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SECTION G. RATES AND SERVICE FEES

Unless specifically defined in this Tariff, all fees, rates, and charges as stated shall be nonrefundable.

- 1. Additional Assessments. In the event any federal, state or local government imposes on the Corporation a "per meter" fee or an assessment based on a percent of water/sewer charges, this fee or assessment will be billed and collected as a "pass through" charge to the customer.
- 2. Assessments. If at the end of the fiscal year, or in the event of emergency repairs, the Board of Directors determines the total amount derived from the collection of water or wastewater charges to be insufficient for the payment of all costs incident to the operation of the Corporation's system during the year in which such charges are collected, the Board shall make and levy an assessment against each Member of the Corporation as the Board may determine or as may be required by Rural Development, so that the sum of such assessments and the amount collected from water and other charges is sufficient to fully pay all costs of the operation, maintenance, replacement and repayment on indebtedness for the year's operations. (See Article XVIII of USDA Model Bylaws, Section 1 Rev. 12-2011 or your Corporations bylaws or other governing documents)
- 3. Customer History Report Fee. A fee 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.
- **4.** Customer Service Inspection Fee. A fee will be assessed each Applicant before permanent continuous service is provided to new construction.
- 5. Easement Fee. When the Corporation determines that private right-of-way easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure easements in behalf of the Corporation and/or pay all costs incurred by the Corporation in validating, clearing, and retaining such right-of-way in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Tariff. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such right-of-way and/or facilities sites on behalf of the Applicant. (See Section E. 28.; Section F. 8. b.)

6. Equipment Damage Fee.

a. 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.

- b. If the Corporation's facilities or equipment have been damaged in any respect due to excavation, digging, or any other activity that damages Corporation water lines and facilities, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, water loss, materials and equipment necessary for repair or replacement of the Corporation's water lines and facilities. In addition to the fee for the costs of all labor, materials, and equipment, an automatic penalty of six (6) times the then-applicable base rate shall also be assessed, and shall apply upon each occurrence of a violation of this section. A penalty under this section is in addition to any other penalty or remedy provided by the laws of the State of Texas or this Tariff. A penalty under this section is concurrent with and in addition to a penalty or fee incurred under any other provision in this Tariff.
- 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.
 - 8. Groundwater District Production Fee. Fees will be charged per water used by each Member. These fees are collected to pay the annual fees charged to the Corporation by Edwards Aquifer Authority and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality based on water pumped from the Corporation's wells located within the boundaries of the service areas.
- 9. Information Copy Fee. A fee for the copying of any public information will be charged to the person requesting that information in compliance with the cost rules of the <u>Texas Government Code Section 552.261</u> et. seq.
- 10. Installation Fee. The Corporation shall charge an installation fee for service as follows:
 - a. Standard Service shall include all:
 - 1) Tap fee all current labor and materials necessary to provide individual metered water or wastewater service.
 - 2) Engineering fee.
 - 3) Legal fee.
 - 4) Customer service inspection fee.
 - 5) Administrative costs.
 - 6) Any additional site-specific equipment or appurtenances necessary to provide water or wastewater service.

Standard service fees shall be charged on a per tap basis as computed immediately prior to such time as metered service is requested and installed.

- b. Nonstandard Service shall include:
 - 1) Facility improvement costs including, but not limited to, tanks, piping, main lines, hydrants, and other labor materials necessary to provide service at the level required by Water Code and as requested by the applicant;
 - 2) line and facility inspection fees;
 - 3) administrative costs including, but not limited to, contract administration costs, processing

- invoices, disbursement of checks to contractors;
- 4) legal fees, including but not limited to, contract development, easements, water rights, permits, and CCN amendments for the area;
- 5) engineering fees; and
- 6) any additional site-specific equipment or appurtenances necessary to provide water or wastewater service as determined by the Corporation under the terms of Section F. of this Tariff (includes tap fees).
- c. Standard and Nonstandard Service Installations shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations as per Section E. 28. e. of this Tariff.
- 11. Late Payment Fee. Once per billing period, a penalty shall be applied to delinquent bills.

NOTE: The Corporation cannot charge political subdivisions and state agencies the late payment fee. (<u>Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.021</u> and <u>Section E. 13.</u>)

- 12. Line Extension Reimbursement Fee. An approved Applicant may have to pay, on a prorated basis, a line reimbursement fee to the Yancey Water Supply Corporation for the purpose of reimbursing a member or other entity that made the initial capital outlay to extend service to that area.
- 13. Membership Fee. At the time the application for service is approved, a refundable Membership Fee must be paid for each service requested before service shall be provided or reserved for the Applicant by the Corporation. The membership fee cannot be more than 12 times the minimum monthly base rate.
 - a. Membership fee for oversized or Master Metered Accounts shall be based on multiples of meter size equivalence.
- 14. Meter Tampering and Damage to Property Penalty. In addition to the Equipment Damage Fee, the Corporation may charge a penalty for "Tampering" as defined in Section E. 22. The penalty may only be assessed against the person who committed the Tampering. The penalty shall not exceed six (6) times the Base Rate and is assessed in addition to the actual cost of the damages and repairs. A penalty under this section is concurrent and in addition to a penalty or fee incurred under any other provision in this Tariff.

15. Monthly Charges.

a. Base Rate

1) Water Service - The monthly charge for standard metered water service is for a 5/8" X 3/4" meter. The 5/8" X 3/4" meter charge is used as a base multiplier for larger nonstandard meters in accordance with the following chart based on American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications:

5/8" x 3/4"	1.0	\$30.90
3/4"	1.5	\$46.35
1"	2.5	\$ 77.25
1 1/2"	5.0	\$154.50
2"	8.0	\$247.20
3"	15.0	\$463.50
3" CMPD	16.0	\$494.40
4" CMPD	25.0	\$772.50

- 2) Sewer Service The monthly charge for standard sewer service on a per tap basis.
- b. Gallonage Charge In addition to the Base Rate, a gallonage charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period.
 - (1) Water Drought Restrictions I V

Stage I (Regular) \$2.20 / 1,000 gals Zero to 2,000 gals \$2.65 / 1,000 gals 2,001 to 5,000 gals \$2.65 / 1,000 gals 5,001 to 10,000 gals \$3.35 / 1,000 gals 10,001 to 15,000 gals \$3.97 / 1,000 gals 15,001 to 20,000 gals \$4.35 / 1,000 gals 20,001 to 25,000 gals \$4.48 / 1,000 gals 25,001 to 30,000 gals \$6.03 / 1,000 gals 30,001 to 35,000 gals \$6.54 / 1,000 gals 35,001 to 40,000 gals \$7.57 / 1,000 gals 40,001 to 45,000 gals \$8.34 / 1,000 gals 50,001 to 60,000 gals \$8.86 / 1,000 gals 50,001 plus \$9.65 / 1,000 gals	
Stage III Zero to 2,000 gals. \$2.20 / 1,000 gals 2,001 to 5,000 gals. \$2.65 / 1,000 gals 5,001 to 10,000 gals. \$3.35 / 1,000 gals 10,001 to 15,000 gals. \$4.08 / 1,000 gals 15,001 to 20,000 gals. \$4.61 / 1,000 gals 20,001 to 25,000 gals. \$6.20 / 1,000 gals 25,001 to 30,000 gals. \$6.73 / 1,000 gals 30,001 to 40,000 gals. \$7.79 / 1,000 gals 40,001 to 50,000 gals. \$3.59 / 1,000 gals 50,001 to 60,000 gals. \$10.18 / 1,000 gals 50,001 plus. \$10.91 / 1,000 gals	
Stage IV \$2.20 / 1,000 gals 2,001 to 5,000 gals \$2.65 / 1,000 gals 5,001 to 10,000 gals \$3.35 / 1,000 gals 10,001 to 15,000 gals \$6.53 / 1,000 gals 15,001 to 20,000 gals \$7.38 / 1,000 gals 20,001 to 25,000 gals \$9.92 / 1,000 gals 25,001 to 30,000 gals \$10.77 / 1,000 gals 30,001 to 40,000 gals \$12.47 / 1,000 gal 40,001 to 50,000 gals \$13.74 / 1,000 gal 50,001 to 60,000 gals \$17.13 / 1,000 gal 50,001 plus \$18.32 / 1,000 gal	ls ls

Stage V	
Zero to 2,000 gais	\$2,20 / 1,000 gals
2,001 to 5,000 gals	\$2.65 / 1.000 gals
5,001 to 10,000 gals	\$3.35 / 1,000 gals
10,001 to 15,000 gals	. \$7.35 / 1,000 gals
15,001 to 20,000 gals	\$8.30 / 1,000 gals
20,001 to 25,000 gais	\$11.16 / 1,000 gals
25,001 to 30,000 gals	\$12.12 / 1,000 gals
30,001 to 40,000 gals	\$14.02 / 1,000 gals
40,001 to 50,000 gals	\$15.45 / 1,000 gals
50,001 to 60,000 gals	\$19.27 / 1,000 gals
60,001 plus	\$20.61 / 1,000 gals

- 1) The Corporation shall, as required by <u>Texas Water Code Section 5.701</u>, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent of the charge for retail water or wastewater service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. This fee is collected on all charges pertaining to <u>Section G. 16</u>. Monthly Charges of this Tariff. <u>30 TAC 291.76(d)</u>
- 16. Meter Test Fee. The Corporation shall test a Member's meter upon written request of the Member. (See Meter Test Authorization and Test Report Form in Section J) Under the terms of Section E. of this Tariff, the charge from the testing company shall be imposed on the affected account.
- 17. Other Fees. All services outside the normal scope of utility operations that the Corporation may be compelled to provide at the request of a Member, or the general public shall be charged to the recipient based on the cost of providing such service.
- **18.** Reconnect Fee. The Corporation shall charge a fee for reconnecting service after the Corporation has previously disconnected the service during business hours. If reconnecting is done after business hours there will be an additional fee. For any reason provided for in this Tariff except for activation of service under Section E. 1. b. Re-Service.
- 19. Regulatory Assessment. A fee of the amount billed for water/sewer service will be assessed each customer; this assessment is required under Texas law and TCEQ regulations. NOTE: The regulatory assessment is not to be collected from state agencies, wholesale customers, or buyers of non-potable (not drinkable) water. (Ref. TCEQ RG-199 revised Sept. 2017)
- 20. Returned Check Fee. In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, corporation, or partnership to the Corporation for payment of services provided for in this Tariff, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or nonnegotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge. (See Miscellaneous Transaction Forms)
- 21. Seasonal Reconnect Fee. The Corporation shall charge a fee calculated based on the Base Rate multiplied by the number of months during which service is suspended/locked, not to exceed nine (9) months during any twelve (12) consecutive months.
- 22. Service Investigation Fee. The Yancey Water Supply Corporation shall conduct a service investigation

for each service application submitted to the Corporation. An initial determination shall be made by the Corporation, without charge, as to whether the service request is Standard or Nonstandard. An investigation shall then be conducted, and the results reported under the following terms:

- a. All Standard Service requests shall be investigated without charge and all applicable costs for providing service shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant.
- b. All Nonstandard Service requests shall be subject to a fee, appropriate to each project, of sufficient amount to cover all administrative, legal, and engineering fees associated with investigation of the Corporation's ability to deliver service to the Applicant to:
- (1) Provide cost estimates of the project;
- (2) to present detailed plans and specifications as per final plat;
- (3) to advertise and accept bids for the project;
- (4) to present a Nonstandard Service Contract to the Applicant; and
- (5) to provide other services as required by the Corporation for such investigation. A Nonstandard Service Contract shall be presented to the Applicant within a suitable amount of time as determined by the complexity of the project. (See Section F.5.)
- 23. Service Trip Fee. The Corporation shall charge a trip fee for any service call or trip to the Member's tap as a result of a request by the Member or tenant for response to damage of the Corporation's or another Member's facilities; for customer service inspections due to suspicion of meter tampering, bypass or diversion of service; or for the purpose of disconnecting or collecting payment for services. For service trips that extend beyond one hour, such as when an extended line location is required, the Corporation shall charge an additional per employee per hour for each additional hour required.
- 24. Transfer Fee. A Fee shall be assessed for the transfer of any membership.
- 25. Water Acquisition Charge. The Corporation shall charge all new applicants to acquire water by surrendering or purchasing water rights. Each charge is based on the 5/8" meter equivalent or service unit for which service has been requested. Each 5/8" meter equivalent shall have 3/4-acre foot of water. Periodically, the charge and acre foot per meter may be increased or decreased by the Board of Directors depending on current water rights cost.

Yancey Water Supply Corporation



March 3, 2025

The Board of Directors approved a rate increase in April of 2024, effective February 2025 billing. Section G of the YWSC Tariff was updated due to the base rate and gallon rates.

The foregoing amendment(s) to the YWSC Tariff, Section G. Rates and Service Fees was/were adopted by a majority vote at the Board of Directors meeting on the

9th day of April 2024

Christy Garrett Accounts Payable / Accounts Receivable