

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln )  
County Sewer & Water, LLC for Approval )  
Of a Rate Increase )

**File No. SR-2013-0321**

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Commission states the following:

1. During the evidentiary hearing, the Commission requested that the parties file rate sheets detailing the effect of that party's position both with and without the inclusion of costs for the automated meter reading (AMR) system.
2. Attached to this filing are rate sheets for the Bennington water system and the Rockport water system based on the positions held by Public Counsel both with and without the AMR system costs.

**WHEREFORE**, Public Counsel respectfully submits its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LINCOLN COUNTY SEWER & WATER COMPANY, LLC (Bennington Water)**

Rate Design - With Automated Meter Costs

Prepared By: William Addo

Date Prepared: 11/22/2013

<b>Metered Customer Rates</b>				
Meter Size	Current Service Charge	Proposed Service Charge	Current Usage Rate	Proposed Usage Rate
5/8"	\$ 15.10	\$ 16.45	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.76

**Residential Customer Bill Comparison-Water**

<b>Rates for 5/8" Meter</b>			
<u>Current Base Customer Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Base Customer Charge</u>	<u>Current Usage Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Usage Rate</u>
\$15.10	\$16.45	\$3.45	\$3.76

current service charge is monthly charge

usage rate is per 1,000 gallons used

**MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON**

6,000 gallons/month usage

<u>Current Rates</u>	
Customer Charge	\$ 15.10
Usage Charge	\$ 20.70
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 35.80</b>

<u>Proposed Rates</u>	
Customer Charge	\$ 16.45
Usage Charge	\$ 22.55
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 39.00</b>

**INCREASES**

<u>Customer Charge</u>	
\$ Increase	\$1.35
% Increase	8.93%

<u>Usage Charge</u>	
\$ Increase	\$1.85
% Increase	8.93%

<u>Total Bill</u>	
\$ Increase	\$3.20
% Increase	8.93%

**LINCOLN COUNTY SEWER & WATER COMPANY, LLC (Bennington Water)**

Rate Design - Without Automated Meter Costs

Prepared By: William Addo

Date Prepared: 11/22/2013

<b>Metered Customer Rates</b>				
Meter Size	Current Service Charge	Proposed Service Charge	Current Usage Rate	Proposed Usage Rate
5/8"	\$ 15.10	\$ 13.98	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.19

**Residential Customer Bill Comparison-Water**

<b>Rates for 5/8" Meter</b>			
Current Base Customer Charge	Proposed Base Customer Charge	Current Usage Rate	Proposed Usage Rate
\$15.10	\$13.98	\$3.45	\$3.19

current service charge is monthly charge

usage rate is per 1,000 gallons used

**MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON**

6,000 gallons/month usage

<b>Current Rates</b>	
Customer Charge	\$ 15.10
Usage Charge	\$ 20.70
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 35.80</b>

<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
Customer Charge	\$ 13.98
Usage Charge	\$ 19.16
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 33.14</b>

**INCREASES**

<b>Customer Charge</b>	
\$ Increase	(\$1.12)
% Increase	-7.42%

<b>Usage Charge</b>	
\$ Increase	(\$1.54)
% Increase	-7.42%

<b>Total Bill</b>	
\$ Increase	(\$2.66)
% Increase	-7.42%

**LINCOLN COUNTY SEWER & WATER COMPANY, LLC (Rockport Water)**

Rate Design - With Automated Meter Costs

Prepared By: William Addo

Date Prepared: 11/22/2013

<b>Metered Customer Rates</b>				
	<b>Current Service Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Service Charge</b>	<b>Current Usage Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Usage Rate</b>
5/8"	\$ 13.91	\$ 14.11	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.65

**Residential Customer Bill Comparison-Water**

<b>Rates for 5/8" Meter</b>			
<b>Current Base Customer Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Base Customer Charge</b>	<b>Current Usage Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Usage Rate</b>
\$13.91	\$14.11	\$5.57	\$5.65

current service charge is monthly charge

usage rate is per 1,000 gallons used

**MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON**

6,000 gallons/month usage

**Current Rates**

Customer Charge	\$	13.91
Usage Charge	\$	33.42
<b>Total Bill</b>	\$	<b>47.33</b>

**Proposed Rates**

Customer Charge	\$	14.11
Usage Charge	\$	33.89
<b>Total Bill</b>	\$	<b>48.00</b>

**INCREASES**

**Customer Charge**

\$ Increase	\$0.20
% Increase	1.42%

**Usage Charge**

\$ Increase	\$0.47
% Increase	1.42%

**Total Bill**

\$ Increase	\$0.67
% Increase	1.42%

**LINCOLN COUNTY SEWER & WATER COMPANY, LLC (Rockport Water)**

Rate Design - Without Automated Meter Costs

Prepared By: William Addo

Date Prepared: 11/22/2013

<b>Metered Customer Rates</b>				
	<b>Current Service Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Service Charge</b>	<b>Current Usage Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Usage Rate</b>
5/8"	\$ 13.91	\$ 13.12	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.25

**Residential Customer Bill Comparison-Water**

**Rates for 5/8" Meter**

<b>Current Base Customer Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Base Customer Charge</b>	<b>Current Usage Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Usage Rate</b>
\$13.91	\$13.12	\$5.57	\$5.25

current service charge is monthly charge

usage rate is per 1,000 gallons used

**MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON**

6,000 gallons/month usage

**Current Rates**

Customer Charge	\$ 13.91
Usage Charge	\$ 33.42
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 47.33</b>

**Proposed Rates**

Customer Charge	\$ 13.12
Usage Charge	\$ 31.52
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$ 44.63</b>

**INCREASES**

**Customer Charge**

\$ Increase	(\$0.79)
% Increase	-5.70%

**Usage Charge**

\$ Increase	(\$1.90)
% Increase	-5.70%

**Total Bill**

\$ Increase	(\$2.70)
% Increase	-5.70%