

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON

Entered by the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, in the City of Charleston, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2010.

CASE NO. 10-0242-W-CN

LUBECK PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Application for a certificate of convenience  
and necessity for extension to Wadesville  
area and for adjustment of tariff.

**NOTICE OF FILING**

On February 23, 2010, Lubeck Public Service District filed an application, duly verified, for a Certificate to Construct certain additions and improvements to its water treatment and delivery system in Wood County. The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Lubeck Public Service District estimates that construction will cost approximately Three Million Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,297,500.00). It is proposed that the construction will be financed as follows:

- a. United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development grant of One Million Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,644,500.00) and
- b. United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development loan of One Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,653,000.00).

The utility anticipates charging the following rates for its customers:

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable within entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic, commercial and industrial water service.

**RATES**

First	5,000 gallons used per month	\$7.08 per 1,000 gallons
Next	95,000 gallons used per month	\$5.35 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	100,000 gallons used per month	\$2.97 per 1,000 gallons

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

A minimum bill will be rendered for less than \$14.16 per month which is the equivalent of 2,000 gallons of water, plus the surcharges set out below for certain customers:

5/8 inch meter	2,000 gallons	\$ 14.16 per month
1 inch meter	5,000 gallons	\$ 35.41 per month
2 inch meter	19,782 gallons	\$113.31 per month
3 inch meter	38,589 gallons	\$212.45 per month
4 inch meter	65,456 gallons	\$354.09 per month
6 inch meter	158,675 gallons	\$708.18 per month

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the District up to a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

**PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

Where connections, hydrants, sprinklers, etc. on private property are maintained by consumer:

4 - inch service line with hydrants, sprinklers, and/or hose connections	\$ 7.77
6 - inch service line with hydrants, sprinklers, and/or hose connections	\$12.21
8 - inch service line with hydrants, sprinklers, and/or hose connections	\$15.54
10 - inch service line with hydrants, sprinklers, and/or hose connections	\$18.87

These terms are payable monthly in advance.

**SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION CHARGE**

Where connections, hydrants, sprinklers, etc. on private property are maintained by the consumer requiring cycling of pumps to maintain system:

Non-Static Connection	\$98.79 per month
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**HAULING TAP CHARGES**

Water purchased at the District office hauling tap shall be dispensed at a charge of \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) per 100 gallons.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY**

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**RECONNECTION FEE -- \$30.00**

To be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, non payment of bills or fraudulent use of water.

**SURCHARGE**

\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons billed for a period not to exceed the total repayment of the Rural Utility Service Loan dated March 28, 1997, for customers in the Hopewell, Hope Hill and Missouri Run extension funded by this loan.

**New to Tariff - \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons billed for a period not to exceed the repayment of the Rural Development Loan given the District December 21, 2009, for the customers of the Wadesville Water Project extension funded by this loan.**

**TAP FEE**

The following charge is to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

**New to Tariff - A tap fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be charged to any customer signing up for the Wadesville Water Project. This cost will be applicable until the date of bid opening. Thereafter, it will be the regular approved Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) tap fee.**

**INCREMENTAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

\$0.42 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above customer's historical average usage.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Not to exceed one-sixth (1/6th) of the annual estimated charge for service or Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater.

**METER TESTING REQUESTED BY CUSTOMER**

A customer requesting that their water meter be tested will be charged Forty Dollars (\$40.00). If the meter is found to be more than 2% in error, the amount advanced shall be promptly refunded to the customer or credited to his/her account. If the meter

is not found to be more than 2% in error, the Utility shall retain the amount advanced by the customer for the test.

**ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**

In the event the District collects payment in full of a delinquent water bill at the customer's premises in lieu of a discontinuance of service for nonpayment, an administrative fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be collected in addition to the delinquent water bill.

These rates represent no change in the cost of treated water to any existing customer of Lubeck Public Service District. Customers newly added to the water system as a result of the extension of service to the Wadesville area will pay a surcharge of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons billed for a period not to exceed the repayment of the Rural Development Loan given the District December 21, 2009, for the customers of the Wadesville Water Project extension funded by this loan.

Lubeck Public Service District has no resale customers.

The proposed surcharge will produce approximately Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$67,452.00) per year, all of which will be used to amortize the loan granted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility, used to pay for the construction of the new extension of service. Since this is a surcharge affecting only new customers in the area to be served by the extension, there is no percentage increase in rates and charges for treated water.

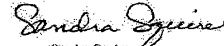
The increases (surcharge) shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class and apply equally to all such customers.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code §24-2-11, IT IS ORDERED that Lubeck Public Service District give notice of the filing of said application, by publishing a copy of this order once in a qualified newspaper as provided in W. Va. Code §59-3-1 et seq, published and of general circulation in Wood County, making due return to this Commission of proper certification of publication immediately after publication. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within 30 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your right to protest aspects of this certificate case, including any associated rate increases, or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All protests and interventions should be addressed to Sandra Squire, Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if there is no substantial protest to the Application received within said thirty day period, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the application based on the evidence submitted with said application and its review thereof.

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A True Copy, Teste:

  
Sandra Squires  
Executive Secretary