

RESOLUTION NO. 616

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REVISING AND ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND REPEALING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 613 REGARDING WATER SERVICE RATES APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the Point Roberts Water District 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. 613 on August 11, 2009; 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, Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc., the District's financial consultant, by technical report entitled "2010 Commercial Water Rate Review Technical

Memorandum" dated June 8, 2010 analyzed District water service rates applicable to commercial customers, including the equitable allocation of District costs to the commercial customer class, and recommended that the District's water service rates be revised and adjusted for commercial customers so that present and future District commercial 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 applicable to commercial customers and having held a public hearing on June 8, 2010 for public comment on such proposed revisions pursuant to public notice regarding such hearing published in the All Points Bulletin and the Bellingham Herald; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners having considered staff and consultant recommendations and public comments related to the proposed revision of the District's water service rates and charges applicable to commercial customers; now therefore,

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

1. Definitions. For the purposes of determining water service rate customer classifications, the following definitions shall apply, unless otherwise provide for:

A. Single Family Residential Customer: single family residential customer means a detached structure containing up to four (4) dwelling units.

B. Dwelling Unit: dwelling unit means any building or portion of a building which contains complete housekeeping facilities for one family, including facilities for sleeping, cooking and sanitation, physically separated from any other dwelling unit which may be in the same building.

C. Equivalent Residential Unit or ERU: equivalent residential unit ("ERU") is comprised of one (1) dwelling unit and is presumed to use on average 600 cubic feet (cf) of water per bimonthly billing period.

D. Commercial Customer: commercial customer means all users and uses other than single family residential customer as defined herein, and shall include multi-family structures with more than four (4) dwelling units.

2. Water Service Rates. The District water service charges applicable to commercial customers set forth on **Exhibit "A"** hereto and by this reference incorporated herein are hereby approved and adopted and shall be effective for all water service provided to and water consumption by District commercial customers on or after July 1, 2010 until and through December 31, 2011.

3. Repealer. All District Resolutions, policies and procedures establishing water service rates and charges for District commercial customers, including Resolution No. 613, are hereby amended, superseded and/or rescinded to be in accordance with the foregoing effective the dates set forth herein.

ADOPTED at a regular open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Point Roberts Water District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, held on the 8th day of June, 2010.

N. Madeleine Anderson, Commissioner

Scott Hackleman, Commissioner

William H. Meursing, Commissioner

EXHIBIT A
COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

Water Rates	2010	2011
Commercial & Multi -Family (>4 Units)	Rate	
Fixed Bimonthly Charge per Meter:		
5/8" & 3/4"	\$71.27	\$75.89
1"	\$95.97	\$102.70
1 - 1/2"	\$120.67	\$129.51
2"	\$134.88	\$144.92
3"	\$250.35	\$270.26
Volume Charge per ccf (Bimonthly Volume Threshold)		
Block One (0-600 cf per ERU)	\$3.61	\$3.61
Block Two (>600 cf per ERU)	\$7.00	\$7.37