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To West Corinne Water Users,

In the April 14, 2022 meeting, the board made the following changes to the water rates that will go into effect June 1, 2022.

Keeping the overall financial health of the company strong, the base rate will change from \$46.00 per month to \$52.00 per month for Class A and Class B connections. The base rate will change from \$60.00 per month to \$70.00 per month for Class C connections. This will still allow use of water up to 10,000 gallons per month.

1- The rate for use over the 10,000 gallons of water will go to a tier rating for Class A:

10,001 to 50,000 will be \$1.75 per thousand gallons – **same as last year**

50,001 to 100,000 gallons will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons – **increased**

100,001 and above gallons per months will be \$10 per thousand gallons – **increased**

2- The rate for use over the 10,000 gallons of water will go to a tier rating for Class C:

10,001 to 50,000 will be \$3.25 per thousand gallons – **same as last year**

50,001 to 100,000 gallons will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons – **increased**

100,001 and above gallons per months will be \$10 per thousand gallons – **increased**

This will apply to Class A (residential) and Class C (commercial) connections.

This will be a progressive rate, the more you use, the more you will pay. Utah law requires the company to adopt a rate structure like this for culinary water, with increasing rates for each additional block of water used. The following example will show what a future bill can be: Total water use for any given month – example: 125,000 gallons

10,000 gallons - \$52, base rate

10,001 to 50,000 - \$70

50,001 – 100,000 - \$200

100,001 – 125,000 - \$250.

Total cost for the month - \$572, based on usage of 125,000 gallons in any given month.

The board is providing notice of these rate changes for Class A and Class C shares now because of the ongoing drought and because we are at the start of the irrigation season. The board is in the process of adjusting the rate for Class B connections. The board will send notice to Class B connections in the coming weeks and the new rate will be effective **July 1, 2022**.

Again, we want to educate each shareholder to be aware of the cost of water use and to become water wise users of the drinking water that comes to each tap. After discussing it, we concluded that this was a fair approach to each user. History for the year 2021 showed we only had 70 (11%) residential taps, out of a total 647 taps, that exceeded the 50,000 gallons of water in the highest use month of the year. We determined that the majority of users (89%) are already conserving water, so will only see an increase of \$6 each month for the base rate, which was largely due to inflation and purchase of additional water.

We have placed a priority water use in the following order:

1. Drinking water 2. Agricultural 3. Horticultural and 4. All other use – car/truck washing, cleaning sidewalks and patios with water, etc.

The board also wants to identify two areas of concern that are at the top of the list. (1) Leaks – a gallon a minute leak can use 43,000 gallons in a month. Please repair leaks now. (2) Keep water troughs from continually overflowing. There are several other ways to conserve drinking water, which can be found on our webpage. Please look and consider all methods of slowing the flow.

As a reminder, **Class A** taps are for only one residential home with less than 50 head of livestock, **Class B** taps are for large animal operations with no more than 500 head of livestock per connection and **Class C** taps are for commercial use of water. No tap can be altered in use. Examples of illegal use would be two residential homes, or a commercial water use, connected to a residential Class A tap. Altering use may result in a fine or disconnection of future water use. If for some reason this has occurred without knowing the difference between classes, we highly recommend you contact the company to discuss future use.

It is no secret we are in a drought. We, along with many others, were hoping for a better winter, with deeper snowpack and bigger than normal runoff. Unfortunately, our reservoirs will not fill, and a shortage of surface water will cause a greater stress on our current moisture conditions. If current weather trends continue, we want to be prepared for the future by acting now.

Coming into the summer, currently we see our system handling our water needs for the highest demand. We are monitoring the spring and well on a daily base. Our concerns being the flow from the spring slowing down and the well pump running extra time to meet demand. These issues are associated with a lower level of water in the aquifer and increased cost of service for the company to deliver water. We have purchased additional water from the Bear River Water conservation district for future growth, but we now have turned to using this water to meet current demand.

We are currently not selling water connections, as recommended by our water engineers. We are in the process of increasing our water source and delivery of water, but this will take time and funding to complete. Additional information can be found on our website westcorinnewater.com.

Thank you for being a part of our system and thank you for your cooperation!

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