

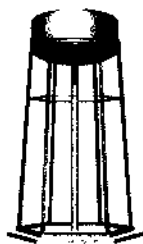


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March 21, 2023

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Re: Tariff for New Ulm WSC, CCN No. 12417, in Austin County and Colorado County

Dear Tariff Clerk:

Pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 13.136(c) and 16 TAC Section 24.21(j), enclosed is two copies of the revisions to our existing tariff for New Ulm Water Supply Corporation provided for informational purposes.

1. Page 50, Section G, Page 1, 4. Customer Service Inspection Fee
2. Pages 52-53, Section G, Pages 3-4, 16. Monthly Charges. a. Base Rate, 1) Water Service
3. Page 53, Section G, Page 4, b. Gallonage Charge, 1) Water:

Sincerely,

Anastasia Gregoire
Manager
New Ulm Water Supply Corporation

Tariff Update for

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SECTION G.

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3. ***Customer History Report Fee.*** A fee of \$5.00 shall be charged to provide a copy of the Member’s record of past account information in response to a Member’s request for such a record.
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6. ***Equipment Damage Fee.*** If the Corporation’s facilities or equipment have been damaged by tampering, by-passing, installing unauthorized taps, reconnecting service without authority, or other service diversion, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, and equipment necessary for repair, replacement, and other Corporation actions. This fee shall be charged and paid before service is re-established. If the Corporation’s equipment has not been damaged, a fee equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, equipment, and other actions necessary to correct service diversions, unauthorized taps, or reconnection of service without authority shall be charged. All components of this fee will be itemized, and a statement shall be provided to the Member and tenant if an Alternate Billing Agreement is in place. If the Corporation’s facilities or equipment have been damaged due to negligence or unauthorized use of the Corporation’s equipment, right-of-way, or meter shut-off valve, or due to other acts for which the Corporation incurs losses or damages, the Member shall be liable for all labor and material charges incurred as a result of said acts or negligence.
7. ***Equity Buy-In Fee.*** In addition to the Membership Fee, each Applicant for new service that requires a new service tap shall be required to achieve parity with the contributions to the construction or acquisition of the Corporation’s assets related to capacity that have been made previously by existing Members. This fee shall be assessed immediately prior to providing service on a per-service unit basis for each service requested and shall be assigned and restricted to that property for which the service was originally requested. This fee shall be set aside for future capacity improvements such as line upgrades, new tanks, treatment, or production. The formula applied to such fee calculated annually after receipt of the system audit is as follows:

- 5) Engineering fee;
- 6) Any additional site-specific equipment or appurtenances necessary to provide water or waste water service as determined by the Corporation under the terms of Section F. of this Tariff (includes tap (fee(s)).

c. Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations as per Section E. 3. e. of this Tariff.

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12. Monthly Charges.

a. Base Rate

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2) Sewer Service - The monthly charge for standard sewer service on a per tap basis is a base rate of \$37.50

b. **Gallage Charge** - In addition to the Base Rate, a gallage charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period.

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