

# Taney County Utilities

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UTILITY OPERATIONS  
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RE: Taney County Utilities Corporation  
Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Request  
Mo. PSC Work ID No. QW 2003 0016

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing for filing with the Commission an original and three copies of revised tariff sheets that include rate and language changes reflected in an Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request (Disposition Agreement) between the Taney County Utilities Corporation (Company) and the Commission Staff (Staff) regarding the above subject. The Company initiated the subject rate increase request on November 4, 2002, under the Commission's small company rate increase procedure, which has been superceded by the Commission's water utility small company rate increase procedure, and the request was assigned the above-referenced tracking number. The Disposition Agreement reflects a "settlement" between the Company and the Staff regarding all matters related to the Company's water service rate increase request.

Additionally, please be advised that it is my understanding that the Staff will be filing the above-referenced Disposition Agreement with the Commission once a formal rate case has been established pursuant to this tariff filing.

Consistent with the Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the enclosed revised tariff sheets contain customer rates intended to produce a net increase of \$15,300 in the Company's annual operating revenues for its water service operations, and also contain proposed changes to some of the Company's special service charges and the addition of other special service charges. The Disposition Agreement also calls for the Commission's approval of revised depreciation rates for the Company, and contains provisions related to several improvements in the Company's overall business operations.

Since the Disposition Agreement is only between the Company and the Staff, the enclosed revised tariff sheets bear an effective date that is greater than 45 days from the

issue date, as required by the applicable Commission rule. I am anticipating that the Office of the Public Counsel will request that a notice regarding the agreement between the Company and the Staff be sent to the Company's customers because of the magnitude of the proposed rate increase. If that occurs, I will provide a copy of the notice to the Staff for filing in the case papers.

Lastly, it is my understanding that the Staff will be providing additional information about the Company's rate increase request and the related Staff audit and investigation, for filing in the case papers following the establishment of the formal rate case related to this tariff filing.

Please contact me at your convenience if you need anything further.

Sincerely, -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Pickren", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Honey Scott Pickren  
Vice President  
Taney County Utilities Corporation

Enclosures

Copies (w/enclosures):  
Wendall R. Hubbs-PSC Staff  
Office of the Public Counsel-Ruth O'Neill

Taney County Utility Corporation  
Name of Issuing Company

For: Lakeway Subdivision & Venice on the Lake  
Certificated Service Area

**Rules and Regulations Governing  
the Rendering of Water Service +**

**Schedule of Water Rates**

Applicability +

The following rates are applicable to all customers located in the Company's Lakeway Subdivision and Venice on the Lake certificated service areas. Retail service takes precedence over wholesale service.

W-1 Rates: Single Family Residence for domestic water usage only

Minimum Charge	\$ 7.86 per Month	+
Commodity Charge	\$ 3.51 per 1,000 gallons of metered usage over 1,000 gallons	+
The Minimum Charge will be billed each customer monthly regardless of metered usage.		

W-2 Rates: Wholesale Rates

Commodity Charge	\$ .92 per 1,000 gallons of metered usage over 1,000 gallons	+
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Taxes

Any applicable Federal, State or local taxes shall be in addition to above charges.

Late Charges

Billings will be made and distributed at monthly intervals. Bills will be rendered net, bearing the last date on which payment will then be considered delinquent. The period after which the payment is considered delinquent is 21 days after rendition of the bill. A charge of 10% times the unpaid balance will be added to delinquent amounts.

\* indicates new rate or text  
+ indicates change

Issue Date: March 3, 2004  
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Effective Date: April 17, 2004  
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Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 5  
4th Revised Sheet No. 5

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**Bad Check Charge \***

A bad check charge of \$20 per check will be paid on all checks returned from the bank for insufficient funds. Where a bad check charge is applicable to a customer for both water and sewer service, only one bad check charge shall be billed the customer for both water and sewer service, for each returned check.

**Disconnection/Reconnection**

The Reconnection Charge after service disconnection by the Company for violation of the Company's Rules and Regulations (see Rule 7) shall be \$35. +

Service Connection Fee: meter connection to water main \$ 475 +

Connection Charge: per customer request \$ 35 +

Meter Test Charge: per customer request \$ 50

Water Turn-On Charge: per customer request \$ 30

**Door Collection Charge \***

A door collection charge of \$15.00 will be applicable when a customer pays the serviceman at the time of scheduled disconnection (turn-off) of service to prevent such disconnection. Where a door collection charge is applicable to a customer for both water and sewer service, only one door collection charge shall be billed the customer for both water and sewer service for each door collection.

**Emergency Call Out Charge \***

An Emergency Call-Out Charge of \$15.00 per occurrence will be assessed where a customer requests a shut-off of service and the emergency exists entirely on customer owned facilities.

**Reconnection of Service for "Seasonal" Disconnects \***

A charge of \$25.00 plus the monthly customer charge times the number of months "off-system" (not to exceed 9 months) where the owner of the premises being served discontinues and restores service to the same location within a 12-month period. Restoration of service of a non-payment disconnect after 45 days is deemed to be a seasonal reconnection of service.

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