

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Acting Mayor
Prepared by: Anchorage Water and
Wastewater Utility
For reading: March 3, 2009

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APPROVED

Date: 4-14-09 **ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**
AO No. 2009-32

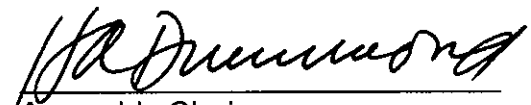
1 **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANCHORAGE WASTEWATER UTILITY (ASU)**
2 **PROPOSED TARIFF RULES INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF MONTHLY**
3 **METER CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS.**
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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**
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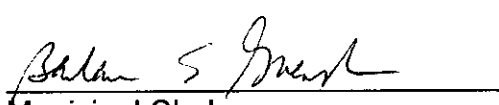
8 **Section 1.** The addition of a monthly meter rate to the ASU tariff for metered
9 wastewater only customers, as reflected in the Assembly Memorandum and
10 incorporated herein by reference, are hereby approved for submission to the
11 Regulatory Commission of Alaska.
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13 **Section 2.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon passage and approval
14 by the Anchorage Assembly.
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16 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April
17 2009.
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21 Assembly Chair
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26 **ATTEST:**
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30 Municipal Clerk
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Municipality of Anchorage
Summary of Economic Effects - Utilities

AO Number: AO 2009-32 Title: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANCHORAGE WASTEWATER UTILITY (ASU) PROPOSED TARIFF RULES INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF MONTHLY METER CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS.**

Sponsor: **ACTING MAYOR**

Preparing Agency: **AWWU** Others Affected: **See below.**

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES (Thousands of Dollars)

ASU	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Operating Revenues:	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3
Total Operating Revenues:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Expenses:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Operating Revenues:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Non-Operating Revenues:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Non-Operating Expenses:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET INCOME	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3	\$5.3
Positions: FT/PT/TEMP	0	0	0	0	0

Impact on General Government: NO

The new monthly meter charge for wastewater only customers has minimal economic impact because only 54 of AWWU customers receive metered wastewater service while not receiving metered water service. This represents less than 1% of metered ASU services.

Public Sector Economic Effects: N/A

Private Sector Economic Effects: Minimal. The new monthly meter charge for wastewater only customers affects only 54 customers.

Prepared By: Beau Disbrow, AWWU Regulatory Affairs Manager Telephone: 786-5507
(Name, Title)

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 130-2009

Meeting Date: March 3, 2009

1 **FROM: ACTING MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANCHORAGE WASTEWATER**
4 **UTILITY (ASU) PROPOSED TARIFF RULES INCLUDING THE**
5 **ADDITION OF MONTHLY METER CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER**
6 **ONLY CUSTOMERS.**
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8 In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 26.10.035, Anchorage Water
9 and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) submits this ordinance for Assembly approval of
10 proposed tariff rule deletions and additions, including the addition of monthly meter
11 charges for wastewater only customers of the Anchorage Wastewater Utility (ASU) to
12 the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The tariff changes are proposed in
13 accordance with the regulations and practices prescribed by the RCA and Alaska
14 Statutes.
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16 **Impacts of the New Charges**

17 Meter charges cover the costs of metering individual service locations including the
18 cost of the meter itself and meter reading expenses. Most metered ASU wastewater
19 services (approximately 99%) also receive AWU water service at the same premises,
20 so metering costs for those services are recovered through the monthly meter charges
21 as described in the AWU tariff.
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23 There are currently 54 stand-alone metered ASU wastewater services; the customers
24 at these ASU service locations do not receive AWU water service. These ASU
25 services obtain water from either an onsite well or water system other than AWU; as a
26 result, no tariff rules of AWU currently apply to these services. These tariff changes
27 are intended to take the customers at these service locations into account. The water
28 meters provided for metered ASU wastewater service at premises not receiving AWU
29 water service are the same types of meters provided for services on premises
30 receiving AWU water service. Therefore, AWWU proposes the same monthly charges
31 be included in the ASU tariff. No unique cost of service calculations are required for
32 these tariff additions.
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34 The proposed addition of monthly meter charges for metered ASU customers not
35 receiving service from AWU result in revenues of \$5,300 for ASU.
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37 **RCA Approval Required**

38 If approved, AWWU plans to file the proposed tariff changes, including the addition of
39 monthly meter charges for metered wastewater only customers, with the Regulatory
40 Commission of Alaska (RCA). A copy of all proposed tariff changes are attached
41 hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.
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2 Once submitted, the RCA notices the filing and proposed tariff changes to the public
3 and allows for a thirty-day comment period. RCA Staff reviews the filing and makes a
4 recommendation to the Commissioners whether to approve the filing or suspend it for
5 further investigation. The Commission then renders a decision, as to whether to
6 approve or suspend the filing for further investigation, within 45 days of the filing date.
7 AWWU does not expect the proposed changes to be suspended.

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9 On February 4, 2009 the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility Board of Directors
10 approved submission of the proposed tariff changes to the Assembly and the RCA in
11 AWWU Board Memorandum 2009-11, attached as Exhibit B.

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13 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE**
14 **APPROVING ANCHORAGE WASTEWATER UTILITY (ASU) PROPOSED TARIFF**
15 **RULES INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF MONTHLY METER CHARGES FOR**
16 **WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS.**

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19 **Prepared by: Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility**
20 **Approved by: Mark Premo, P.E., General Manager, AWWU**
21 **Concur: James N. Reeves, Municipal Attorney**
22 **Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager**
23 **Respectfully submitted: Matt Claman, Acting Mayor**

RCA No. 126	Second Revision	Sheet No. 4
Cancelling		
First Revision	Sheet No. 4	
Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility		
13.0 Septic Pumper Trucks		
13.1 General		
13.2 Permits		
13.3 Sampling		
13.4 Closure of Pumper Truck Discharge Facilities		
13.5 Sand Traps (Car Washes)		
13.6 Discharge Facilities		
13.7 Reporting		
14.0 Extension Agreements		
14.1 Sewer Line Extension Agreements		
14.2 Extended Connect Contracts		
15.0 Pretreatment and Equalizing Facility Requirements and Reporting		
16.0 Prohibited Activities		
(N)		
Tariff Advice No. TA 52-126 Effective: SEPTEMBER 16, 1994 Issued by: Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility By: <i>[Signature]</i> Title: General Manager		

RCA No. 126	Third Revision	Sheet No. 4
Cancelling		
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Anchorage Wastewater Utility		
13.0 Septic Pumper Trucks		
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15.0 Pretreatment and Equalizing Facility Requirements and Reporting		
16.0 Prohibited Activities		
17.0 Metering		
17.1 Metered Service for Existing Buildings		
17.2 Metered Service for Dwellings with Fewer Than Four Dwelling Units		
17.3 Meter Installation		
17.4 Meter Standards and Testing		
17.5 Meter Bypass		
17.6 Maintenance of Meter		
17.7 Exemption From Water Metering for Existing Buildings		
17.8 Submetering		
(N)		
Tariff Advice No. 122-126 Effective: Issued by: Anchorage Wastewater Utility By: Mark Promo, P.E. Title: General Manager		

RCA No. 126

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Anchorage Wastewater Utility

1.0 DEFINITIONS (continued)

SIGNIFICANT USERS are users that discharge an average of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gpd or more of wastewater to the Utility sewer system (excluding sanitary, noncontact cooling, and boiler blowdown wastewater); contributes a waste stream which makes up five (5) percent of more of the average dry weather hydraulic capacity of the treatment plant or contains more than 1,000 pounds/day (daily maximum) or 500 pounds/day (monthly average) of BOD or suspended solids; or is designated as such by the Utility on the basis that it has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the Utility sewer system's operation and or violating any pretreatment standard or requirement.

SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED is a building containing not less than two (2) single-family dwelling units erected in a single row on adjoining parcels. Each building is separate from the adjoining unit by an approved party wall, extending from the basement of either floor to the roof along the linking parcel line.

STANDARD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS means the 1994 Municipal Code of Anchorage Standard Specifications for Construction (commonly referred to as MASS) as published by the Municipality of Anchorage from time to time.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION means the state or event at which the improvements have passed requisite tests and inspections and are available for the beneficial use for the purpose and in the manner intended by agreement document and approved plans. (N)

TENANT is a person who pays rent to occupy or use a building. (N)

TOWNHOUSE is a single family attached building containing not less than three (3) dwelling units. It includes zero lot lines, cluster homes, garden homes and patio homes.

TRAILER COURT USER is a consumer who discharges wastewater into the sewer system from a parcel or parcels containing four (4) or more mobile homes or trailers not served by individual service connections where the mobile homes or trailers are designed solely for residential purposes, that is, as for living accommodations for occupants.

(L) Deleted material previously shown on Sixth Revision Sheet No. 9 has been transferred to Second Revision Sheet No. 10.

Tariff Advice No.: 110-126

Effective:

May 17, 2007

Issued by Anchorage Wastewater Utility

By *Max Premo* Title General Manager

Max Premo, P.E.

RCA No. 126

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Sheet No. 9

Seventh Revision

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Anchorage Wastewater Utility

1.0 DEFINITIONS (continued)

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SUBMETER - means a meter that measures downstream previously metered water not to be discharged into the sewer system. (N)

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Tariff Advice No.: 122-126

Effective:

Issued by Anchorage Wastewater Utility

By _____ Title _____ General Manager

Mark Premo, P.E.

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 Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility
 State of Alaska
 Public Utilities Commission

6.0 DISCONTINUANCE, NOTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE POLICY
 (continued)

6.2 RESTORATION OF SERVICE (continued)

B. Correction of Cause

- Non-payment of Delinquent Balance
 All outstanding charges, delinquent, billed, or unbilled must be paid in full or arrangements made to correct this cause.
- Failure to Establish Credit
 Completion and signing of application forms and payment of any deposit is required to correct this cause.
- Violation of Other Tariff Sections
 Compliance with written notice of violation is required to correct this cause.
- Extenuating Circumstances
 Where, in the judgement of the Utility Manager, strict enforcement of the requirements of this tariff would cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public, the Utility may restore service to a customer without correction of the cause of discontinuance as provided in this section. Such a restoration of service shall be on such terms and conditions as the Utility may determine.

6.3 MANDATORY WATER METERING (L)
 Installation costs of meters required under the Utility's Revised Metering Program may be financed by the Utility over thirty-six (36) months at an annual interest rate of eight percent (8%) as provided in the Revised Metering Program. Failure to make payments required under a financing agreement may result in discontinuance of water service. (L)

(L) Material originally shown on Original Sheet 22.1.

Tariff Advice No. TA63-126 Effective June 25, 1993

Issued by Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility
 By Mark Fremo, P.E. Title General Manager

RCA No. 126 Second Revision 29
 Cancelling First Revision 29

Anchorage Wastewater Utility

6.0 DISCONTINUANCE, NOTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE POLICY (continued)

6.2 RESTORATION OF SERVICE (continued)

B. Correction of Cause

- Non-payment of Delinquent Balance
 All outstanding charges, delinquent, billed, or unbilled must be paid in full or arrangements made to correct this cause.
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 By Mark Fremo, P.E. Title General Manager

Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility	
6.0 DISCONTINUANCE, NOTIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE STUDY (continued)	
6.3 MANDATORY WATER METERING (continued)	
A. Schedule and Notification	
The Revised Metering Program contains a schedule by which all Commercial, Multi-family Residential and Trailer Court Users are responsible for metering water service furnished by the Anchorage Water Utility. The Revised Metering Program also provides that the Utility must notify each such customer ninety (90) days prior to the date by which the customer is required to complete installation of a water meter. A second letter of notification will be sent thirty (30) days after the first and a third letter forty-five (45) days after the second letter.	
B. Exemption From Mandatory Water Metering	
The Revised Metering Program provides that a customer need not install a water meter in any case in which the estimated installation cost exceeds 100 percent of the average estimated installation cost of meters of the same size as provided in the Revised Metering Program. A customer which believes that it qualifies for such an exemption must, within ninety (90) days of notification by the Utility that installation of a water meter is required, present satisfactory evidence of that fact to the Utility as provided in the Revised Metering Program.	
C. Discontinuance of Water Service	
Following the ninety (90) day notification period, AMWU may discontinue water service to any Commercial, Multi-family Residential or Trailer Court User which has failed to install a water meter within the ninety (90) day period after posting on the parcel (by use of a door hanger or otherwise) a forty-eight (48) hour notice of its intent to discontinue water service. If the customer fails by the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period to install a water meter or to make arrangements to do so which are satisfactory to the Utility, AMWU may with no further notice shut off water service to the parcel.	
Tariff Advice No. TA-36-126	Effective May 12, 1989

Issued by Mark Perno, P.E. General Manager
12.11.1989

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Anchorage Wastewater Utility		
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By	Mark Perno, P.E.	
	Title:	General Manager

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8.0 RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)		
8.7 FEES AND SPECIAL CHARGES - NON-RECURRING		
Service Connection Extension Permit Fee	\$ 60.00	(C)
Sewer Plan Review and Inspection For Private Systems (Rule 12.12.2)		(L)(C)
Small Private System Project Inspection for Large Connection	\$ 501.00	(L)(C)
Large Private System Project Inspection for Large Connection	\$ 526.00	(C)(C)
Field Service Dispatch Fee (Includes Inspection & Service Call)	\$ 1,265.00	(L)(C)
During Business Hours	\$ 526.00	(C)
Emergency Service - During Business Hours	\$ 38.00	(C)
No show - During Business Hours	\$ 124.00	(N)
During Non-Business Hours	\$ 98.00	(N)
Relinquishment of Easement (Rule 10.4)	\$ 256.00	(C)
Door Hanger - Discontinuance of Service	\$ 1,463.00 (Deposit)	(N)
Non-sufficient Fund Charge	\$ 43.00	(N)
Late payment fee (plus a finance charge 0.75% on past due amount)	\$ 25.00	(N)
Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fee	\$ 1.00	(C)
Discharge Authorization - Temporary Permit	\$ 620.00	(C)
Permitted Industrial Discharge Monthly Permit Fee	\$ 293.00	(C)
	\$ 112.00	(C)(C)

(L) Materials shown in Sheet No. 44.01

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 Issued by Anchorage Wastewater Utility
 By Mark Premo, P.E. Title General Manager
 Effective January 8, 2009

Anchorage Wastewater Utility

8.0 RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)		
8.7 METER CHARGE FOR SEWER ONLY CUSTOMERS		(L)(N)
This schedule applies to residential and commercial metered for sewer only customers. Customers receiving metered water service will be billed monthly meter charges as provided in Anchorage Water Utility Tariff Rule 15.2 in lieu of the meter charges shown below.		
Billing Code	Com.	Monthly Service Charge
Res.		
Meter Charge (per meter)		
Meter Size:		
W151	W273	5/8 & 3/4 inch
W152	W272	1 inch
W153	W273	1-1/2 inch
W154	W274	2 inch
W155	W275	3 inch
W156	W276	4 inch
W157	W277	6 inch
W158	W278	8 inch
		\$ 4.40
		\$ 8.15
		\$ 15.80
		\$ 25.35
		\$ 47.70
		\$ 79.75
		\$ 159.05
		\$ 254.55

(L) Materials shown in Fifteenth Revision Sheet No. 44 is transferred to Twenty Ninth Revision Sheet No. 44.01

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 By Mark Premo, P.E. Title General Manager
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Anchorage Wastewater Utility	
8.8	Fees and Special Charges - NON-RECURRING Service Connection/Extension Permit Fee \$ 63.00
	Sewer Plan Review and Inspection For Private Systems (Rule 12.1.1(a.2))
	Small Private System Project \$ 501.00
	Inspection for Large Connection \$ 526.00
	Large Private System Project \$1,265.00
	Inspection for Large Connection \$ 526.00
21	Field Service Dispatch Fee: (Includes Inspection & Service Call)
	During Business Hours \$ 98.00
	Emergency Service - During Business Hours \$ 124.00
	No show - During Business Hours \$ 98.00
	During Non-Business Hours \$ 256.00
	Relinquishment of Easement (Rule 10.4) \$1,453.00 (Deposit)
	Door Hanger - Discontinuance of Service \$ 43.00
	Non-efficient Fund Charge \$ 25.00
	Late payment fee (plus a finance charge 0.729% on past due amount) \$ 2.00
	Industrial Discharge Permit Application Fee \$ 620.00
	Discharge Authorization - Temporary Permit \$ 203.00
	Permitted Industrial Discharge Annual Permit Fee \$1,344.00

(L) Materials previously shown in Fifteenth Revision Sheet No. 44
 (L1) Materials shown in Twelve-Eighth Revision Sheet No. 44.01 is transferred to 16th Revision Sheet No. 44.02

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8.7	Fees and Special Charges - NON-RECURRING (continued)
	Levy Upon Connection (LUC) sewer assessment rates. Following are the LUC rates for years
1971 and prior	\$ 0.0000
1972	0712A
1973	0996C
1974	1111
1975	0858B
1976	1852B
1977	1852B
1978	1934B
1979	2170A
1980	2270B
1981	1364B
1982	1700B
1983	1944A
1984	2704B
1985	2931A
1986	2858A
1987	2739B
1988	34521
1989	3236B
1990	3353B
1991	4873B
1992	4992B
1993	3409B
1994	3587B
1995	6079B
1996	6168B
1997	5796B
1998	6511A
1999	7252B
2000	7343B
2001	8221A
2002	9132B
2003	1027B
2004	9504A
2005	9504A
2006	0856C
2007	0856C
2008	9112A

(L) Materials previously shown in 44.01 is transferred in Sheet No. 44

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 By Mark Premo, P.E. Title General Manager

8.7	FEES AND SPECIAL CHARGES - NON-RECURRING (continued)	(1)
8.8	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION CHARGE	
	Annual administrative fee for each active special assessment account pursuant to Rule 7.4	\$ 90.00
8.9	REGULATORY COST CHARGE	
	The Regulatory Cost Charge is a special surcharge applied to all regulatory retail customer billings to pay the utility's share of the budget of the Commission	
	Regulatory Cost Charge	1.42% of billing

RCA No. 126
16th Revision
Cancelling
15th Revision

Sheet No. 44.02
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Anchorage Wastewater Utility

8.8 FEES AND SPECIAL CHARGES - NON-RECURRING (continued)

Levy Upon Connection (LUC) sewer assessment rates. Following are the LUC rates for years:

1971	and prior	\$.09000
1972		.07125
1973		.09068
1974		.11317
1975		.08856
1976		.15308
1977		.18571
1978		.19346
1979		.24204
1980		.22701
1981		.13946
1982		.12051
1983		.19144
1984		.22045
1985		.20317
1986		.28584
1987		.21390
1988		.24521
1989		.32580
1990		.33520
1991		.48739
1992		.40936
1993		.32006
1994		.33576
1995		.40706
1996		.61688
1997		.37966
1998		.46514
1999		.72527
2000		.73435
2001		.83214
2002		.91527
2003		1.05791
2004		.95644
2005		.98144
2006		.95865
2007		.98317
2008		.91324

(L1) Materials Previously shown in Twenty-Eighth Revision Sheet No. 44.01
(L2) Materials shown in 15th Revision Sheet 44.02 transferred to Original Sheet No. 44.03

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Mark Premo, P.E.

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Anchorage Wastewater Utility	
8.8	FEES AND SPECIAL CHARGES - NONRECURRING (continued)
8.9	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION CHARGE
	Annual administrative fee for each active special assessment account pursuant to Rule 7.4
	\$ 90.00
8.10	REGULATORY COST CHARGE
	The Regulatory Cost Charge is a special surcharge applied to all regulated retail customer billings to pay the utility's share of the budget of the Commission.
	Regulatory Cost Charge
	1.42% of billing
8.11	METER TEST FEE
Rule 17.4	Meter Test
	\$ 226.00
(L3)	Materials previously shown in 15 th Revision Sheet No. 44.02
Tariff Advice No.: 122-126 Effective:	

Issued by Anchorage Wastewater Utility
 By Mark Premo, P.E. Title General Manager

Anchorage Wastewater Utility

170 METERING

(N)

In cases that a customer obtains service from the Anchorage Wastewater Utility but not from the Anchorage Water Utility, the Utility will provide water meter service to new and existing multi-family buildings or mobile home parks, and commercial service buildings. A wastewater only customer who elects metered wastewater service will be charged the applicable volumetric usage rate as provided in rate schedules Rule 8.1 and 8.3. An applicable meter charge as provided in Rule 8.7 - Meter Charge for Sewer. Only Customer will be applied for each meter supplied. Water meters provide volumetric measurement of water consumption used to determine the volume of wastewater discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

17.1 METERED SERVICE FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

The Utility may require, by written notice to the customer, that the customer install a meter and receive service at a metered rate for (i) residential service to an existing multi-family building or mobile home park; (ii) commercial service to an existing building; or (iii) service to any dwelling in which a home occupation or business is being conducted, if ASU determines that the home occupation or business will increase the demand for consumption of water. ASU may inspect the premise to set a rate. The notice shall state the deadline for installing the meter.

17.2 METERED SERVICE FOR DWELLINGS WITH FEWER THAN FOUR DWELLING UNITS

At the request of the customer, the Utility will provide metered service to a dwelling containing two (2) (duplex) or three (3) (triplex) dwelling units. The Utility will not provide metered service to a dwelling containing only one (1) dwelling unit. Installation of a test meter does not constitute metered service.

17.3. METER INSTALLATION

The Utility shall supply any meter required or authorized by this Rule upon the request of the customer. The Utility will supply only one (1) meter for each service connection. The Utility will determine the size of the meter. The meter shall be installed at the customer's expense in accordance with the Utility's specifications. The Utility, at its own expense, shall install a remote reading device on the property.

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17.0 METERING (Cont'd.)

17.4 METER STANDARDS AND TESTING

Meters provided by the Utility will conform to the specifications and tolerances established for meters by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). Upon forty-eight (48) hours notice from a customer to the Utility or from the Utility to a customer requesting the test, the Utility will test a water meter. The Utility will perform the test in the presence of the customer or the customer's representative, if requested by the customer. The Utility will conduct the test during normal business hours either at the Utility's Customer Service office, or if the meter is larger than two inches (2"), at the customer's premises. If the meter was found to be outside the AWWA's tolerances, ASU will submit adjusted billings showing either a credit or additional charges depending on the results of the test for the period the meter was outside the specifications, not to exceed six (6) months of billings and will repair or replace the meter and pay the cost of such repair or replacement. If the cause for the meter error can be attributed to an act or event for which the date can be determined, adjusted billings will be prepared back to that date or to the date which the current customer of record began receiving service through the meter, whichever is later. If the meter does not vary from the standard tolerance and the meter test was requested by the customer, the customer will pay the meter test cost as provided in rule 8.11, Fees and Special Charges - Nonrecurring. Otherwise the Utility will pay the meter test cost.

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170 METERING (Cont'd)	(N)
17.5 METER BYPASS	
The customer shall install a meter bypass with a three inch (3") or larger meter, and may install a meter bypass with a smaller meter only if the Utility determines the bypass is required for public health and safety. A meter bypass shall be sealed and lagged in the closed position at the time the meter is installed and the installation shall be inspected and approved by the Utility. The bypass may be used only during periods when the meter has been removed for repair and only when specifically authorized by the Utility. If a seal is removed and a bypass valve is opened without the permission of the Utility, the customer shall be billed for the period when the valve was opened at three (3) times the average monthly charge to the account during the preceding year. If a full year's billing history for the account is not available, the Utility will estimate a monthly charge based on the average annual consumption of similar customers.	
17.6 MAINTENANCE OF METER	(N)
The Utility will maintain and repair meters and reading devices supplied by the Utility at its expense, but will not maintain or repair any part of the plumbing apparatus connected to a meter. The customer shall maintain access to the meter for maintenance. The customer shall provide a location for a meter where it is protected from freezing. The Utility will repair or replace a meter damaged by freezing at the customer's expense.	
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17.0	<u>MEETING (Cont'd.)</u> (N)
17.7	EXEMPTION FROM WATER METERING FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS A customer need not install a meter in any case in which the estimated installation cost exceeds three-hundred percent (300%) of the average estimated installation cost of meters of the same size. A customer who believes that they qualify for such an exemption must, within thirty (30) days of notification by the Utility that installation of a water meter is required, present satisfactory evidence of that fact to the Utility. The applicable unmetered commercial rate as provided in Rule 8.2. Unmetered Commercial Sewer Service Charges, shall apply to customers who qualify for an exemption from metering.
17.8	SUBMETERING Metered wastewater service provided to a parcel that uses 15% or greater amount of water for irrigation, animal care, building with a swimming pool, and similar purposes outside of a building and not connected to the sanitary sewer system may be submetered. Volumes of water measured through submetering shall offset the metered volumes of water measured at the main meter in the calculation of monthly metered wastewater charges. Customer who receives service under this rule will be charge the applicable meter charge as provided in the rate schedule Rule 8.7 - Meter Charge For Sewer Only Customers.
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ANCHORAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
BOARD MEMORANDUM
No. 2009-11

Meeting Date: February 4, 2009

From: Mark Premo, P.E., General Manager

Subject: Tariff Rules and Monthly Meter Charges for Wastewater Only Customers

AWWU proposes to request permission from the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) to add a rule and monthly meter charge to the tariff of the Anchorage Wastewater Utility (ASU) to treat metered wastewater customers who do not receive water service from the Anchorage Water Utility (AWU) consistently with metered ASU customers who do receive water service from AWU.

Currently the ASU Tariff contains few definitions or rules related to metered customers beyond monthly wastewater service volumetric usage rates. In Rules 8.1 and 8.3, the ASU tariff provides for volumetric metered wastewater service for multi-unit residential and commercial customers, however no specific monthly meter charges have ever been included in the ASU tariff. The ASU tariff also has not previously detailed various rules regarding requirements for metered service.

Monthly Meter Charge

As part of the aforementioned changes, AWWU proposes to insert Meter Charge for Sewer Only Customers, to the ASU tariff at Rule 8.7. Meter charges cover the costs of metering individual service locations, including the cost of the meter itself and meter reading expenses. Most metered ASU services (approximately 99%) also obtain service from AWU and therefore metering costs for those customers are recovered through the monthly meter charges contained in the AWU tariff. There are currently 54 metered ASU services not receiving AWU water service. These services obtain water from either an onsite well or water system other than AWU and therefore no tariff rules of AWU currently apply to these services. These tariff changes are intended to take these 54 services into account. The water meters that are provided for these services, not receiving AWU service are the same types of water meters provided to ASU services who do receive AWU service therefore AWWU proposes the same monthly meter charges be included in the ASU tariff. No unique cost of service calculations are required for these tariff additions.

To incorporate the additional Meter Charge for Sewer Only Customers, AWWU has moved its Non-Recurring Charges from Rules 8.7 through 8.9 to Rules 8.8 through 8.10. AWWU also proposes the addition of the Meter Test fee as a new non-recurring charge in Rule 8.11 of the ASU tariff. This is identical to the meter test fee contained in the AWU tariff at rule 15.1.

Definitions and Rules for Metered Wastewater Service

DEFINITIONS

AWWU proposes adding a definition for the following term related to metered wastewater service to its tariff.

1 SUBMETER - means a meter that measures downstream previously metered water not to be
2 discharged into the sewer system.

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4 In a separate filing, AWWU will also file a tariff revision removing the definition for "negative
5 meter" from the AWU tariff. The term "submeter" replaces the term "negative meter" and is more
6 appropriately included in the ASU tariff because submetering offsets wastewater bills based on the
7 amount of water being used for purposes that do not affect the wastewater system. Submeters have
8 no effect on water customers and therefore no such definition is required or appropriate in the
9 AWU tariff.

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11 AWWU has also made a change to the definition of Standard Construction Specifications. The
12 current tariff refers to a specific edition of the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specification
13 (MASS) whereas the proposed language will refer to the "latest edition" of the MASS to avoid
14 required changes to the tariff with each MASS revision in the future. This change is unrelated to the
15 aforementioned ASU metering changes, however the change is proposed for a tariff sheet that also
16 requires an additional definition (see SUBMETER above) with the proposed ASU metering changes
17 and an additional Board Memorandum would be duplicative for this tariff change.

18 19 DELETION OF RULE

20 AWWU proposes deleting Rule 6.3, Mandatory Metering, from the ASU tariff. All meter related
21 tariff matters will now be included in the new tariff Rule 17.0 discussed below. The only potentially
22 significant effect on customers of the deletion of Rule 6.3 is the removal of the prior exemption
23 from mandatory metering for customers who do not receive water from AWU. At Rule 6.3 A., the
24 ASU tariff currently states:

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26 "The Revised Metering Program contains a schedule by which all Commercial, Multi-Family,
27 Residential and Trailer Court Users are responsible for metering water service *furnished by the*
28 *Anchorage Water Utility*" [emphasis added].

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30 This language indicates that ASU customers who do not receive service from AWU are not
31 obligated to comply with the mandatory metering rule. This exception allows for inequitable
32 treatment of ASU customers without AWU service compared to those who do receive water from
33 AWU. By not carrying such language forward to the new Rule 17.0, AWWU intends to eliminate
34 this discrimination among customers. Based on billing records in AWWU's Customer Information
35 System, it is estimated that approximately 2,500 ASU services may potentially require the installation
36 of a meter in the future, provided that they do not meet the exemption from the metering
37 requirement as outlined in proposed ASU tariff Rule 17.7. The determination of what portion of
38 these 2,500 services may be required to install meters pursuant to the deletion of Rule 6.3 would be
39 made on a case by case basis by AWWU customer service and field services personnel.

40 41 NEW RULE

42 AWWU proposes adding Rule 17.0, Metering, as part of the changes associated with metered
43 wastewater service. The requirements for metering the water consumption of ASU customers are
44 the same as those required of AWU customers. The various components of proposed Rule 17.0
45 include the following:

- 1 17.1 Metered Service for Existing Buildings
- 2 17.2 Metered Service for Dwellings with Fewer Than Four Dwelling Units
- 3 17.3 Meter Installation
- 4 17.4 Meter Standards and Testing
- 5 17.5 Meter Bypass
- 6 17.6 Maintenance of Meter
- 7 17.7 Exemption from Water Metering for Existing Buildings
- 8 17.8 Submetering

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10 Rule 17.0 and its subsections are mostly identical to Rule 7.0 Metering and its subsections in the
11 AWWU tariff except for ASU subsection 17.8 Submetering. As discussed above in reference to the
12 addition of the definition, submetering is an activity that affects only ASU customers.

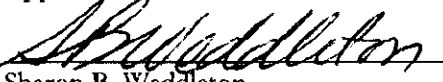
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14 The proposed addition of monthly meter charges for current, metered, ASU customers not receiving
15 service from AWWU result in annual revenues of approximately \$5,300 for ASU.

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17 AWWU has attached a proposed draft Assembly Ordinance and Assembly Memorandum approving
18 the submission of the proposed tariff changes incorporating meter rules and charges into the ASU
19 tariff for wastewater only customers. AWWU has also attached side-by-side comparisons of the
20 tariff sheets with all proposed changes and an explanation of the required symbols shown in the
21 margin of each tariff sheet.

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23 The AWWU Administration recommends approval of the proposed tariff changes including new
24 monthly meter charges for ASU only customers and requests permission to submit the proposed
25 changes to the Anchorage Assembly and the RCA.

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28 Submitted by: Mark Premo, P.E., General Manager

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33 Chair, AWWU Board of Directors
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