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RESOLUTION NO. 655

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REVISING AND ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 641

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the Point Roberts Water District No. 4 Board of Commissioners ("District") to fix rates and charges for providing water service, such rates and charges to be fixed as deemed necessary by the District Board of Commissioner so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service and facility: and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the District Board of Commissioners in classifying customers to consider in its discretion several factors including the difference in cost to various customers, the location of the various customers within and without the District, the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of the various parts of the system, the different character of the service furnished to various customers, the quantity and quality of the service and facility furnished, the time of its use, the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful practices and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for a distinction in the establishment of water and sewer service rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners previously established water service rates for all customer classifications by the adoption of Resolution No. 641 on February 26, 2014 and:

WHEREAS, the District entered into a long-term wholesale water supply agreement dated the 28th day of August, 1987 ("Water Supply Agreement") with

the Greater Vancouver Water District ("GVWD") to provide potable water supply to the District to enable the District to serve its present and future customers; District staff have advised that GVWD has periodically increased its wholesale rate to the District and District staff have recommended that the District increase its bimonthly water service rate to all customer classifications to pass through that wholesale rate increase from GVWD to such customers and to fully recover other District costs and expenses; and District staff have advised that GVWD may further increase such water wholesale rate to the District in the future; and

WHEREAS, Peninsula Financial Consulting (PFC), the District's financial consultant, by technical report entitled "Point Roberts Water District Water Rate Update" dated February 15, 2019 recommended that the District's water service rates be revised and updated for all customer classifications so that present and future District customers will fully and equitably pay the cost of water service provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners having considered such consultant and staff recommendations related to the proposed revision of the District's water service rates and having held a special open public hearing on February 15, 2019 for public comment on such proposed revisions pursuant to public notice regarding such hearing posted throughout Point Roberts and at the Water District office; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations included a rate increase in 2020 and then annual increases to only <u>water base fees</u> through 2024; and

WHEREAS, because the District purchases a set quantity of water, regardless of whether it is utilized and sold, and the set amount of purchased water is in part based on peak water usage that assumed all residential connections being utilized; and

WHEREAS, some residential customers impact the system more than others due to either overall high water use or have a high peaking factor (defined as max. bi-month use divided by min. bi-month use); and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to differentiate between base rate fees for residential customers with substantially different impacts to the system; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations included implementation of a new high impact customer charge to be set at \$15 added to any existing residential customer's water bimonthly meter base charge; and

WHEREAS, a high impact customer is defined as any residential customer that has a peaking factor equal to 10 or greater or a total bi-monthly water use equal to 3,500 cubic feet per two months or greater.

NOW, THEREFORE POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT #4, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

At the start of each year the District will review the year's prior billing history for all residential customers and identify all single-family residences with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meters that meet one of the following criteria for a high impact customer.

A high impact customer is defined as any single-family residence with a ¾ inch meter that uses 3,500 cubic feet per or more in a two-month period, or has a peaking factor (max 2-month usage divided by min 2-month usage) greater or equal to 10. If a residential customer has a minimum usage of zero (and thus the peaking factor calculation cannot be accomplished) such a customer with a zero minimum will be assigned to the high impact class if they have a maximum usage of 1,500 cubic feet in a two-month period.

Single-family residential and multi-family residential (2 -4 units) connections with standard ¾ inch meter (base rate covers 2 months usage)

		New Rate				
	Old Rate	(2020)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Base Rate includes 0-5 CCF	\$79.20	\$84.75	\$88.95	\$93.45	\$98.10	\$103.00
6 - 14 CCF	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20
15-40 CCF	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
greater than 40 CCF	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35

Single family residential high impact customers

	Old Rate	New Rate (2020)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Base Rate includes 0-5 CCF	\$79.20	\$99.75	\$103.95	\$108.45	\$113.10	\$118.00
6 - 14 CCF	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20
15-40 CCF	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
greater than 40 CCF	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35

Commercial and multi-family residential (5 or more units) (base rate covers 2 months of usage)

		New Rate				
	Old Rate	(2020)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Base Rate includes 0 CCF						
3/4 inch	\$91.22	\$97.60	\$102.50	\$107.60	\$112.95	\$118.65
1 inch	\$123.45	\$132.10	\$138.70	\$145.65	\$152.90	\$160.55
1.4 inch	\$155.65	\$166.55	\$174.85	\$183.60	\$192.80	\$202.45
2 inch	\$174.20	\$186.40	\$195.70	\$205.50	\$215.80	\$226.55
0 - 6 CCF	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30
Greater than 6 CCF	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$8.85	\$8.85

Point Roberts Golf Course Irrigation Account #1905 rate, as the golf Course irrigation water supply is interruptible, and for irrigation purposes.

Volume rate \$3.50 per CCF with a 4" meter base rate of \$2280.00 on a bimonthly basis for 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Water District No. 4 as follows:

Repealer. All District Resolutions, policies and procedures including Resolution No. 641 are hereby amended, superseded and/or rescinded to be in accordance with the foregoing effective the dates set forth herein.

ADOPTED at the Regularly Scheduled Open Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Point Roberts Water District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, held on the 10th day of December 2019.

Scott Hackleman, Chairman

N. Madeleine Anderson, Secretary

Arthur Reber, Commissioner