

Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Notice of Public Hearing and Filing of Rates and Other Charges for Water and Related Services

The Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District ("the District") will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, to consider the application of the Authority to establish rates, other charges, and rate schedules for water and related services ("the 2025 Rate Application").

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut or via remote access. For remote access information, and to view the application and accompanying information, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/yyxk7xcs>. The public hearing is being held pursuant to provisions of Sections 10 and 14 of the District's enabling legislation, which is Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

The Authority's proposed rates are to be effective as of the delivery of all or a portion of the Authority's Water System Revenue Bonds, proposed to be issued on or about January 2025 (the "proposed bonds"). The Authority anticipates that total revenues to be raised by the proposed increase in rates will be approximately \$5,332 million, or 3.8%, more than revenue from existing rates and charges during the historical period of 12 months referenced in Section 619A(1) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Water System Revenue Bond Resolution General Bond Resolution.

The proposed 4.75% yield on the proposed bonds is based on an assumed interest rate. The Authority's proposal contemplates that the actual rate increase will be adjusted, depending on the effective interest rate paid by the Authority on the proposed bonds as follows:

Interest Rate	Revenue Increase
3.50% and lower	3.66%
above 3.50% and up to 3.75%	3.70%
above 3.75% and up to 4.00%	3.73%
above 4.00% and up to 4.25%	3.76%
above 4.25% and up to 4.50%	3.80%
above 4.50% and up to 4.75%	3.81%
above 4.75% and up to 5.00%	3.87%
above 5.00% and up to 5.25%	3.90%
above 5.25% and up to 5.50%	3.94%
above 5.50% and up to 5.75%	3.98%
above 5.75% and up to 6.00%	4.01%

The following table provides examples of monthly bills at existing and proposed rates. The typical residential customer of the Authority's district will experience an increase of approximately \$1.90 per month or 4.0%.

Meter Size	Monthly Consumption in 100 cubic feet (ccf) (1)	Rates	
		Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
5/8"	2	32.00	33.30
5/8"	5*	47.09	48.99
5/8"	8	62.17	64.68
5/8"	27	157.68	164.05
1"	100	494.19	514.16
2"	180	906.46	943.08
2"	333	1,610.72	1,675.80
6"	3,333	14,971.71	15,574.13
8"	5,000	20,968.08	21,815.16

*Typical residential customers.
(1) 100 cubic ft ccf = equal to 748 gallons

All of the users of the water supply system of the Authority, as well as owners of the property served or to be served, residents and taxpayers in the member towns of the District, and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the matters under consideration.

Members of the Authority and its consultants and a representative of the Office of Consumer Affairs of the RPB will be available at the public hearing to discuss details of the proposed rates, other charges, and rate schedules for water and related services. Copies of the 2025 rate application are available for public inspection at the District's offices, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

NOTICE POSTED BY:

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Chairperson
Representative Policy Board of the
South Central Connecticut Regional
Water District

Notice is hereby given that the Authority has filed with the Representative Policy Board for its approval, the following rates and other charges for water and related services within the District to become effective on the delivery date of all or a portion of the proposed bonds, based on a revenue increase of 3.8%.

MONTHLY WATER RATES

Service Charges		
Meter Size	Existing Service Charges	Proposed Service Charges
5/8"	\$ 21.95	\$ 22.84
3/4"	25.65	26.68
1"	33.89	35.26
1-1/2"	51.33	53.40
2"	77.92	81.06
3"	227.83	237.02
4"	341.93	355.72
6"	639.81	665.62
8"	1,043.08	1,085.16
10"	1,483.04	1,542.87
12"	1,923.16	2,000.74
Privately Owned	21.92	22.80

Consumption Charges		
Cubic Feet	Existing Rates / per Hundred Cubic Feet	Proposed Rates / per Hundred Cubic Feet
Small (5/8 - 3/4" meters)	\$ 5.027	\$ 5.230
Medium (1 - 2" meters)	4.603	4.789
Large (3 - 6" meters)	4.300	4.473
Very Large (8" and up)	3.985	4.146

SEASONAL WATER RATES

Service Charges		
Meter Size	Existing Service Charges	Proposed Service Charges
5/8"	\$ 329.76	\$ 343.06
3/4"	384.72	400.24
1"	508.44	528.95
1-1/2"	769.68	800.73
2"	1,168.44	1,215.57
3"	3,417.60	3,555.47
4"	5,129.52	5,336.44

Consumption Charges		
Cubic Feet	Existing Rates / per Hundred Cubic Feet	Proposed Rates / per Hundred Cubic Feet
All Consumption	\$ 7.737	\$ 8.049

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE RATES

	Annual Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
Public		
Inch-feet	\$ 0.09290	\$ 0.09665
Hydrants	191.20	198.91
Private		
1" Connection	\$ 17.70	\$ 18.41
2" Connection	17.70	18.41
3" Connection	17.70	18.41
4" Connection	28.61	29.76
6" Connection	67.76	70.49
8" Connection	177.04	184.18
10" Connection	377.24	392.46
12" Connection	678.41	705.78
14" Connection	1,643.62	1,709.92
16" Connection	2,335.18	2,429.38

SERVICE AREA MISCELLANEOUS WATER AND NON-WATER RATES

Miscellaneous Water Rates	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates*
Hydrant Permits		
Meter Service Charge	\$ 276	\$ 320
Minimum Service Charge	214	245
Seasonal Minimum Charge (existing rate includes 80,000 gallons)	918	978
Tank Truck Water Annual Charge (plus: water rate at 5.230 per ccf applicable)	98	101
Wholesale (per million gallons)	(C)	(C)
Renewal/New	(C)	(C)
Raw Water (per ccf)	0.7121	0.7515
Miscellaneous Non-Water Rates		
Termination & Reconnection Charge (turn-off and turn-on)	\$ 168	\$ 168
Termination & Reconnection Charge (after hours call-in)	222	222
Collection Visit Fee (non-shut)	43	43
Other Collection Activity	(A)	(A)
Tampering of Hydrant		
First Offense	500	500
Subsequent Offense	1,000	1,000
Inaccessible Vault/Pit		
First Offense	500	500
Subsequent Offense	1,000	1,000
Unmetered Active Service Fee		
First Offense	500	500
Subsequent Offense	1,000	1,000
Failure to Provide Access		
First Offense	500	500
Subsequent Offense	1,000	1,000
Obstructed Curb Valve		
First Offense	58	58
Subsequent Offense	(A)	(A)
Repair/Cleaning Curb Box (due to customer negligence)	164	164
Deficient Check Charge	30	30
Lien Processing Charge	27	27
Filing or Release (each)	60	60
Special Customer Request Charge	(A)	(A)
Waste Inspection Charge	87	87
Meter Resetting Charge	166	180
Service Call		
During Working Hours	\$ 102	\$ 106
After Hours Call-In	289	295
Manual Meter Reading Fee	51	51
Missed Appointment Charge	55	55
Operate Curb Valve Charge	200	200
Repair or Replacement of Company Meter Reading Device	205	205
Mandatory water restriction violation fee per occurrence, up to one per day		
During a RWA Drought Stage Watch	25	25
During a RWA Drought Stage Warning	50	50
During a RWA Drought Stage Emergency	100	100
Excavation for Termination of Service		
(1) At Curb Valve	595	620
(2) In Street at Tap Valve	(A)	(A)

Backflow Per Device Testing Charges		
1 to 5 Devices	57	60
6 to 9 Devices	50	53
10 to 50 Devices	45	48
50+ Devices	40	42

Unscheduled Test	115	120
Confined Space, Pit/Vault	182	190
Residential Irrigation Charge	-	38
Pit/Vault Requiring Pumping	(A)	(A)

Repair or Replacement of Company Meters (due to customer negligence)		
5/8" & 3/4"	220	230
1"	275	290
1-1/2"	455	470
2"	555	590
Over 2"	(A)	(A)

Land Record Filing Fee	(A)	(A)
Private Hydrant Inspections-Annual Test	(A)	(A)
Private Hydrant Inspections-Seasonal (Two) Tests	(A)	(A)
Per Foot Costs to Install a Hydrant on New Main	(B)	(B)

(A) The charge will be the Authority's cost of material, labor including outside services and/or equipment used, plus its cost of overhead at prevailing rates. In circumstances where this procedure for charging a customer would significantly delay the final billing, the Authority will use an appropriate substitute for its cost.

(B) The actual cost of the material, labor including outside services and/or equipment used, plus overhead, in accordance with the rules and regulations.

(C) As per contractual agreements

*Proposed rates are rounded to the nearest dollar.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES AND CHARGES FOR PIPE INSTALLATION

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
Charges for all services or materials are based on the actual, direct cost of the material, labor, and equipment used, plus the cost of overhead at prevailing rates. In those circumstances where the procedure will cause a significant delay in the final billing, the Authority will use an appropriate substitute for actual cost. These charges are assessed on the water bill account whenever possible; otherwise, a separate invoice is rendered.

CHARGES FOR PIPE INSTALLATION (SUBJECT TO PROPORTIONATE SHARING)

Charges for pipe installation under Extension of Main Rules and Regulations will be the actual cost of pipe, labor and equipment used, plus overheads at prevailing rates. In those circumstances where this procedure will cause a significant delay in the final billing, the Authority will use an appropriate substitute for actual cost. If pavement excavation and replacement or repairs are required for the extension, these additional charges will be added to the final invoice. The cost of pipe will normally be based on 8-inch main, but if for any reason it is necessary to install pipe larger or smaller than 8 inch to satisfy the requirements of the applicant, the cost shall be based on the pipe size actually required.

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

Prior to the approval of an application, a service connection charge shall be paid by each applicant for each new service connection and meter installation as follow:

Corporation Stop or Branch Connection		
Size	Existing Service Charges	Proposed Service Charges*
1"	\$ 315 (1)	\$ 315 (1)
1-1/2"	330 (1)	330 (1)
2"	665 (1)	665 (1)
Over 2"	(A)	(A)

(1) Plus the cost of saddle.

(A) The charge will be the Authority's cost of material, labor and/or equipment used, plus its cost of overhead at prevailing rates. In circumstances where this procedure for charging a customer would significantly delay the final billing, the Authority will use an appropriate substitute for its cost.

* Proposed rates are rounded to the nearest five dollars.

METER INSTALLATION

The purpose of these charges is to defray the cost of installing the corporation stop or branch connection for a service connection, installing the meter, and inspecting the installation of the service connection.

Meter Installation		
Meter Size	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates*
5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 220	\$ 230
1"	275	290
1-1/2"	455	480
2"	555	585
Over 2"	(A)	(A)

* Proposed rates are rounded to the nearest five dollars.

LOCAL FACILITIES CHARGES

The purpose of the local facilities charge is to collect a fair contribution from the applicant toward the cost of the utility system, heretofore paid by existing customers.

A local facilities charge for each separate connection to a water main shall be paid by each applicant who desires to secure water service from the main. The applicant will pay the charge prior to the Authority's granting approval for a service connection.

Meter Size	Existing Service Charges	Proposed Service Charges*
5/8" & 3/4"	\$ 580	\$ 610
1"	880	935
1-1/2"	1,025	1,085
2"	1,615	1,710
3"	6,460	6,835
4"	8,070	8,540
6"	12,180	12,890
8"	16,865	17,850

(A) The charge will be the Authority's cost of material, labor and/or equipment used, plus its cost of overhead at prevailing rates. In circumstances where this procedure for charging a customer would significantly delay the final billing, the Authority will use an appropriate substitute for its cost.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE**

The Authority offers an "economic development rate" as an incentive to encourage new* commercial or industrial customers in its service area, for significantly expanding operations, or distressed businesses contemplating closing by assessing the customer at 80 percent of applicable water rates for the first five (5) years of occupancy. Rates will be subject to periodic effects of a general rate increase and/or surcharges. If the customer's period of occupancy is less than five (5) years, the Authority will pro-rate the full rate back to the first date of occupancy. After the initial five (5) years, over the subsequent three (3) year period, the Authority will assess the customer a ten (10) percent increase in the first year of the three (3) year period, a five (5) percent increase in the second year, and a five (5) percent increase in the third and final year of the three-year period. These increases will be based on the then current rates. At the end of this subsequent three (3) year period, the Authority will assess the customer its full applicable water rates.

To qualify for this economic development rate the customer must consume at least 500,000 gallons of water per year.

* A new customer is defined as relocating to the Authority's service area from out-of-state or from another service area within Connecticut.

**Applicability of the Economic Development Rate to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.