

# LIBERTY UTILITIES (BLACK MOUNTAIN SEWER) CORP.

Docket No. SW-02361A-19-0139

## NEW RATES & SURCHARGE IMPLEMENTATION

Effective June 1, 2021

On June 27, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Black Mountain Sewer) Corp. (“Liberty Black Mountain” or “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. At the conclusion of this rate proceeding, the Commission issued Decision No. 78017 (May 18, 2021), authorizing increases for the Company. The rates approved will result in an **increase** for the typical residential customer of \$8.49, from \$79.50 per month to \$87.99 per month, or 10.68 percent.

### SCHEDULE OF RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

MONTHLY MINIMUM	CHARGE
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Residential	\$87.99
Commercial	94.07

COMMODITY	CHARGE
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Commercial (per 1,000 gallons) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$5.666
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[1] Monthly water usage provided by Town of Carefree and City of Scottsdale.

SERVICE	CHARGE
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Establishment	\$25.00
Re-Establishment of Service (within 12 months)	*
Reconnection (Delinquent)	**
Disconnection	Cost*****
After hours service****	\$50.00
Min Deposit Requirement (Residential)	***
Min Deposit Requirement (Non-Residential)	***
Deposit Interest	6.00%
NSF Check	\$25.00
Deferred Payment finance charge, Per month	1.50%
Late Payment Charge, Per month	Greater of \$5.00 or 1.50% per month on unpaid balance
Main Extension Tariff	Cost *****
Off-Site Facilities Hook-Up Fee	Per Tariff

\* Per A.A.C R14-2-603.D, within 12 months. Residential and non-residential customers shall pay the applicable minimum charge times the number of months disconnected.

\*\* Customer shall pay the actual cost of physical disconnection and establishment (if same customer) and there shall be no charge for disconnection if no physical work is performed.

\*\*\* Per A.A.C. R14-2-603(B):  
Residential – two times the average bill.  
Non-residential – two and one-half times the average bill.

\*\*\*\* After Hours Service Charge applies to all services performed after regular business hours at the customer’s request or for the customer’s convenience.

\*\*\*\*\* Per A.A.C. R14-2-606.B.

\*\*\*\*\* Customer shall pay the actual cost including costs for excavation and trenching, pipeline modifications, sewer block, backfill and grading, road repairs and permitting. Customer will be provided copies of invoices for actual costs incurred. There shall be no charge if no work is performed.

IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION OF REGULAR RATES, THE UTILITY WILL COLLECT FROM ITS CUSTOMERS A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ANY PRIVILEGE, SALES, USE, AND FRANCHISE TAX. PER COMMISSION RULE (14-2- 608.d.5).

ALL ADVANCES AND/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, OVERHEADS AND ALL APPLICABLE TAXES.

#### Questions about this Notice?

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**NOTE: Clarifying language changes to Service Charges are being submitted for the Commission’s approval.**

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Decision No. 78017 approved a Customer Assistance Tariff (CAT), which contains the following programs: (1) Low Income Program; (2) Deployed Services Member Program; and (3) Disabled Military Veteran Program (collectively, the "Customer Assistance Programs"). A Liberty Black Mountain customer who qualifies for more than one program will receive benefits from only one program per year. Eligible customers are required to complete an application and supply proof of income. Enrolled customers must reapply every year, or sooner, if requested. The CAT is limited to 225 customers.

### CAT SURCHARGE

Effective June 1, 2021, the Company is authorized to assess a surcharge each month to the bills of non-participating customers for recovery of program costs. The CAT surcharge will be calculated annually based on a twelve-month period of January 1 through December 31 and implemented on customer bills in February of each year. The first CAT surcharge will be assessed in February 2022.

### Low Income Program

The Low Income Program is designed to provide relief to the Company's lower income customers. A 15% discount is applied to the bills of those residential customers who meet the program qualifications.

Qualifying annual incomes are set at 150 percent of the 2021 federal poverty levels as follows:

No. of Person in Household	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$19,320
2	\$26,130
3	\$32,940
4	\$39,750
5	\$46,560
6	\$53,370

For each additional person residing in the household, add \$6,810

### Deployed Services Member Program

The Deployed Services Member Program provides a 15% discount to the bills of deployed active service members of the U.S. Military (e.g., Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy) who meet program qualifications. Eligible customers must submit a redacted copy of the deployment orders.

Qualifying annual incomes are set at 200 percent of the 2021 federal poverty levels as follows:

No. of Person in Household	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160

For each additional person residing in the household, add \$9,080

### Disabled Military Veteran Program

The Disabled Military Veteran Program provides a 15% discount to disabled members of the U.S. Military who meet program qualifications. Eligible customers must submit proof of discharge due to disability from service. Qualifying annual incomes are set at 200 percent of the 2021 federal poverty levels (as set forth above).

**For copies of Customer Assistance Programs forms, please contact:**

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