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SEWER RATE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2019

1. **MONTHLY CHARGE**

- a. Residential - Monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, villa or apartment unit \$37.92
- b. Mobile Homes \$28.30
- c. Commercial - Monthly charge per single-family equivalent \$37.92
- d. The charges listed above are minimum charges and shall apply even if the equivalency rating is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating is greater than one (1), then the monthly charges may be calculated by multiplying the equivalency rating by the monthly charge of \$37.92.
- e. Bills issued for monthly sewer service provided during the thirty-six (36) month period beginning from and after the effective date of this rate schedule shall be reduced thirty-four (\$0.34) cents for residential customers and mobile home customers and thirty-four (\$0.34) cents per single family equivalent for commercial customers. Bills issued for service provided from and after that thirty-six (36) month period will be at the full rates shown above unless a different rate is approved by the Public Service Commission after the effective date of this rate schedule.

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential and mobile home categories above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc. Minimum commercial customer equivalency ratings may exceed one (1) in some cases.

The Utility may, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building consisting of four or more residential units which is served by a master sewer meter or a single sewer connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before

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service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

2. **NONRECURRING CHARGES**

a. Sewer service connection charge per
single-family equivalent \$250.00

b. The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

3. **NOTIFICATION, ACCOUNT SET-UP AND RECONNECTION CHARGES**

a. Notification Fee: A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged each customer to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission Regulation 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating that cost.

b. Customer Account Charge: A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged as a one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service.

c. Reconnection charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of \$250.00 shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Regulation 103-532.4. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection charge of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be due. The amount of the reconnection fee shall be in accordance with Commission Regulation 103-532.4 and shall be changed to conform with said rule as the rule is amended from time to time.

4. **BILLING CYCLE**

Recurring charges will be billed monthly. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

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5. **LATE PAYMENT CHARGES**

Any balance unpaid within twenty-five (25) days of the billing date shall be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half (1½%) percent.

6. **TOXIC AND PRETREATMENT EFFLUENT GUIDELINES**

The Utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR §§ 129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties subject to 40 CFR §§ 403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to the pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. Any person or entity introducing any such prohibited or untreated materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

7. **REQUIREMENTS AND CHARGES PERTAINING TO SATELLITE SYSTEMS**

- a. Where there is connected to the Utility's system a satellite system, as defined in S.C. Code Regs. 61-9.505.8 or other pertinent law, rule or regulation, the owner or operator of such satellite system shall operate and maintain same in accordance with all applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- b. The owner or operator of a satellite system shall construct, maintain, and operate such satellite system in a manner that the prohibited or untreated materials referred to in Section 6 of this rate schedule (including but not limited to Fats, Oils, Sand or Grease), stormwater, and groundwater are not introduced into the Utility's system.
- c. The owner or operator of a satellite system shall provide Utility with access to such satellite system and the property upon which it is situated in accordance with the requirements of Commission Regulation 103-537.
- d. The owner or operator of a satellite system shall not less than annually inspect such satellite system and make such repairs, replacements, modifications, cleanings, or other undertakings necessary to meet the requirements of this Section 7 of the rate schedule. Such inspection shall be documented by written reports and video recordings of television inspections of lines and a copy of the inspection report received by the owner or operator of a satellite

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system, including video of the inspection, shall be provided to Utility. Should the owner or operator fail to undertake such inspection, Utility shall have the right to arrange for such inspection and to recover the cost of same, without mark-up, from the owner or operator of the satellite system.

- e. Should Utility determine that the owner or operator of a satellite system has failed to comply with the requirements of this Section 7 of the rate schedule, with the exception of the requirement that a satellite system be cleaned, the Utility may initiate disconnection of the satellite system in accordance with the Commission's regulations, said disconnection to endure until such time as said requirements are met and all charges, costs and expenses to which Utility is entitled are paid. With respect to the cleaning of a satellite system, the owner or operator of a satellite system shall have the option of cleaning same within five (5) business days after receiving written notice from Utility that an inspection reveals that a cleaning is required. Should the owner or operator of such a satellite system fail to have the necessary cleaning performed within that time frame, Utility may arrange for cleaning by a qualified contractor and the cost of same, without mark-up, may be billed to the owner or operator of said system.

8. **CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

The Utility requires all construction to be performed in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards, at a minimum. The Utility from time to time may require that more stringent construction standards be followed in constructing parts of the system.

9. **EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICE LINES AND MAINS**

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into its sewer system. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to an appropriate connection point on the Utility's sewer system may receive service, subject to paying the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule, complying with the guidelines and standards hereof, and, where appropriate, agreeing to pay an acceptable amount for multi-tap capacity.

10. **CONTRACTS FOR MULTI-TAP CAPACITY**

The Utility shall have no obligation to modify or expand its plant, other facilities or mains to treat the sewerage of any person or entity requesting multi-taps (a commitment for five or more taps) unless such person or entity first agrees to pay an

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acceptable amount to the Utility to defray all or a portion of the Utility's costs to make modifications or expansions thereto.

11. **SINGLE FAMILY EQUIVALENT**

A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the wastewater design loading guidelines found in 6 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2016). Where the Utility has reason to suspect that a person or entity is exceeding design loadings established by these guidelines, the Utility shall have the right to request and receive water usage records from that person or entity and/or the provider of water to such person or entity. Also, the Utility shall have the right to conduct an "on premises" inspection of the customer's premises. If it is determined that actual flows or loadings are greater than the design flows or loadings, then the Utility shall recalculate the customer's equivalency rating based on actual flows or loadings and thereafter bill for its services in accordance with such recalculated loadings.

12. **TAMPERING CHARGE**

In the event the Utility's equipment, mains, service lines, elder valves, or other plant or facilities have been damaged or tampered with by a customer, the Utility may charge the customer responsible for the damage the actual cost of repairing the Utility's equipment, plant or facilities not to exceed \$250.00. The tampering charge shall be paid in full prior to the Utility re-connecting service or continuing the provision of service. This charge shall be in addition to any notification, reconnection, or similar charges that the Utility is entitled to impose under this rate schedule or under Commission orders, rules, and regulations.

13. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The liability of the Utility, its officers, employees, and agents for damages arising out of the interruption of service or failure to furnish service, whether caused by acts or omissions, shall be limited to those remedies provided in the Commission's rules and regulations governing wastewater utilities.