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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Commission Chairman James F. Huston

Commissioners Freeman, Krevda, Ober, and Ziegner

FROM:

**Commission Technical Divisions** 

DATE:

June 8, 2018

RE:

30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on Wednesday June 13, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

The following thirty-day filings have been submitted to the Commission. Each item was reviewed by the appropriate Commission Technical Divisions and all regulations were met in accordance with 170 IAC 1-6 Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines. Therefore, the following filings listed below and attached hereto are recommended to be considered by the Commission at the next conference:

Attachment Number	30-Day Filing No.	Name of Utility Company	Type of Request	Date Received
1	50134	American Suburban Utilities, Inc.	45032 TCJA Phase 1 Filing	3/26/2018
2	50166	L.M.H. Utilities Corporation	45032 TCJA Phase 1 Filing	3/26/2018
3	50177	B & B Water Project, Inc.	Wholesale Water Cost Tracking Factor	3/28/2018
4	50188	Gibson Water, Inc.	Tap Fee Change	4/16/2018
5	50192	South County Utilities, Inc.	45032 TCJA Phase 1 Filing	5/3/2018
6	50195	Van Buren Water, Inc.	Proposed Credit or Debit Card Charge Fee, Credit or Debit Card Chargeback Fee and Returned Check Fee	5/10/2018

Director, Water/Sewer Division

Filing Party: American Suburban Utilities, Inc.

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50134

**Date Filed:** March 26, 2016

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6 and Commission Order in Cause No. 45032

**Request:** The utility requests approval of Wastewater Main Extension Cost

Option 2 set forth in 170 IAC 8.5-4-32(a)(2). In addition, the tax rate embedded in the utility's recurring rates is 35%. The utility requests to reduce its recurring rates to reflect the new 21% tax rate

per the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

**Customer Impact:** See Below.

American Suburban Utilities, Inc.	Current	Proposed
Flat Monthly Rates by Class:		
Residences or Residential Equivalents	\$ 56.51	\$ 53.33
Mobile Home	36.74	34.67
Multiple Family-Per Unit	45.78	43.20
Motels and Hotels-Per Unit	18.08	17.06
Service Station	145.80	137.58
Schools (per student, faculty and staff)	2.83	2.67
Commercial Monthly Minimum	\$ 70.79	\$ 66.81
Commercial Consumption Per Month:		
First 10K gallons	\$ 7.079	\$ 6.681
Next 10K gallons	7.024	6.628
Next 100K gallons	6.504	6.137
Next 200K gallons	5.850	5.520
Next 200K gallons	5.106	4.819
Next 500K gallons	3.927	3.706
Over 1,020K gallons	2.620	2.472
Cost Option Election	none	170 IAC 8.5-4-32(a)(2)

**Tariff Pages Affected:** Pages 1, 2, and 3

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Staff recommends approval.

Director, Water/Sewer Division

Filing Party: L.M.H. Utilities Corporation

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50166

**Date Filed:** March 26, 2018

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6 and Cause No. 45032

**Request:** Recurring Rate Reduction

The tax rate embedded in the utility's recurring rates is 28.91%. The utility requests to reduce its recurring rates to reflect the new 21%

tax rate per the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

**Customer Impact:** Rate reduction.

Meter Size	Current Monthly Minimum		Proposed Monthly Minimum	
5/8 - 3/4 inch	\$	15.59	\$	15.22
1 Inch	\$	31.96	\$	31.19
1.25 Inch	\$	48.32	\$	47.15
1.5 Inch	\$	67.96	\$	66.31
2 Inch	\$	113.80	\$	111.04
3 Inch	\$	255.65	\$	249.44
4 Inch	\$	441.15	\$	430.44
6 inch	\$	997.66	\$	973.42

Flow Charge		Current Monthly Rate		oposed onthly Rate
Per 1,000 gallons	\$	6.20	\$	6.05
Wholesale per 1,000 gallons	\$	8.00	\$	7.81

**Tariff Pages Affected:** Page 1

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Staff recommends approval.

Director, Water/Wastewater Division

Filing Party: B&B Water Project

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50177

**Date Filed:** 3/28/2018

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 6-5, 170 IAC 1-6

**Request:** The utility proposes to implement a wholesale tracker rate due to its

supplier's rate increase approved in Bloomington Municipal Water

Utility's Final Order in Cause No. 44855.

**Tariff Pages Affected:** Appendix A

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Recommend approval.

## **Tariff Revisions:**

<b>B&amp;B</b> Water Project	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Water Tracking Rate	\$0.00	\$0.40

Director, Water/Wastewater Division

Filing Party: Gibson Water, Inc.

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50188

**Date Filed:** April 16, 2018

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6-3(4)

**Request:** The utility is proposing modifications to its non-recurring tap fee.

**Customer Impact:** 

Gibson Water, Inc.		rrent Charge	Proposed Charge		
(f) Connection Charge					
-short service	\$	450.00		NA	
-long service	\$	750.00		NA	
-5/8 x 3/4 inch meter		NA	\$	1,500.00	
Larger than 5/8 y 2/4 inch mater		NA		ost but not less	
-Larger than 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	INA			than \$1,500.00	

**Tariff Pages Affected:** Page 2 of 3

Staff Recommendations: Requirements met. Recommend approval.

Director, Water/Sewer Division

**Filing Party:** South County Utilities, Inc.

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50192

**Date Filed:** May 3, 2018

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6 and Cause No. 45032

**Request:** No Rate Reduction

The tax rate embedded in the utility's recurring rates is less than the new 21% tax rate per the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Thus, the

utility requests to maintain its recurring rates.

Main Extension Cost Option Election

The utility requests approval of Wastewater Main Extension Cost

Option 1 set forth in 170 IAC 8.5-4-32(a)(1).

**Customer Impact:** No rate change.

**Tariff Pages Affected:** N/A

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Staff recommends approval.

Director, Water/Wastewater Division

Filing Party: Van Buren Water, Inc.

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50195

**Date Filed:** May 10, 2018

**Request:** The utility is proposing to add non-recurring charges for payments made

by credit card, a credit card chargeback fee, and a Non-sufficient Funds

Check Fee.

170 IAC 1-6

## **Customer Impact:**

**Filed Pursuant To:** 

Van Buren Water, Inc.	Current Charg	e	Proposed Charge		
Credit/Debit Card Charge Fee	\$ -		\$0.25 + 0.9	95% of	
			the original	amount	
			due		
Credit/Debit Card Chargeback Fee	-		\$	25.00	
Returned Check Fee	-		\$	25.00	

**Tariff Pages Affected:** Page 2 of 2

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Recommend approval.