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Liberty Utilities (Gold Canyon Sewer) Corp.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Liberty Gold Canyon?

A: Liberty Utilities (Gold Canyon Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty Gold Canyon") is an Arizona public service corporation providing regulated sewer utility services to over 5,800 customers in an/or near the Apache Junction area, located in Pinal County.

Q: What sewer utility services does Liberty Gold Canyon provide to its customers?

A: Liberty Gold Canyon provides wastewater collection, transmission, treatment and disposal.

Q: How long has it been since Liberty Gold Canyon has had an increase in rates?

A: The rates currently in effect for Liberty Gold Canyon customers were approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") in 2008 and became effective in January 2009.

Q: Why is Liberty Gold Canyon seeking new rates at this time?

A: In 2019, the Commission ordered Liberty Gold Canyon to file a rate case on or before September 30, 2021 so that rates could be evaluated and updated as appropriate. Since Liberty Gold Canyon's last rate case in 2008, the Company has invested approximately \$10 million in system improvements and upgrades to ensure safe and reliable service for customers, including pump replacements, lift station capacity upgrades and upgrades to treatment equipment. Given the Commission's order to file a rate case for Liberty Gold Canyon, Liberty took the opportunity to propose consolidation of a nearby, smaller sewer system, Liberty Entrada Del Oro ("Liberty EDO"), with Liberty Gold Canyon as part of this rate case.

Q: What is the proposed annual rate increase?

A: Liberty Gold Canyon is seeking a revenue increase of \$44,500 or 1.01% over current revenues.



Q: What is the estimated monthly impact on residential customer bills?

A: If the Commission approves Liberty’s request to consolidate Liberty Gold Canyon and Liberty EDO, Liberty Gold Canyon’s residential customers will see an estimated increase of \$2.99 per month.

If the Commission does not approve Liberty’s proposed consolidation of Liberty Gold Canyon with Liberty EDO, Liberty Gold Canyon customers will experience a slight decrease of \$0.01 per month.

Q: Why should Liberty Gold Canyon customers have to pay more to consolidate with customers of Liberty EDO?

A: By consolidating Liberty EDO with Liberty Gold Canyon, both companies will realize efficiencies and economies of scale by having a larger customer base to spread costs over and through the reduction of administrative costs associated with the expenses of Commission filings.

Q: How will the rate case process work?

A: The process starts with the Company filing a rate case application with the ACC. The Commission’s trained Staff of accounting, engineering and legal professionals, along with other parties who wish to intervene, will review Liberty’s application and ask questions of the Company, and make recommendations to the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). An evidentiary hearing will be held to provide the ALJ the necessary information to prepare and submit a Recommended Opinion and Order (“ROO”) to the Commission for consideration and a decision. Ultimately, the Commission will determine the amount of annual revenues Liberty Gold Canyon is authorized to collect through customer rates.

Q: When will the new rates go into effect?

A: At this time, Liberty Gold Canyon expects that new rates would go into effect in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Additional Resources

For additional information regarding Liberty Gold Canyon’s rate case application or the rate case process in general, please use the QR code provided below, or visit Liberty’s website at: <https://arizona.libertyutilities.com/gold-canyon/residential/rates-and-tariffs/water.html>.

