# LIBERTY UTILITIES (GOLD CANYON SEWER) CORP.

Docket Nos. SW-04361A-21-0325; SW-02519A-21-0326; SW-04316A-21-0359; SW-02519A-21-0360

### **NEW RATES & SURCHARGE IMPLEMENTATION**

#### Effective March 1, 2023

On September 30, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Entrada Del Oro Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty EDO") and Liberty Utilities (Gold Canyon Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty Gold Canyon") (collectively, "Applicants") filed applications with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting adjustments to their rates and charges for wastewater utility service (Docket Nos. SW-04361A-21-0325 and SW-02519A-21-0326). The Applicants also requested to consolidate their rates and transfer Liberty EDO's assets to Liberty Gold Canyon and for Liberty EDO customers to become customers of Liberty Gold Canyon (aka "Liberty Gold Canyon (Consolidated)"). On November 2, 2021, Liberty EDO and Liberty Gold Canyon also filed applications with the Commission requesting authority to issue evidence of indebtedness in connection with the purchase of equity (Docket Nos. SW-04361A-21-0359 and SW-02519A-21-0360).

At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Commission issued Decision No. 78871 (March 15, 2023), which (1) approved the consolidation of Liberty EDO into Liberty Gold Canyon, (2) established Liberty Gold Canyon (Consolidated) rates, which resulted in a rate **decrease** for customers, and (3) authorized Liberty Gold Canyon to secure financing in an amount not to exceed \$10,700,000 for a term of 15 years.

### RATE CASE EXPENSE SURCHARGE (RCES)

In Decision No. 78871, the Commission authorized Liberty Gold Canyon to recover rate case expense of \$400,000 through a monthly surcharge of \$2.02 added to the bills of each customer effective March 1, 2023. The surcharge will remain in place for (1) a period of 36 months, or (2) until Liberty Gold Canyon has collected \$400,000 in rate case expense recovery, whichever occurs first.

#### **BILL IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

The bill impact on residential customers is shown below. Refer to page 2 for the full Schedule of Rates and Service Charges. Note that HOAs are now included in the Residential class. Units in the Residential <700 sq. ft. class will be billed on a monthly basis whether or not the unit is occupied.

<b>Current Customer Class</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	New Rate	\$ Change	% Change
LIBERTY EDO				
Residential	\$108.00	\$47.51	-\$60.49	-56.00%
Residential with RCES	\$108.00	\$49.53	-\$58.47	-54.14%
LIBERTY GOLD CANYON				
Residential	\$52.40	\$47.51	-\$4.89	-9.33%
Residential with RCES	\$52.40	\$49.53	-\$2.87	-5.48%
Residential <700 sq. ft.	\$28.58	\$20.25	-\$8.33	-29.15%
Residential <700 sq. ft. with RCES	\$28.58	\$22.27	-\$6.31	-22.08%
HOA (now Residential)	\$47.64	\$47.51	-\$0.13	-0.27%
HOA (now Residential) with RCES	\$47.64	\$49.53	\$1.89	3.97%

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#### SCHEDULE OF RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE	CHARGE
Residential, Dwelling <700 square feet School, Per Student Commercial, Per Gallon Per Day* <sup>1</sup> Customers to be billed on full unit capacity. <sup>2</sup> Gallons per day based on actual monthly water usage divided by 30. If water usage data cannot be obtained, then the Company will use an estimate of water usage.	\$47.51 20.25 <sup>1</sup> 8.077 0.227 <sup>2</sup>
EFFLUENT SALES	CHARGE
Per 1,000 gallons	Market Price
Reclaimed Non-Potable Water Per Acre Foot	Market Price
SERVICE	CHARGE
Establishment of Service Reconnection (Delinquent) Re-Establishment (Within 12 Months) Deposit Deposit Interest NSF Check Late Payment Penalty (Per Month) Deferred Payment (Per Month) After Hours Service Charge (At Customer's Request) (b) Main Extension Tariff, Per Rule Hook Up Fees for New Service Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) (c)	\$25.00 (a) * ** 6.00% \$20.00 *** 1.50% \$90.00 Cost \$1,100.00
* Months off system times the monthly minimum charge per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-603(D).  ** Residential – two times the average bill.  Non-residential – two and one-half times the average bill.  Per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-603(B).  *** Greater of \$5.00 or 1.50% per month on unpaid balance.  (a) Customer shall pay the actual cost of physical disconnection and Establishment Fee (if same customer) and there shall be no charge for	IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION OF ITS REGULAR RATES, THE UTILITY WILL COLLECT FROM ITS CUSTOMERS A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ANY PRIVILEGE, SALES, AND USE TAX PER COMMISSION RULE (R14-2-608(D)(5).  ALL ADVANCES OR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO INCLUDE LABOR, MATERIALS, OVERHEADS, AND ALL APPLICABLE TAXES, INCLUDING ALL GROSS-UP TAXES FOR INCOME TAXES. COST TO INCLUDE LABOR, MATERIALS AND PARTS,

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OVERHEADS AND ALL APPLICABLE TAXES.

disconnection if no physical work is performed.

(c) One ERU is rated at 270 gallons per day (gpd).

(b) The After-Hours Service Charge shall apply to any service requested by Customer that is performed by Company after regular business hours and shall be in addition to the regular business hours service charge.

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