

SECTION 10  
ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES/BILLING AND PAYMENTS  
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- A. The schedule of metered rates established by the Authority shall be continuously maintained at the Authority office and available to the public. The Authority has adopted a Resolution establishing rates and charges, which has been amended from time to time. That Rate Resolution, together with the Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees, Rates and Charges ("Schedule of Rates and Charges") attached to the Rate Resolution as Exhibit "A" sets forth meter rates, water rates, and miscellaneous fees, rates and charges in effect from time to time. Exhibit "A" to the Rate Resolution, as amended, is referred to herein as "Exhibit "A".
- B. The schedule of private fire protection rates established by the Authority shall be continuously maintained at the Authority office and available to the public. An updated schedule of private fire protection service rates and charges shall be included in the Rate Resolution.
- C. (1) Use of Water During Construction. All owners and contractors shall advise the Authority of intended use of water for construction purposes and shall be authorized by the Authority for such use. Owners and contractors shall be jointly and severally liable for all charges due under this section 10C. Owners/contractors shall have the option, at their cost, of installing temporary meters to measure actual usage. If construction water use is so metered, the regular water rates, then in effect shall apply. Special charges as set forth in subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4) below shall apply in unmetered situations.
- (2) Routine Use - Residential Construction. A flat charge for unmetered residential building construction purposes, not involving opening hydrants or unrestricted flow from water mains, shall be due to the Authority, calculated on a quarterly basis and applicable separately to each unit under construction at the rate set forth on Exhibit "A".
- (3) Commercial/Industrial Construction - High Volume Flow. Charges for unmetered commercial or industrial construction, and for construction use involving opening hydrants or unrestricted flow from water

mains, shall be due at the rate set forth on Exhibit "A". Usage shall be measured based on increased pumping rates by the Authority and/or decrease in water storage levels during the use period.

(4) Unauthorized Use. Charges for unauthorized water use for construction shall be due at the rate set forth on Exhibit "A". Usage shall be measured based on increased pumping rates by the Authority and/or decrease in water storage levels during the use period. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by the Authority of any rights it may have to prosecute or pursue theft-of-service charged for unauthorized water use, or actual damages caused or incurred because of such unauthorized use, in addition to gallonage charged.)

- D. The Authority establishes an incidental bulk sale rate for usage of water from fire hydrants, which shall be separate from the hydrant access fee separately set forth in these Rules. The rate for incidental bulk sales of water from hydrants, and from other sources connected to the Authority water system is set forth on Exhibit "A".
- E. A hydrant access fee shall be payable to the Authority for each instance a third-party requests a fire hydrant opening for incidental water purchase, pressure or flow testing, fire system testing or any other purpose (excluding emergency fire flow.) The hydrant access fee is set forth on Exhibit "A".
- F. A fee for turn-off or turn-on of service at the curb stop shall be due to the Authority, at the rate set forth on Exhibit "A".
- G. A fee shall be due to the Authority for testing of meters. All testing shall be performed by a firm certified to perform such test. The fee for meter testing is set forth on Exhibit "A".
- H. A fee is payable to the Authority at the time of change of ownership or tenancy of any property served by the Authority. The fee shall be as set forth on Exhibit "A".
- I. Any person paying or presenting to the Authority a check which is returned for insufficient funds, or for any other reason, shall be liable to the Authority for a Return Check

Charge (NSF Charge) in the amount set forth on Exhibit "A", payable immediately upon demand. The Authority shall be entitled, but not required, to add any Return Check Charge incurred to the next billing for rates. Any person paying the Authority by means of a credit card payment which is subsequently reversed or charged-back shall be responsible to the Authority for a credit card charge-back fee in the amount set forth on Exhibit "A", payable immediately upon demand. The Authority shall be entitled, but not required, to add any charge-back fee incurred to the next billing for rates.

- J. Bills for Consumer Units for water service supplied shall be rendered on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, or as soon after the first day of each of said months as if possible, and shall represent the amount due for water service rendered since the last meter reading.
- K. All bills for Consumer Units for water service and all bills for private fire protection service and building construction purposes shall be due and payable upon delivery, provided that the Authority shall allow a grace period for payment until the later of (i) fifteen (15) days from the date of delivery of the bill, or (ii) the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) of the month in which the bill is delivered (provided, however, that if the final day of the grace period falls on a legal holiday or a Sunday, payment made or mailed and postmarked on the next succeeding business day which is not a legal holiday shall constitute payment within the grace period.) If any bill is not paid within the grace period, a late charge of 5% of the amount of the bill shall be added, which shall be due and payable immediately following the expiration of the grace period. For purposes of this Section 10 J., the date of delivery of a bill by the Authority shall mean the date the bill is placed in the U.S. Mail, postage paid.
- L. If a bill for a Consumer Unit or a bill for private fire Protection service or for building construction purposes shall be delinquent for a period of 5 days or more, water service may be discontinued by this Authority upon written notice to the Consumer whose bill is delinquent; provided, however, that any such action taken or any notice given, in accordance with provisions of law then applicable under the circumstances. If discontinued, water service will not be restored until the gross bill, together with any cut-off

and/or turn-on charge in effect at the time, shall have been paid, except as may be required by law.

- M. Whenever water service to any Consumer Unit shall begin after the first day or shall terminate before the last day of any quarter annum period, the water rates and other charges for such period shall be pro-rated equitably for that portion of the quarter annum period during which service was provided.
- N. Each bill for a Consumer Unit for water service shall be made out in the name of the Consumer. Each Consumer shall provide the Authority with, and continuously shall keep the Authority advised of, his correct address. Failure to receive a bill for water service shall not be construed an excuse for no payment, nor shall such failure result in an extension of the period of time during which such bill shall be payable without penalty.
- O. A Consumer desiring abatement of a water bill due to a vacancy shall give notice in writing to the Authority requesting water service to be cut off. All vacancies shall date from the day the required notice is received by the Authority or from the date specified in the notice requesting water service to be cut off, whichever is later. Allowance shall be made for the period of vacancy in computing the bill of the Consumer provided, however, that no abatement shall be made for a period of less than 3 months.