

LIBERTY UTILITIES (BELLA VISTA WATER) CORP.

Docket Nos. W-02465A-15-0367 and W-02465A-15-0370 (consolidated)

NEW RATES

Effective November 1, 2016

On October 28, 2015, Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Sewer) Corp. (“Company”) filed a rate application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”). The Company requested a rate increase that would produce a just and reasonable rate of return. The Company also filed a financing application, on November 2, 2015, in which it requested authority from the Commission to incur long term debt in an amount not to exceed \$4,700,000. The rate and financing proceedings were consolidated. At the conclusion, on October 27, 2016, the Commission issued a decision (decision no. pending) authorizing rate increases for the Company as set forth herein and granting the Company’s financing request. **The rates approved will result in an increase for the typical 5/8 x 3/4 inch residential customer, with an average consumption of 5,914 gallons, of \$4.65, from \$25.03 to \$29.68, or 18.59 percent.**

At the request of the Commission’s Utilities Division Staff, the Company submitted an updated curtailment plan tariff for approval. The curtailment tariff is effective **November 1, 2016**. Please contact Liberty for a copy of the curtailment tariff.

The following schedule of rates and charges is effective November 1, 2016:

<u>MONTHLY USAGE CHARGES</u>	
<u>Meter Size (All Classes)</u>	<u>Charge¹</u>
5/8 x 3/4” Meter	\$ 16.89
3/4” Meter	25.34
1” Meter	42.23
1 1/2” Meter	84.45
2” Meter	135.12
3” Meter	270.24
4” Meter	422.25
6” Meter	844.50
8” Meter	1,351.20
10” Meter	1,942.35
12” Meter	3,631.35
Fire Lines up to 8 inch (R14-2-408.B)	Per Rule*
Fire Lines 10 inch (R14-2-408.B)	Per Rule*
Fire Lines 12 inch (R14-2-408.B)	Per Rule*
*Note 1: 2% of the equivalent monthly meter size or \$10 whichever is greater for all meter sizes.	
¹ <u>Low Income Tariff</u> – A 15% discount is available on monthly minimum and commodity charges to qualified residential customers meeting the low income qualifications.	

<u>SERVICE LINE AND METER INSTALLATION CHARGES (Refundable pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-405)</u>			
	<u>Service Line</u>	<u>Meter Installation Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8” x 3/4” Meter	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
3/4” Meter	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
1” Meter	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
1 1/2” Meter	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
2” Meter (Turbo & Compound)	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
3” Meter (Turbo & Compound)	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
4” Meter (Turbo & Compound)	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
6” Meter (Turbo & Compound)	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost
8” Meter & Larger	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost

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<u>COMMODITY RATES</u> (per 1,000 gallons of water)			
<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
5/8 x 3/4" Meter and 3/4" Meter - Residential 0 to 4,000 gallons 4,001 to 10,000 gallons Over 10,000 gallons	\$1.84	4" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 158,000 gallons Over 158,000 gallons	\$2.84
	2.84		3.59
	3.59	6" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 327,000 Gallons Over 327,000 Gallons	\$2.84
2.84	3.59		
5/8 x 3/4" Meter and 3/4" Meter - Commercial 0 to 4,000 gallons Over 4,000 gallons	\$2.84	8" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 584,000 Gallons Over 584,000 Gallons	\$2.84
	3.59		3.59
1" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 10,000 gallons Over 10,000 gallons	\$2.84	10" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 870,000 Gallons Over 870,000 Gallons	\$2.84
	3.59		3.59
1 1/2" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 26,000 gallons Over 26,000 gallons	\$2.84	12" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 1,500,000 Gallons Over 1,500,000 Gallons	\$2.84
	3.59		3.59
2" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 45,000 gallons Over 45,000 gallons	\$2.84	Standpipe (hydrant, bulk) – All Gallons	\$3.59
	3.59		
3" Meter - All Classes (except standpipe) 0 to 98,000 gallons Over 98,000 gallons	\$2.84		
	3.59		

<u>OFFSITE FACILITIES HOOK-UP FEE</u>		
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Size Factor</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8 x 3/4" Meter	1	\$ 1,600
3/4" Meter	1.5	2,400
1" Meter	2.5	4,000
1 1/2" Meter	5	8,000
2" Meter	8	12,800
3" Meter	16	25,600
4" Meter	25	40,000
6" Meter & Larger	50	80,000

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<u>SERVICE CHARGES</u>	
Establishment	\$25.00
Re-establishment (within 12 months)	(a)
Reconnection (Delinquent)	\$20.00
Meter Test (if correct)	30.00
Meter Re-Read (if correct)	20.00
Deposit	(c)
Deposit Interest	6.00% (c)
NSF Check	\$10.00
Deferred Payment (A.A.C. R14-2-409.G)	1.50% per month
Late Payment Penalty	1.50% per month
After Hours Service Charge (d)	\$50.00
Moving meter at customer request (A.A.C. R14-2-409.B)	At Cost
Offsite Facilities Hook-Up Fee	Per Hook-Up Fee Tariff
(a) Minimum charge times the number of full months off the system per A.A.C. R14-2-403(D).	
(b) Intentionally left blank.	
(c) Per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-403(B): Residential – two times the average bill. Commercial – two and one-half times the average bill.	
(d) At customer’s request. No charge for service during normal working hours.	

In addition to the collection of its regular rates, the Company shall collect from its customers a proportionate share of any privilege, sales or use tax pursuant to R14-2-409(D).

ALTERNATIVE RATES FOR WATER TARIFF

The Alternative Rates for Water (“ARW”) Tariff (“Low Income Tariff”) is designed to provide relief to the Company’s lower income ratepayers. The Low Income Tariff is open to residential, single family accommodations, and applies a discounted rate to the bills of those customers who meet the program qualifications.

***Qualifying annual incomes are set at 150 percent of the 2016 federal poverty levels as follows:**

<u>No. of Person in Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1	\$17,820
2	24,030
3	30,240
4	36,450
5	42,660
6	48,870

For each additional person residing in the household, add \$6,240

Customers eligible for the ARW program must complete an Application and Declaration form, and supply proof of income. Customers enrolled in the ARW program are required to reapply every two (2) years, or sooner, if requested, and annually recertify by submitting a declaration attesting to continuing eligibility. The ARW program is limited to 2,400 customers. A waiting list will be available in the event the participation cap is met. **To obtain a copy of the ARW program forms, please contact Liberty at its Customer Care No., 520-458-5470.**

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact:

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