

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF TIMBERON WATER AND
SANITATION DISTRICT ADVICE NOTICE NO. 18
AND ADVICE NOTICE NO. 19**

Case No. 23-00049-UT

**NOTICE TO TIMBERON WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT CUSTOMERS OF
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE – GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

Timberon Water and Sanitation District (“Timberon”) intends to increase water rates for all of its ratepayers. The proposed rate increases by new and changed rates would apply to all customers who receive water services. Pursuant to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission’s (NMPRC) Orders of May 17, 2023 and November 30, 2023 (“Orders”) Timberon has been ordered to file with the NMPRC Timberon’s proposed new rates by no later than May 30, 2024, which rate proposal shall be accompanied by an Advice Notice and a cost-of-service study showing Timberon’s audited expenses for its water services for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2023, and testimony and documents explaining how any costs shared with Timberon’s other functions are allocated. Timberon has also been ordered to file with its proposed new rates a schedule showing its costs adjusted for any known and measurable changes that will occur by May 31, 2024, and testimony explaining and justifying each adjustment.

Timberon’s proposed new rate increases are illustrated as follows:

RESIDENTIAL (treated)	Present Interim Approved Rate (Advice Notice 19)	Proposed Rate (Advice Notice 20)	Dollar Increase	Percentage	Number of Customers
¾" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	206
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	148
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	156
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	52
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	24
1" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	0
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	0
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	0
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	0
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	0

COMMERCIAL (treated)	Present Interim Approved Rate (Advice Notice 19)	Proposed Rate (Advice Notice 20)	Dollar Increase	Percentage	Number of Customers
¾" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	0
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	0
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	0
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	0
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	0
1" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	0
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	0
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	0
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	0
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	0
1 ½" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	0
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	0
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	0
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	0
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	0
2" Meter					
Minimum bill per month, plus:	\$66.28, plus:	\$74.59, plus:	\$ 8.31	13%	0
0 – 1000 gal.	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.61	\$ 0.51	12%	0
1001 – 4000 gal.	\$ 5.34	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.66	12%	0
4001 – 10,000 gal.	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.71	12%	0
10,001 and over gal.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.91	\$ 0.76	12%	0

Rates for Irrigation (untreated) are not increasing.

Customer charge plus tax adjustment applies to all rates.

The Residential proposed rates on customer billings are demonstrated in the below Billing Analysis table.

Usage Gallons	Present Bill	Proposed Bill	Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase	Number of Customers
0	\$ 66.28	\$ 74.59	\$ 8.31	13%	206
1000	\$ 70.38	\$ 79.20	\$ 8.82	13%	148
2000	\$ 75.72	\$ 85.20	\$ 9.48	13%	78
3000	\$ 81.06	\$ 91.20	\$ 10.14	13%	50
4000	\$ 86.40	\$ 97.20	\$ 10.80	13%	28
5000	\$ 92.14	\$ 103.65	\$ 11.51	12%	18
6000	\$ 97.88	\$ 110.10	\$ 12.22	12%	12
7000	\$ 103.62	\$ 116.55	\$ 12.93	12%	8
8000	\$ 109.36	\$ 123.00	\$ 13.64	12%	7
9000	\$ 115.10	\$ 129.45	\$ 14.35	12%	4
10,000	\$ 120.84	\$ 135.90	\$ 15.06	12%	4
15,000	\$ 151.59	\$ 170.45	\$ 18.86	12%	12
20,000	\$ 182.34	\$ 205.00	\$ 22.66	12%	4
25,000	\$ 213.09	\$ 239.55	\$ 26.46	12%	3
30,000	\$ 243.84	\$ 274.10	\$ 30.26	12%	3
35,000	\$ 274.59	\$ 308.65	\$ 34.06	12%	2
40,000	\$ 305.34	\$ 343.20	\$ 37.86	12%	2
45,000	\$ 336.09	\$ 377.75	\$ 41.66	12%	1
50,000	\$ 366.84	\$ 412.30	\$ 45.46	12%	1

Timberon intends to file with the NMPRC the schedule of the proposed new rates no later than May 30, 2024.

Timberon will notify any ratepayer who requests to be notified of the actual date on which Timberon actually files with the NMPRC the Advice Notice proposing the new and changed rates.

IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.

Procedures for protesting proposed rates are set forth in 17.12.770 and 17.13.970 NMAC. Any interested person may examine the rate filings at Timberon's main office or at the NMPRC in Santa Fe as follows:

The information of Timberon is:

1 Bobwhite Circle, Suite 1
 Timberon, NM 88350
 Office: 575-987-2250
gm@timberonwater.com
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Monday — Friday
 After-hours emergency line 575-987-2450

NMPRC Information:

Public Regulation Commission
 Office of the Chief of Staff
 P.O. Box 1269
 Santa Fe, NM 87504
<https://www.prc.nm.gov/>
 Phone: 1-888-427-5772

Procedures for protesting rates are set forth in 17.12.770 NMAC, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from, or inspected at, the main office of the utility or the offices of the utility division of the NMPRC in Santa Fe, and that forms for protests are available from either the utility or the NMPRC

The rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers may be examined at the main offices of the utility or at the NMPRC in Santa Fe.

Further information may be obtained by contacting either the utility or the NMPRC.

For purposes of protests, "ratepayer" means a person in whose name service is carried. For purposes of protests, under Section 62-8-7.1 NMSA 1978, "each person who receives a separate bill equals one ratepayer and each person who receives multiple bills equals one ratepayer."

The new and changed rate or rates will go into effect automatically and will not be subject to review and hearing by the NMPRC unless ten (10) percent or twenty-five (25) ratepayers, whichever is more, file a protest conforming to the requirements of 17.12.770.12 NMAC. Form and filing of a protest can be found at 17.12.770.13 NMAC.

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PROPOSED SPECIAL FEES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission’s (NMPRC) Orders of May 17, 2023 and November 30, 2023 (“Orders”) Timberon has been ordered to file with the NMPRC Timberon’s proposed new rates by no later than May 30, 2024, which rate proposal shall be accompanied by an Advice Notice and a cost-of-service study showing Timberon’s audited expenses for its water services for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2023, and testimony and documents explaining how any costs shared with Timberon’s other functions are allocated. Timberon has also been ordered to file with its proposed new rates a schedule showing its costs adjusted for any known and measurable changes that will occur by May 31, 2024, and testimony explaining and justifying each adjustment.

Pursuant to the NMPRC’s Orders, Timberon has been allowed to charge interim rate charges by its January 20, 2023 filed Advice Notice Number 18 (Special Fees and Charges), subject to the conditions of the Orders. Timberon proposes in its proposed Advice Notice Number 21 the Special Fees and Charges listed below.

Please refer to the table below to find the present and proposed charges. Charges will apply to all customers qualifying for and obtaining the services listed below:

1. RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION CHARGES (TREATED):

Meter Size	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
¾”	\$ 1,500.00	No Increase	\$ 1,500.00

2. COMMERCIAL CONNECTION CHARGES (TREATED):

Meter Size	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
¾”	\$ 1,500.00	No Increase	\$ 1,500.00

3. SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL WATER SERVICE (RECONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION CHARGES):

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Reconnection	\$ 75.00	No Increase	\$ 75.00
Reconnection Less than 72 Hrs. Notice	\$ 100.00	No Increase	\$ 100.00
Disconnection	\$ 75.00	No Increase	\$ 75.00
Disconnection Less than 72 Hrs. Notice	\$ 100.00	No Increase	\$ 100.00

4. RETURNED CHECKS:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Returned Check Fee	\$ 30.00	No Increase	\$ 30.00

5. PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF TIMBERON WATER SYSTEM:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Unauthorized Use of Timberon Water System	\$500.00	No Increase	\$500.00

6. METER TESTING:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Meter Testing	\$ 25.00	No Increase	\$ 25.00

7. STANDBY CHARGES:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Standby Charges	\$ 61.15 per lot, per annum	No Increase	\$ 61.15, per lot, per annum

8. LIEN FILING FEE:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice Number 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Lien Filing Fee	\$ 37.25	No Increase	\$ 37.25

9. WATER SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Service	Present Interim Approved Charge (Advice Notice No. 18)	Increase	Proposed Charge (Advice Notice Number 21)
Water Security Deposit to New Customers	\$ 130.00	No Increase	\$ 130.00

10. WATER CONSERVATION SURCHARGES:

The following surcharges are applicable only when the Timberon Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors declares by resolution that the Water Conservation Policy Phase II or Phase III is in effect. They will be added to the regular General Metered Service charges for any usage above the established baseline amount of 9,000 gallons.

During Phase II, any usage over the established baseline will be surcharged an additional \$1.00 per thousand gallons.

During Phase III

- usage from the established baseline to 20,000 gallons will be charged an additional \$2.50 per thousand gallons
- usage between 20,001 and 30,000 gallons will be charged an additional \$2.50 per thousand gallons
- usage between 30,001 and 40,000 gallons will be charged an additional \$3.00 per thousand gallons
- usage between 40,001 and 50,000 gallons will be charged an additional \$3.50 per thousand gallons, and,
- usage above 50,000 gallons will be charged an additional \$4.00 per thousand gallons.

For treated water service using a larger meter, the same surcharges will apply. Both Phase II and Phase III Rates apply to residential and commercial service.

11. BULK WATER RATE:

For those customers that live in unserved areas of Timberon and who do not have regular metered service, bulk water service will be available. The rate for bulk water will be the same as for those customers who are connected to the Timberon system. Any increase/decrease in customers' rates will also apply to bulk water users. Water conservation surcharges will also apply to bulk water users.

Bulk water service will be provided through a separately metered connection at the Community Center/Lodge. Bulk water customers will be responsible for providing containers and for transporting their bulk water. Bulk water may be purchased ONLY if customer's lot is in a no-service area. Customers who own or control metered water or standby lots are not eligible for bulk water.

Customer charge applies to all customers.

12. TAX ADJUSTMENTS:

Tax adjustments apply to all rates and charges.

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