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July 15, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
6 Saint Paul St., 16th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Case Nos. 9212 and 9423 – Pinto and Highland Estates
Bulk Water Purchase Rate Notice Filing and Revised
Tariff Pages

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This filing on behalf of Maryland Water Service, Inc. (“MWS”) provides notice to the Maryland Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) of a change in the water supply rates for the Pinto and Highland Estates water systems. The tariffs for the Pinto and Highland Estates water systems provide the following:

“The Utility is required to file with the Maryland Public Service Commission a notice of change in its water supplier’s rate within 90 days of receipt of notification from the supplier. The notification will identify the current supplier rate, a calculation of the revised Bulk Purchased Water Rate (including the 15% adjustment for UFW), the notice sent to the customers served which describes the change in the rate, and any applicable revised Tariff page(s). The revised Tariff and Bulk Purchased Water Rate will be effective 30 days from the date of the filing with the Commission and is subject to review and audit by the Commission’s staff.

Additionally, the Utility will provide its customers with at least 30 days notice prior to implementing any rate change imposed by the Utility's water supplier for the Bulk Purchased Water Rate.”

MWS purchases the water supply for the Pinto water system from the Allegany County Department of Public Works. On June 26, 2024, Allegany County provided notice to MWS that, effective July 1, 2024, its water supply rate increased from \$7.09 per one thousand gallons to \$8.73 per one thousand gallons. Attached in compliance with the tariff for the Pinto water system, please find: (1) a copy of Allegany County’s notice to MWS of the revised supply rate (**Attachment A**); (2) a calculation of the revised Bulk Purchased Water Rate (including the 15% adjustment for UFW) (**Attachment B**); (3) a copy of the notice sent to customers describing the change in the

rate (**Attachment C**); and (4) clean and redlined revised tariff pages reflecting the new rate (**Attachment D**).

MWS purchases the water supply for the Highland Estates water system from the City of Cumberland. On June 26, 2024, the City of Cumberland provided notice to MWS of an increase to its water supply block rates effective July 1, 2024. Due to the City of Cumberland's decreasing block rate structure, MWS calculated the revised bulk water supply rate for Highland Estates by calculating the average cost per gallon using the actual gallonage for purchased water for the 12 months of 2023. Using this 2023 historical gallonage, the new 2024 rates were then applied to the respective blocks to calculate the updated cost per gallon going forward. This cost per gallon was then increased 15% to allow for unaccounted for water losses per the tariff. Attached in compliance with the tariff for the Highland Estates water system, please find: (1) a copy of the City of Cumberland's notice to MWS of the revised supply rate (**Attachment E**); (2) a calculation of the revised Bulk Purchased Water Rate (including the 15% adjustment for UFW) (**Attachment F**); (3) a copy of the notice sent to customers describing the change in the rate (**Attachment G**); and (4) clean and redlined revised tariff pages reflecting the new rate (**Attachment H**).

MWS' tariff provides that the revised tariff and Bulk Purchased Water Rate will be effective 30 days from the date of the notice filing. The tariff also requires MWS to provide its customers with at least 30 days' notice prior to implementing any rate change imposed by the MWS' water supplier for the Bulk Purchased Water Rate. MWS is mailing the required notice to customers today. Accordingly, the effective date of MWS' revised tariff and Bulk Purchased Water Rate is August 15, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

David W. Beugelmans

Enclosures

cc: Parties on service lists (Case Nos. 9212 and 9423)

Attachment A
Pinto



David J. Caporale, President
William R. Atkinson, Commissioner
Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner
Jason M. Bennett, CPA, Administrator
T. Lee Beeman, Esq, Attorney
Adam Patterson, PE, Director

June 26, 2024

Mr. Nate Spriggs (email to Ms. Alice Benton)
PO Box 379
Dunkirk, MD 20754

Dear Mr. Spriggs,

During fiscal year 2024, the County Utilities Division pays the City of Cumberland an average of \$5.70 per one thousand gallons in our Cresaptown District (see attached). The City of Cumberland will increase their rates 20% effective July 1. With this increase, we expect an estimated cost per thousand gallons of \$6.84. In accordance with our Water Supply Agreement with Maryland Water Service, the County's billing rate is equal to 127.6% of the water rate noted above. Our current billing is \$7.09 per one thousand gallons. Effective July 1, 2024 the new rate for Maryland Water Service will be \$8.73 per one thousand gallons.

Also, the County is requesting a copy of the calibration reports for both meters. If this has not been completed recently, we would appreciate the opportunity to be present during the meter testing. Please contact our Field Supervisor, Slick Ensminger, at 301.729.3311 to schedule this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brynn Laird".

Brynn Laird, P.E.
Engineer – Utilities Division

CC: Adam Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works (email)
Slick Ensminger, Supervisor County Utilities (email)
Sherry Bishop, Tax and Utility Office (email)
Linda Adams, Tax and Utility Office (email)

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Cresaptown Summary

CITY OF CUMBERLAND - WATER FY 2024						
MONTH	MONTH (NO. OF DAYS)	TOTAL (GALLONS)	GPD	GALLON PER DAY PER EDU	TOTAL WATER USE COST	\$ / 1,000 GAL
July	31	2,768,266	89,299	106	\$ 14,837.91	\$ 5.36
August	31	4,819,998	155,484	184	\$ 28,004.19	\$ 5.81
September	30	3,718,116	123,937	146	\$ 20,784.27	\$ 5.59
October	31	3,651,494	117,790	139	\$ 19,973.67	\$ 5.47
November	30	5,069,468	168,982	200	\$ 29,352.22	\$ 5.79
December	31	4,440,700	143,248	169	\$ 25,356.40	\$ 5.71
January	31	4,521,794	145,864	172	\$ 25,683.79	\$ 5.68
February	28	6,555,888	234,139	277	\$ 38,614.18	\$ 5.89
March	31	5,265,904	169,868	201	\$ 30,068.31	\$ 5.71
April	30	5,099,496	169,983	201	\$ 29,220.11	\$ 5.73
May	31	6,927,956	223,482	264	\$ 41,082.78	\$ 5.93
June	30		-	-		
		52,839,080		TOTAL:	\$ 302,977.82	\$ 5.70

Attachment B
Pinto

Current Supplier Rate:	\$7.09
New Supplier Rate:	\$8.73
Add: Adjustment for Unaccounted for Water @ 15%:	\$1.31
New Bulk Purchased Water Rate:	\$10.04

Attachment C
Pinto

MARYLAND WATER SERVICE, INC. – PINTO

Notice of Revised Bulk Purchased Water Rate

MWS purchases the water it supplies to Pinto customers from the Allegany County Department of Public Works. As a regulated public utility, MWS is authorized by the Maryland Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) to recover the costs of the water it purchases for its Pinto customers as a pass through on customer bills.

On June 26, 2024, MWS was notified of an increase to the Bulk Purchased Water Rate charged by Allegany County. As a result, MWS has requested authorization from the Commission to implement a corresponding increase in the Bulk Purchased Water Rate it includes on its Pinto customers’ bills. This adjustment will increase the rate from the current \$8.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.04 per 1,000 gallons, no earlier than 30 days after this notice.

If you have any questions, please contact MWS at (844) 310-6660.

Maryland Water Service, Inc.

Date: July 15th, 2024

Attachment D
Pinto

WATER SERVICE RATE – METERED – PINTO

COMMUNITY SERVED

The terms and rates identified below are applicable to customers served by Maryland Water Service, Inc. in the communities known as **Pinto and Bel Air** in Allegany County, Maryland.

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available to a customer for domestic and commercial use of water where service is supplied through a meter and where water is purchased from a government body or agency or other entity for distribution and resale by the Company.

MONTHLY BASE FACILITIES CHARGE	Phase 1	Phase 2*	Phase 3**
5/8" & 3/4"	\$26.00	\$30.56	\$35.11
1"	\$60.55	\$67.48	\$74.41
1 1/2".....	\$118.13	\$129.03	\$139.92
2".....	\$187.24	\$202.88	\$218.53
3"	\$348.47	\$375.21	\$401.94
4"	\$578.82	\$621.40	\$663.97
6"	\$1,154.66	\$1,236.85	\$1,319.04

USAGE CHARGE

Residential usage per 1,000 gallons	\$6.11	\$8.47	\$10.83
Multifamily usage per 1,000 gallons	\$6.50	\$9.26	\$12.01
Commercial usage per 1,000 gallons	\$6.96	\$10.16	\$13.37

* Phase 2 will become effective 12 months after the effective date of Phase 1.

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BULK PURCHASED WATER RATE

The Utility will charge, as a separate line item on the customer's bill, for the cost of water purchased from its water supplier, including any government body or agency, or other entity. The charges imposed or charged by Utility's water supplier will be charged to the utility's affected customers based on each customer's metered consumption. The Utility will include within the Bulk Purchase Water Rate an additional 15% adjustment on the water supplier's actual rate as an estimate of unaccounted-for-water losses.

The Bulk Purchased Water Rate shall be: \$10.04 per 1,000 gallons

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Additionally, the Utility will provide its customers with at least 30 days notice prior to implementing any rate change imposed by the Utility's water supplier for the Bulk Purchased Water Rate.

ISSUED: July 15, 2024

SIGNED: Nathaniel Spriggs

EFFECTIVE: August 15, 2024

TITLE: President

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AVAILABILITY

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The Bulk Purchased Water Rate shall be: ~~\$810.45~~\$104 per 1,000 gallons

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Additionally, the Utility will provide its customers with at least 30 days notice prior to implementing any rate change imposed by the Utility's water supplier for the Bulk Purchased Water Rate.

ISSUED: ~~September-July 15~~20, 20243

SIGNED: ~~Seth Whitney~~Nathaniel Spriggs

EFFECTIVE: ~~September-August 2015~~, 20243

TITLE: President

Attachment E
Highland Estates

CITY OF CUMBERLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Water and Sewer Rates - July 1, 2024

<u>Water Rates</u>		
Decreasing Block Rate Structure w/ Ready-to-Serve		
Monthly Customers	Inside	Outside
Level 1: First 100 cubic feet	\$ 6.7700	\$ 10.18
Level 2: Next 900 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0618	\$ 0.0926
Level 3: Next 199,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0496	\$ 0.0691
Level 4: Next 1,134,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0391	\$ 0.0588
Level 5: Next 1,166,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.01760	\$ 0.01760
Level 6: All over 2,500,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.00440	\$ 0.00440

<u>Sewer Rates</u>		
Rate Structure w/ Ready-to-Serve		
Monthly Customers	Inside	Outside
Ready-to-serve Charge per EDU =	\$ 11.39	\$ 17.06
Rate (cubic feet) =	\$ 0.0908	\$ 0.1359

<u>Bay Restoration Fee</u>			
Monthly Customers			
	RI, RO	CI	(II, IO)
Bay Fee per Month (RI and RO)	\$ 5.00		
Bay Fee per EDU		\$ 5.00	
Bay Fee per EDU			\$ 5.00
EDU Calculation = $((\text{Consumption (cf)} / \text{Days in Billing Period}) / 33.42) \times \5.00			
Example = $((50,000\text{cf} / 90 \text{ days}) / 33.42) \times \$5.00 = \$83.10$			

<u>Wholesale Water Companies</u>	
Decreasing Block Rate Structure w/ Ready-to-Serve	
Ready-to-serve Charge: 70% of Peak Monthly Flows	
Consumption	
Level 1: Minimum Charge per EDU	\$ 46.60
Level 2: Next 900 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0926
Level 3: Next 199,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0691
Level 4: Next 1,134,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.0588
Level 5: Next 1,166,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.01760
Level 6: All over 2,500,000 cubic feet per cubic feet	\$ 0.00440

<u>Municipal Solid Waste Rates</u>	
Monthly	
Residential	\$ 16.50
Commercial	\$ 31.39
Industrial	\$ 31.39
Tax Exempt	\$ 16.50

<u>AWWA MI Meter Equivalent Ratios</u>	
Meter Size (inches)	EDU Ratio
3/4 and below	1.0
1	2.5
1 1/2	5.0
2	8.0
3	16.0
4	25.0
6	50.0
8	80.0

Attachment F
Highland Estates

Current Supplier Average Rate:	\$8.62
New Supplier Average Rate:	\$10.89
Add: Adjustment for Unaccounted for Water @ 15%:	\$1.63
New Bulk Purchased Water Rate:	\$12.52

2023 Invoice Actuals

Table A					
Account #740083740 (Naves Crossroad)					
Line	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
No.	Service Period on Supplier Invoice	PV Number	Usage (Cu. Feet)	Usage (Gals.) C * 7.48052	Usage Charge
1	12/26/2022-1/23/2023		24,000	179,532	\$ 1,461.13
2	1/23/2023-2/18/2023		20,000	149,610	\$ 1,251.53
3	2/18/2023-3/27/2023		30,000	224,416	\$ 1,775.53
4	3/27/2023-4/24/2023		20,000	149,610	\$ 1,251.53
5	4/24/2023-5/23/2023		22,000	164,571	\$ 1,356.33
6	5/23/2023-6/22/2023		27,000	201,974	\$ 1,779.08
7	6/22/2023-7/24/2023		34,000	254,338	\$ 2,182.28
8	7/24/2023-8/27/2023		29,000	216,935	\$ 1,894.28
9	8/27/2023-9/25/2023		22,000	164,571	\$ 1,491.08
10	9/25/2023-10/21/2023		13,000	97,247	\$ 972.68
11	10/21/2023-11/28/2023		18,000	134,649	\$ 1,260.68
12	11/28/2023-12/20/2023		12,000	89,766	\$ 915.08
13			271,000	2,027,221	\$ 17,591.21

12-Month Historical Average per Gallon

Base rate	Level 2 Usage	Level 3 Usage	Historical	Avg per gal
	0.0702	0.0524		
	0.0772	0.0576		
176.5	63.18	1210.44	\$ 1,450.12	0.008077
176.5	63.18	1000.84	\$ 1,240.52	0.008292
176.5	63.18	1524.84	\$ 1,764.52	0.007863
176.5	63.18	1000.84	\$ 1,240.52	0.008292
176.5	63.18	1105.64	\$ 1,345.32	0.008175
194.15	69.48	1503.36	\$ 1,766.99	0.008749
194.15	69.48	1906.56	\$ 2,170.19	0.008533
194.15	69.48	1618.56	\$ 1,882.19	0.008676
194.15	69.48	1215.36	\$ 1,478.99	0.008987
194.15	69.48	696.96	\$ 960.59	0.009878
194.15	69.48	984.96	\$ 1,248.59	0.009273
194.15	69.48	639.36	\$ 902.99	0.010059

Projected Future Average per Gallon (based on 2023 usage)

Base rate	Level 2 Usage	Level 3 Usage	Future	Avg per gal
	0.0926	0.0691		
233	83.34	1596.21	\$ 1,912.55	0.010653
233	83.34	1319.81	\$ 1,636.15	0.010936
233	83.34	2010.81	\$ 2,327.15	0.010370
233	83.34	1319.81	\$ 1,636.15	0.010936
233	83.34	1458.01	\$ 1,774.35	0.010782
233	83.34	1803.51	\$ 2,119.85	0.010496
233	83.34	2287.21	\$ 2,603.55	0.010237
233	83.34	1941.71	\$ 2,258.05	0.010409
233	83.34	1458.01	\$ 1,774.35	0.010782
233	83.34	836.11	\$ 1,152.45	0.011851
233	83.34	1181.61	\$ 1,497.95	0.011125
233	83.34	767.01	\$ 1,083.35	0.012069

0.010887 average per gallon

\$ 8.62 12-month average rate per 1k gal

\$ 10.89 average rate per 1k gal
0.15 adjustment for UFW

\$ 12.52 tariff rate update

Attachment G
Highland Estates

MARYLAND WATER SERVICE, INC. – HIGHLAND ESTATES

Notice of Revised Bulk Purchased Water Rate

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If you have any questions, please contact MWS at (844) 310-6660.

Maryland Water Service, Inc.

Date: July 15th, 2024

Attachment H
Highland Estates

WATER SERVICE RATE – METERED – HIGHLAND ESTATES

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EFFECTIVE: August 15, 2024

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EFFECTIVE: ~~April-August 14~~15, 2024~~2~~

TITLE: President