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WATER CAPACITY FEE TARIFF

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TARIFF REGARDING WATER CAPACITY FEES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

Purpose/Explanation

The primary purposes for adopting Capacity Fees are:

- To recover costs of adding capacity to serve growth;
- To ensure that the costs of facilities to serve growth are borne directly by the customers who benefit from the service, rather than entirely by existing rate payers.

Imposition of Water Capacity Fees

- (a) The board hereby authorizes the assessment and collection of water capacity fees in accordance with the schedule included as Table 1 in this tariff. Such water capacity fees are imposed to fund water system improvement costs reasonably related to new development.
- (b) The water capacity fees imposed by this tariff shall be assessed for all new water service requests. As used herein, water service requests include, but are not limited to, new service, water extension requests and agreements, additional meters, or upgrades of existing services that will create any new or additional demand on the water system.

Application of Capacity Fees

The capacity fees will be applied for each new service request based on the number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) associated with the connection. An ERU provides a standard unit of measure such that capacity fees for connections with larger than average demand requirements can be calculated on an equivalency basis. One ERU is equal to the average anticipated flow for a single-family dwelling unit with a standard 5/8 x 3/4 –inch water meter. New connections with larger water meters have the potential of placing more demand on the system and are assessed ERU factors accordingly. The methodology of incrementing the capacity fees for larger connection sizes is based on standardized demand criteria established by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) pursuant to the size of the water meter. Utilizing the AWWA demand criteria, the applicable ERU factors for larger water meters are based on the incremental increase in potential demand

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as compared to the standard meter size. The water capacity fees for the various meter sizes are provided in Table 1.

Table I			
Water Capacity Fees			
Meter Size			Capacity Fee
5/8 Inch			\$ 750
1.0 Inch			\$ 1,875
1.5 Inch			\$ 3,750
2.0 Inch			\$ 6,000
3.0 Inch			\$ 12,000
4.0 Inch			\$ 18,750
6.0 Inch			\$ 37,500
8.0 Inch			\$ 60,000

In situations where the application of the meter-based capacity fees will result in the collection of fees significantly different than the potential demand requirement of a new customer requesting service, a special calculation methodology may be applied at the recommendation of CPW's Water Utilities Director and approval of CPW's General Manager. This alternative methodology is based on and consistent with published hydraulic standards adopted by Section 61-67.100 of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") regulations. As part of the regulations, DHEC has established a set of common customer attribute standards for specific types of customers based on standard daily hydraulic requirements. The adopted hydraulic/flow standards are to be applied to establish equivalency factors for purposes of water flow by customer type.

If it is determined by CPW that the hydraulic/flow standards will result in a more accurate reflection of the impact a new customer will place on the system, the capacity fees will be applied per ERU in accordance with the amounts shown in Table 1 for a 5/8x3/4-inch water meter. A copy of the applicable hydraulic/flow equivalency standards by type of business can be obtained upon written request to the CPW.

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Timing and Availability of Capacity Fee Payments

Payment for the applicable capacity fees must accompany payment of tap permit and inspection fees, and will be made to CPW upon applying for water service.

No water connections will be allowed until all fees have been paid and tap permits issued.