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Notice – Public Comment Hearing for Cascadia Water’s Rate Case

On February 29, 2024, Cascadia Water, LLC (Cascadia Water or the Company) filed for approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the Commission) to increase rates effective June 1, 2024. Cascadia Water later extended the effective date to July 1, 2024. On its June 27, 2024, Open Meeting, the Commission suspended the Company’s tariff revisions and set the rate case for adjudication. On September 26, 2024, Cascadia Water submitted testimony seeking to increase rates effective May 1, 2025. Listed at the end of this Notice are the proposed rates **for your system** and resulting average monthly bill impact from the September filing in this general rate case. Increased rates will reflect additional revenue of \$1,726,600, which is \$62,193 less than the additional revenue the Company sought in its February 29, 2024, filing.

Purpose of General Rate Case

The purpose of this filing is to recover costs associated with water service. Cascadia Water is seeking to recover costs in rates because current revenues are insufficient to cover the ongoing cost to provide service that is safe, adequate and efficient.

Since its prior general rate case, Cascadia Water has prudently managed its operating expenses. Many of these expenses have increased due to high inflation that is beyond the Company’s control. Cascadia Water has also made substantial system-wide investments and completed several key infrastructure projects that enhance service, for the benefit of its customers. The Company also is undertaking other key infrastructure projects that are yet to be completed.

The Commission has the authority to approve rates that may be higher or lower than Cascadia’s request. The Commission is examining the proposed rates; the examination can take up to 11 months from the Commission’s suspension of the Company’s tariff revisions.

Public Comment Hearing Dates and Times

You may comment on Cascadia Water’s rate case at one of two virtual public comment hearings that will be held by the Commission at the dates and times listed below. You can participate via Zoom by using the following links or via phone by calling the number:

Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm:

<https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86808896127?pwd=jA0abxrG6K1R0J8wlTV6guz8gBgR3.1>

Click to join and enter meeting ID: 868 0889 6127 and Passcode: 887426

You can also join by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID number 868 0889 6127 and passcode 887426.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm:

<https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83554406790?pwd=Nz3YlgS00qhkFVW1MfcIfXfYsvYzj2.1>

Click to join and enter meeting ID: 835 5440 6790 and Passcode: 097444

You can also join by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID number 835 5440 6790 and passcode 097444.

If you plan to participate in the public comment hearing, please call 1-888-333-9882 at least one day before the hearing so you can be signed in. Not calling in advance, however, will not preclude you from calling in the day of the hearing.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate at the public comment hearing, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or comments@utc.wa.gov. The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities.

Other Ways to Comment on the Rate Case

Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (Cascadia Water), and docket number UW-240151. If you have questions about the Commission's process, please contact the Commission using one of the methods below.

WUTC:

Send comments to the WUTC by one of the following:

www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment

comments@utc.wa.gov

1-888-333-9882

WUTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250.

Public Counsel:

Residential and small business customers are represented in this case by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of the Attorney General.

utility@atg.wa.com

206-604-7744

Public Counsel Unit, Attorney General's Office, 800 Fifth Ave. Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104

ISLAND/MAINLAND SYSTEM (for former Northwest Water Services)
Specific locations: Skagit/Snohomish counties, and Jones/Henni Road and Silver Lake area

Cascadia Water's proposed rates and the resulting average monthly bill impact for your Island/Mainland System (for former Northwest Water Services) are as follows:

Island/Mainland System – Current Rates

Meter Size	Base Rate (mo.)	1 st Block Size (cu. ft.)	1 st Block Rate	2 nd Block Size (cu. ft.)	2 nd Block Rate	3 rd Block Size (cu. ft.)	3 rd Block Rate
3/4"	\$43.00	0-668	\$1.30	669-1,337	\$2.40	Over 1,337	\$4.00
1"	\$71.67	0-1,114	\$1.30	1,115-2,228	\$2.40	Over 2,228	\$4.00
Unmetered	\$65.90						
Ready to Serve	\$43.00						
Skagit R. Colony Flat	\$40.00						

Island/Mainland System – Proposed Rates (effective May 1, 2025)

Meter Size ¹	Base Rate (mo.)	1 st Block Size (cu. ft.)	1 st Block Rate ²	2 nd Block Size (cu. ft.)	2 nd Block Rate	3 rd Block Size (cu. ft.)	3 rd Block Rate
5/8" or 3/4"	\$54.00	0-500	\$5.07	501-1,000	\$8.01	Over 1,000	\$10.14
1"	\$108.00	0-1,250	\$5.07	1,251-2,500	\$8.01	Over 2,500	\$10.14
2"	\$432.00	0-4,000	\$5.07	4,001-8,000	\$8.01	Over 8,000	\$10.14
Unmetered³	\$86.40						
Ready to Serve⁴	\$54.00						

Island/Mainland System – Average Monthly Bill Impact from Proposed Rates (effective May 1, 2025)

Meter Size	Avg. Bill -- Current	Avg. Bill -- Proposed	Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase
3/4"	\$56.72	\$101.87	\$45.15	80%
1"	\$71.79	\$108.48	\$36.68	51%

¹ "Meter Size" relates to the 5/8-inch, 3/4-inch, 1-inch and 2-inch rates under Metered Rate Service (Rate Schedule No. 2).

² Per one-hundred (100) cubic feet ("cu. ft.") in 1st Block Rate, 2nd Block Rate and 3rd Block Rate. If the meter is registered in gallons, the usage blocks will be gallons divided by 7.48.

³ "Unmetered" means Non-Metered Flat Rate Service (Rate Schedule No. 1).

⁴ Includes Skagit River Colony. "Ready to Serve" means Ready To Serve Service (Rate Schedule No. 3).