

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 17-1417-PSD-CN

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Kanawha County, West Virginia

Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct sanitary sewer extensions to Rocky Fork and 40th Street areas, an upgrade of the Koontz Drive lift station, and upgrade of the Rocky Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NOTICE OF FILING

On October 2, 2017, Union Public Service District (District) filed a duly verified application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct sanitary sewer extensions to Rocky Fork and 40th Street areas, an upgrade of the Koontz Drive lift station, and upgrade of the Rocky Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The District proposes to install a new gravity sewer collection system in the Rocky Fork Fishers Branch area to serve approximately 144 customers, two (2) proposed lift stations - Rocky Fork Lift Station and Amy Road Lift Station, install a sewage force main from the Rocky Fork lift Station to the existing wastewater treatment plant under Contract 1. Contract 2 consists of installation of a new gravity sewer collection system in the 40th Street area to serve approximately 39 customers, one (1) proposed lift station - Crest Drive Lift Station which will convey flow from a section of the collection system to a manhole which will then be transported to the 40th Street wastewater treatment plant. Contract 3 consists of installation of a new sewage lift station and replacement of an existing sewage force main. Contract 4 consists of installation of a new garage/office building and a new packaged headworks system, replacement of existing clarification equipment and relocation of existing utilities.

The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia.

The District estimates that the project will cost approximately \$8,637,000. It is proposed that the project will be financed with a CWSRF loan in the amount of \$8,637,000 for a term of 20 years at 3% interest.

The District anticipates charging the following increased rates for its customers:

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire area served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial service.

RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

First	5,000	gallons used per month	\$ 9.98 per 1,000 gallons
Next	15,000	gallons used per month	\$ 8.09 per 1,000 gallons
All over	20,000	gallons used per month	\$ 6.59 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than \$19.96 per month, which is the equivalent of 2,000 gallons.

FLAT RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)

Equivalent to 4,500 gallons of water usage \$ 44.91

DELAYED PAYMENT PENTALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant.

A tap fee of \$150.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid -after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of \$350.00 will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding. Before the Commission for each new tap on the system.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the sewer utility up to a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

RULES PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS

- A. Each subdivision must obtain the required approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Kanawha County.
- B. The plans and sketches for the proposed sewer system shall meet all requirements of the Department of Health of West Virginia and shall be approved by the Division of Sanitary Engineering.
- C The subdivider's sewer system shall itself be inspected by Union Public Service District, and, if approved by the Health Department of West Virginia end the aforesaid Planning and Zoning Commission and Union Public Service District, the said District will accept a conveyance of the system and will be solely responsible for its future repair and maintenance.

DISCONNECT/RECONNECTION ADMIN FEE

Whenever water service has been disconnected for non-payment of sewer bills, in connection with a water service termination agreement with West Virginia-American Water Company, a disconnection fee of \$25 shall be charged; or in the event a delinquent sewer bill is collected by the water company, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

Whenever water service has been previously disconnected or otherwise withheld for non-payment of a sewer bill in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with West Virginia-American Water Company, is reconnected, a reconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.70 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual water consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on a customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$50.00 or 2/12ths of the average usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater.

SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN THE CASE OF USERS PRODUCING UNUSUAL WATER

The charge for the treatment of unusual waste will be calculated on the following formula:

$$C_i V_o V_i + B_o B_i + S_o S_i$$

C_i = Charge to unusual users per year

V_o = average unit cost to transport and treatment chargeable to volume, in dollars per gallon.

V_i = volume of wastewater from unusual users in gallons per year.

B_o = average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in dollars per pound.

B_i = weight of BOD from unusual users in pounds per year

S_o = average unit cost of treatment (including sludge treatment) chargeable to total solids in dollars per pound.

S_i = weight of -total solids from unusual users in pounds per year.

When an unusual user is to be served, a preliminary study of its wastes, and the cost of transport and treatment thereof will be made. The total cost of any such study performed shall be borne entirely by the unusual user, waste containing materials which, in the judgment of the Union Public Service District, should not be introduced into the sewer system, need not be handled by it. The results of the preliminary study will be used to determine the feasibility of the proposed sewer service and the charge therefore, based upon the formula set out above.