

November 19, 2014

Mr. E. Curtis Gassert  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
Director Water/Sewer Division  
101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Re: Van Buren Water, Inc., Not-for-Profit Rural Water Company  
Increase of Tap Fee*

Dear Mr. Gassert:

In order to cover increasing costs, The Board of Directors of Van Buren Water, Inc. are requesting approval to increase its current charge for a 5/8" residential meter service from \$1,340.00 to \$1,540.00 through a 30 day filing procedure.

Attached is a copy of the minutes documenting the board's support of the rate increase, together with supporting schedules and documentation for filing on behalf of Van Buren Water, Inc., a not-for-profit rural water company whose offices are located at 4385 W. State Road 45, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403.

A copy of the legal notice which has been submitted to the Bloomington Herald-Times newspaper and posted in the offices of Van Buren Water, Inc. has also been included. We will forward the Publisher's affidavit to you upon receipt.

If you or members of your staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call 812-331-1885 or email to [tcarpenter@cpa-consultant.com](mailto:tcarpenter@cpa-consultant.com).

Sincerely yours,



Todd Carpenter CPA

Van Buren Water, Inc.  
4385 W State Road 45  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
812-824-9760

CC: Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

**VAN BUREN WATER, INC.**  
4385 West State Road 45  
Bloomington, Indiana 47403

Van Buren Water, Inc. Board Meeting Thursday, October 9, 2014

**Directors Present:** Lyle Powell, Ken Parrish, Frank Ping, Dan Taylor, Craig Koons, Jay Humphrey and Jason Clark

**Office employees Present:** Karen Burks and Marilyn Bridges

**Contractors Present:** Todd Carpenter, Rob McCrea, Mike Farmer and Rick Coppick.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Lyle Powell

Ken Parrish moved for the minutes for Sept. 11, 2014 meeting be approved. Seconded by Dan Taylor. Approved.

Frank Ping moved the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Seconded by Jason Clark. Approved.

Jay Humphrey moved to pay BFU bill. Seconded by Dan Taylor. Approved

Ken Parrish moved to file with IURC new hook on and rate increase. Seconded by Jay Humphrey. Approved.

Ken Parrish moved to do half of 6in line from Iron Gate to May Rd. Discussion was made and changed to do all because of price of materials. Seconded by Craig Koons. Approved.

**Bills to be paid:**

**Taxes:**

IN Dept. of Rev. (Sales Tax)	\$3,663.22
IN Dept. of Rev. (State & Cty)	187.89
Tax 941	1,072.66
Workforce Dev. SUTA	234.02
FUTA	127.20

**Others:**

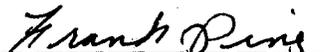
Environmental Lab (Lead&Copper)	\$ 450.00
White River Co-op	82.50
HD Supply	332.95
UL LLC	640.00
Rogers Group (Ison Rd.)	85.90
Cassidy Electric	224.18

Dan Taylor moved to pay the above bills. Seconded by Jay Humphrey. Approved.

Ken Parrish moved to accept 8 Transfers and 1 New Reconnect. Seconded by Jason Clark. Approved.

Craig Koons moved to dismiss meeting. Seconded by Jason Clark. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Frank Ping, Secretary

Doing Inspections for the month of November will be Ken Parrish and Dan Taylor.

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#### Engineering Minutes

The Board of Directors of Van Buren Water, Inc. proposes a change of tap fee from \$1,340.00 to \$1,540.00.

The Board cites the increase in the cost of labor, automated meter reading equipment, and increased cost of other materials as the reason for the change.

Cost support for the change has been provided and attached.

The tariff sheet affected by the filing is attached.

Van Buren Water, Inc.  
 4385 W State Road 45  
 Bloomington, IN 47403  
 812-824-9760

Description	Units	Price	Actual Cost
<u>Materials:</u>			
Plastic Pit 20x36	1	\$ 55.80	\$ 55.80
Vestal Cover	1	\$ 67.85	\$ 67.85
Copper Meter Yoke	1	\$ 227.62	\$ 227.62
Service Tubing	1	\$ 69.93	\$ 69.93
Hinged Saddle For PVC	1	\$ 44.66	\$ 44.66
Comp Corp Stop	1	\$ 64.83	\$ 64.83
Female Adapter	2	\$ 24.29	\$ 48.58
12 Ga Tracer Wire			\$ 20.00
Meter 5/8"	1	\$ 228.57	\$ 228.57
Total Materials (see attached Quotation)			\$ 827.84
<u>Install Costs:</u>			
<u>Install Costs Fixed:</u>			
Installation fee	1	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00 *
Trenching \$2.00 per 25 feet	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00 *
Yard Repair	1	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00 *
Total Install Costs Fixed			\$ 485.00
<u>Install Costs Variable: Average(50% of the time there is a road-bore)</u>			
Add Road-Bore \$10 per 40 feet	40	\$ 10.00	\$ 400.00 \$ 200.00 *
2nd Yard Repair	1	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00 \$ 30.00 *
Total Install Costs Fixed			\$ 230.00
Total			
Total Materials and Install Costs			\$ 1,542.84

\* These rates are the contracted Van Buren Water, Inc. has only administrative employees and subcontracts out all of its outside operational work.

# QUOTATION



UTILITY SUPPLY COMPANY  
 6310 SOUTH HARDING STREET  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217  
 US  
 317-783-4196

Order Number	
1143399	
Order Date	Page
9/18/2014 10:59:28	1 of 2

Quote Expires On 9/28/2014

**Bill To:**

VAN BUREN WATER INC.  
 4385 WEST STATE ROAD 45  
 BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403  
 US

**Ship To:**

VAN BUREN WATER INC.  
 4385 WEST STATE ROAD 45  
 BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403  
 US

812-825-9760

Attn: Ms. KAREN BURKS

Requested By: MIKE FARMER

Customer ID: 101548

<i>PO Number</i>	<i>Ship Route</i>	<i>Taker</i>
METER SET		JCLARK

<i>Quantities</i>					<i>Item ID</i> <i>Item Description</i>	<i>Pricing UOM</i> <i>Unit Size</i>	<i>Unit Price</i>	<i>Extended Price</i>
<i>Ordered</i>	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>UOM Unit Size</i>	<i>Disp.</i>				
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		240B24104299008N	EA	227.6207	227.62
				1.0	5/8 X 3/4 X 18 MUELLER COPPER METER YOKE WITH 15 EXTENDED LEG WITH CHECK VALVE LLB	1.0		
2.00	0.00	2.00	EA		H15451-333N	EA	24.2931	48.59
				1.0	1 CTS MUELLER COMP X 3/4 FEMALE ADAPTER	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		S13428-330	EA	44.6552	44.66
				1.0	4 X 1 CC HINGED SADDLE FOR PVC 4.50 OD	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		H15008-330N	EA	64.8276	64.83
				1.0	1 MUELLER CC X CTS COMP CORP STOP LLB	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		ED2B31RWG1SG59	EA	228.5714	228.57
				1.0	METER 5/8X3/4 R900i PIT GAL 6 FT ANTENNA INCLUDES 6 FT. ANTENNA	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		1CB2001	EA	69.9333	69.93
				1.0	1 X 100 CTS 250PSI BLUE SERVICE TUBING #4710	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		20X36H	EA	55.7973	55.80
				1.0	20X36 PLASTIC PIT	1.0		
1.00	0.00	1.00	EA		20VSR900	EA	67.8472	67.85
				1.0	20 VESTAL COVER S/N W/ FIG 8 HOLE	1.0		
500.00	0.00	500.00	FT		12WIRE	FT	0.2000	100.00
				1.0	12 GAUGE TRACER WIRE	1.0		

WIRE  
 907.85  
 - 80.00  
 827.85 \*

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER RATES  
FOR CUSTOMERS OF VAN BUREN WATER, INC.**

Notice is hereby given that Van Buren Water, Inc. did on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, file two separate Applications, under and pursuant to the Public Service Commission Act, as amended, with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, seeking increases to the water rates and tap fee for meter service charged to customers of Van Buren Water, Inc.

The first Application commonly referred to as the tap fee for meter service is described in paragraph (1) below, and the second Application which is a request for an increase in water rates is described in paragraph (2) below.

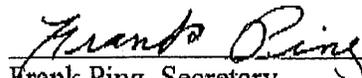
(1) In order to cover increasing costs, the Board of Directors of Van Buren Water, Inc. has filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for an increase in its current charge for a 5/8" residential meter service from \$1,340.00 to \$1,540.00 through a 30-day filing procedure.

(2) In order to cover improvements to the water system (due to its age and 40 years of continuous growth), the Board of Directors of Van Buren Water, Inc. has filed a second Application pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-2-61.5 without the necessary cost of a Utility Regulatory Commission hearing. However, a public or municipal corporation, ten (10) individuals, firms, corporations or associations or ten (10) complainants of all or any of these classes affected by the proposed rate change may request a formal public hearing by filing a written and signed request with the Secretary, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500E, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Said request must be received by the Utility Regulatory Commission within forty (40) days after the date the Application was filed with the Utility Regulatory Commission and declared complete. In addition, a public hearing may be held if the same is requested by the Utility Consumer Counselor. The proposed increase in the water rate requested by this Application is approximately thirty percent (30%) and is proposed to be an "across the board" increase. In the absence of a written request as provided herein, there likely will be no hearing conducted by the Utility Regulatory Commission on this Application.

VAN BUREN WATER, INC.

By:

  
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Lyle S. Powell, President

  
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Frank Ping, Secretary

**TARIFF**  
Van Buren Water, Inc.  
Bloomington, IN

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES

**C) Connection Fee**

Each user shall pay a connection fee based upon the size and type of meter installed upon lapping onto the water system as follows:

<u>Metered Size</u>	<u>Connection Fee</u>
5/8"	\$1,540.00

The connection fee for a tap larger than the 5/8" meter 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" meter tap.

**C) Reconnection Charge**

There shall be a charge for reconnection of services following its disconnection in the sum of \$50.00.

**AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDENT OF VAN BUREN WATER, INC.**

Comes now Lyle S. Powell, in his capacity as the President of Van Buren Water, Inc., and, being first duly sworn upon his oath, states as follows:

- (1) I am the President of Van Buren Water, Inc., a not-for-profit water corporation operating in Monroe County, Indiana, with the business address of 4385 W. State Road 45, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403.
- (2) Van Buren Water, Inc. is a not-for-profit water utility.
- (3) I am familiar with the financial affairs and condition of Van Buren Water, Inc.
- (4) Van Buren Water, Inc. currently does not have any outstanding indebtedness to the United States Government.

Further, the affiant sayeth naught.

*Lyle S. Powell*  
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Lyle S. Powell, President

The undersigned, being first and duly sworn upon oath, says:

I am the affiant in the above entitled cause. I have read the foregoing Affidavit and the facts stated therein are true.

*Lyle S. Powell*  
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Lyle S. Powell

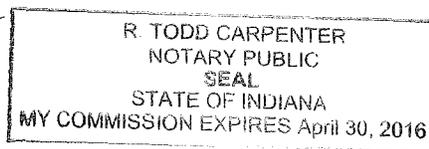
STATE OF INDIANA

SS:

COUNTY OF MONROE

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, personally appeared Lyle S Powell and executed the above and foregoing Affidavit.

My Commission Expires April 30, 2016



*R Todd Carpenter*  
*Monroe County Residence*