 1992

(a) Metered Rates Per Month

For use of and service rendered in the service area by the waterworks system of the Columbus Municipal Water Utility based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

<u>Consumption Per Month</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
First 10,000 gallons	\$ 1.61
Next 40,000 gallons	1.34
Next 250,000 gallons	1.11
Next 700,000 gallons	1.03
Over 1,000,000 gallons	0.88

(b) Monthly Charge Per Bill 0.74

(c) Meter Charge Per Month

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8 - 3/4 inch meter	\$ 2.64
1 inch meter	3.68
1 1/2 inch meter	4.41
2 inch meter	7.35
3 inch meter	29.41
4 inch meter	36.76
6 inch meter	55.87
8 inch meter	77.93
10 inch meter	107.33
12 inch meter	143.76

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(d) Fire Protection Charges

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Public Fire Protection Charges Per Month Per Customer Connection  
Rates Approved by Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.

5/8 - 3/4 inch connection	\$ 1.65
1 inch connection	4.22
1 1/2 inch connection	9.50
2 inch connection	16.90
3 inch connection	38.02
4 inch connection	67.58
6 inch connection	152.06
8 inch connection	270.34
10 inch connection	422.40
12 inch connection	608.26

(e) Wholesale Rate Per 1,000 Gallons \$ 0.674

(f) Eastern Bartholomew Water Corp.  
Contract Rate Per 1,000 Gallons \$ 1.033

(g) Sprinkler Connection (per annum)

2 inch connection	\$ 29.41
3 inch connection	72.04
4 inch connection	130.86
5 inch connection	199.96
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8 inch connection	516.08
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A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the water system. Said charge shall cover the cost of tapping the main, furnishing and laying service pipe, corporation and stop cocks, service and meter box and installing the meter.

The charge for a 5/8 or 3/4-inch meter tap shall be \$218.00. The charge for a 1-inch and larger size meter tap shall be the actual cost (or as estimated by the Utility Superintendent), but in no event less than \$218.00.

(j) Collection or Deferred Payment Charges

All bills for water services not paid by the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

(k) Non-recurring charges:

Non-payment turn-off/turn-on	\$ 5.00
Temporary turn-off/turn-on	5.00
Return check charge	5.00

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All bills for water services not paid by the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

(k) Non-recurring charges:

Non-payment turn-off/turn-on	\$ 40.00
Temporary turn-off/turn-on	30.00
Out for winter turn off/turn-on	30.00
Returned payment fee	30.00

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## FEES & CHARGES INCREASE FOR COLUMBUS CITY UTILITIES

The attached worksheet provides the current fees and proposed fees that we are presenting for increases. The detail of each fee provides the labor and material costs associated with the fees.

The cost calculations are based on actual personnel, equipment and supplies that we accumulated from our work order system. They represent the average cost to perform each of these services. Except for the non-payment fee, these are all services that are requested by the customer.

Below is a chart reflecting the revenue effects of the increased fees. The water utility operates on an annual budget of approximately \$5 million dollars, so these changes are a small percentage of our total income.

	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Annual Quantity</b>	<b>Current Income</b>	<b>Projected Income</b>
Returned Payment	\$ 20	221	\$ 4,420	\$ 6,630
Non Payment turn off/turn on	25	2,374	59,350	94,960
Temporary turn off/turn on	10	23	230	690
Out for Winter turn off/turn on	10	190	1,900	5,700
After Hours call out		196		
5/8" Meter Installation (existing pit)	218	62	13,516	31,000

Columbus City Utilities

Non-Recurring Fees

September, 2014

Returned Payment

Description	Qty	Cost
Labor:		
Office Mgr	0.25	8.52
Clerk	0.75	15.41
Total Labor		23.93
Other Costs:		
Bank Fee		12.00
Postage		0.44
Supplies		0.50
Total Other		12.94
Total Cost		36.87

Non-Payment Turn-off/Turn-on

Description	Qty	Cost
Labor:		
Clerk	0.5	10.28
Field Rep	1	23.52
Total Labor		33.80
Equipment:		
Pick-up	1	25.00
Total Equip		25.00
Total Cost		58.80

Temporary Turn-off/Turn-on

Description	Qty	Cost
Labor:		
Clerk	0.25	5.14
Field Rep	1	23.52
Total Labor		28.66
Equipment:		
Pick-up	1	25.00
Total Equip		25.00
Total Cost		53.66

out for Winter Turn-off/Turn-on

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Labor:		
Clerk	0.25	5.14
Field Rep	1	23.52
Total Labor		28.66
Equipment:		
Pick-up	1	25.00
Total Equip		25.00
Total Cost		53.66

Proposed Fee's

	Current	Proposed
Returned Payment	5.00	30.00
Non-Payment Turn-off/Turn-on	5.00	40.00
Temporary Turn-off/Turn-on	5.00	30.00
Out for winter Turn-off/Turn-on		30.00
After Hours Call Out		85.00
5/8" Meter Installation Existing Pit	218.00	500.00

After Hours Call Out Fee

Description	Qty	Cost
Labor		
Clerk	0.50	10.28
Field Rep	2.0	63.12
Total Labor		73.40
Equipment:		
Pick-up	0.50	12.50
Total Equip		12.50
Total Cost		85.90

5/8" Meter Installation(existing pit)

Description	Qty	Cost
Labor		
Foreman	1.0	35.47
Clerk	0.5	10.28
Crew Chief	2.0	42.42
Laborer	2.0	37.01
Total Labor		125.17
Equipment:		
Pick-up(2)	1.0	50.00
Total Equip		50.00
Material:		
5/8 TRPL Meter	1.0	125.03
Excon	1.0	9.22
MXU	1.0	149.77
Overhead	15% of Mat'l	42.60
Total Mat'l		326.62
Total Cost		501.79