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NORTON-HARDING-JIMTOWN PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

OF

NORTON, WEST VIRGINIA

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE

in the Norton, Harding, Jimtown and Coalton areas in Randolph County, West Virginia

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By *Kenneth D. Pong*

Chairman

Title

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Sewerage Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

STEP 1 RATES

SCHEDULE I

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for general domestic, commercial and industrial sewer service.

(I) **RATES** (customers with metered water supply)

First	3,000 gallons used per month	\$10.81 per 1,000 gallons
Next	7,000 gallons used per month	\$10.81 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	10,000 gallons used per month	\$ 5.41 per 1,000 gallons

(I) **FLAT RATE CHARGE** (customers with non-metered water supply)

Equivalent of 4,000 gallons of water supply \$43.24 per month

(I) **MINIMUM CHARGE**

No bill will be rendered for less than \$32.43 per month

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent 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 tap to serve an applicant.

A tap fee of \$100.00 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 the 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 to the system.

(I) Indicates increase

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE I (Continued)

DISCONNECT/RECONNECT FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for non-payment of sewer bills in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with the Town of Coalton, a disconnection fee of \$10.00 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 the Town of Coalton, is reconnected, a reconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual 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 the bank due to insufficient funds.

(I) **LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

\$3.82 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on 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 2/12 of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater.

(I) Indicates increase

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE II

SURFACE OR GROUND WATER SURCHARGE

An additional amount shall be charged where surface or ground water is introduced into the sanitary system where evidence of a violation exists.

Surcharge formula to be applied in cases where surface drainage is connected to the utility's sewer system.

APPLICABILITY

Whenever the utility has discovered that a customer's roof drain, downspout, storm sewer or similar facilities conducting surface water has been connected to the utility's sewer system and such customer has failed to take appropriate action within thirty (30) days of receipt of a demand by the utility in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission to eliminate such connection, a surcharge will be imposed upon the customer calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$S = A \times R \times .0006233 \times C$$

- S = the surcharge in dollars
- A = the area under roof and/or the area of any other water collecting surface connected to the sanitary sewer, in square feet.
- R = the measured monthly rainfall, in inches
- .0006233 = a conversion factor to change inches of rain x square feet of surface to thousands of gallons of water.
- C = the utility's approved rate per thousand gallons of metered water usage

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE II (Continued)

APPLICABILITY (Continued)

The utility shall not impose the surcharge unless and until the customer has been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery, that it has been established by smoke testing, dye testing or on-site inspection that rain or surface water is being introduced into the sanitary sewer system at the customer's location, and that the customer has not acted within thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to divert the water from the sanitary sewer system.

The surcharge shall be calculated and imposed for each month the condition continues to exist. Failure to pay the surcharge and/or correct the situation shall give rise to the possible termination of water service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE III

SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED TO A CUSTOMER PRODUCING UNUSUAL WASTE

The charge for the treatment of unusual waste will be calculated on the basis of 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 of transport and treatment chargeable to volume, in dollars per gallon
- V_i = volume of waste water 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. Waste containing materials which, in the judgment of the 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.

Thereafter, unusual sewage will be monitored on a regular basis and at the conclusion of each fiscal year, based on the aforesaid investigation and an audit of the Public Service District's records, new cost figures will be calculated for use in the above formula. The cost of establishing the monitoring facilities shall be paid by the unusual user. Based on these audited figures, additional billings covering the past fiscal year will be made for payment by each unusual user, or refund given by the Public Service District, as the case may be. Such audited figures shall then be used for the preliminary billing for the next fiscal year, at the end of which an adjustment shall be made.

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE IV

APPLICABLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF THE UTILITY

Where the amount of sanitary sewage discharged into the Utility's wastewater collection and/or transmission system by certain industrial plant or plants cannot be accurately determined by the use of the plant's water meter or meters, and said plant cannot install a flow meter to measure such waste, a special formula will be used whereby such plant or plants will pay the Utility a sewer charge calculated at fifty (50) gallons of water per each employee at the plant each working day.

STEP 1 RATES (Continued)

SCHEDULE V

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire territory served

AVAILABILITY

Available for wastewater and leachate haulers

(I) **RATES**

Each customer shall pay a commodity charge of \$32.06 per 1,000 gallons per load. Load will be two times the actual capacity of the truck or other transport method delivering wastewater and leachate. Actual capacity shall be determined or verified by the District.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

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By *Karanta Kemp*
Chairman

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NORTON-HARDING-JIMTOWN PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (Sewer)

SUPPLEMENT No. 1 to P.S.C. W. Va. No. 4

Original Sheet No. 1

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STEP 2 RATES

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(D) **RATES** (customers with metered water supply)

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(D) **FLAT RATE CHARGE** (customers with non-metered water supply)

Equivalent of 4,000 gallons of water supply \$41.72 per month

(D) **MINIMUM CHARGE**

No bill will be rendered for less than \$31.29 per month

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