

Order No. 2544

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF  
the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act*  
and

**Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Panorama Water**

**For Approval of  
Water Rate Application  
effective January 1, 2019**

BEFORE:

Ted White, Comptroller of Water Rights  
PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria BC V8W 9M1

**DECISION AND ORDER NO. 2544**

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019

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File: 0321243

**Whereas:**

1. The Comptroller of Water Rights (“Comptroller”) is an independent quasi-judicial regulator and responsible for the regulation of private water utilities under the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act*. Under the *Water Sustainability Act*, the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (“Deputy Comptroller”) is authorized to exercise all the powers and perform all of the duties of the Comptroller.
2. Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“CMUS” or “the Utility”) is a subsidiary of Corix Infrastructure Inc., a privately held corporation headquartered in Vancouver, BC. CMUS owns and operates the water utility providing service to Panorama Mountain Village (“Panorama”). In addition to the water utility, CMUS also owns and operates the propane and wastewater utilities at Panorama.
3. The last approved Revenue Requirements and Amended Water Tariff Application was approved by Decision and Order No. 2232 on June 28, 2010. Decision and Order 2232 approved Revenue Requirements for 2010 and 2011 and accepted Water Tariff No. 3 for filing effective March 1, 2010.
4. On November 26, 2018, CMUS filed a Water Rate Application with detailed support to adjust rates effective January 1, 2019. In the Water Rate Application, the Utility requested that the proposed rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2019 pursuant to Section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. The proposed interim water rates are:

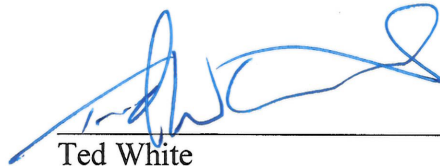
	Existing	Proposed
Fixed Charge ( <i>per bed unit per month</i> )		
• Residential	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.34
• Commercial	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.66
Metered Consumption Charge ( <i>per m<sup>3</sup></i> )	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.69
Rate Rider 1 (Consumption Deferral) ( <i>per m<sup>3</sup></i> )	None	\$2.46
Total Customer Contributions to Replacement Reserve Trust Fund (RRTF) ( <i>per year</i> )	\$100,000	None

5. The Comptroller approved the Utility’s request for an interim, refundable rate increase effective January 1, 2019. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Comptroller.
6. On January 14, 2019 the Utility advertised its Application by mailing Notices to all its customers. Customers were given until February 19, 2019 to register as interveners and/or submit comments. Two parties representing the Panorama Mountain Resort and Panorama Subdivision Owners Association registered as interveners. In addition, ten customers submitted questions/comments on the Application which the Utility provided responses.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Comptroller orders as follows:

- 1. Panorama Mountain Resort and Panorama Subdivision Owners Association are registered as Interveners.**
- 2. The establishment of a Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A.**
- 3. The Regulatory Timetable has been established based on there being no independent evidence from the Interveners. Should either Intervener wish to provide independent evidence, they are to advise, in writing, both the Comptroller's office and the Utility of that intention no later than March 22, 2019. If necessary, the Comptroller will issue another Order/Revised Regulatory Timetable to accommodate the filing and review of that Intervener evidence.**

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.



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Ted White  
Comptroller of Water Rights

**An Application by Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“CMUS”)  
for Approval of 2019 Revenue Requirements and Water Rate Increases  
Effective January 1, 2019**

**REGULATORY TIMETABLE**

<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>DUE DATE</u></b>
Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	March 15, 2019
Intervener IR No. 1	March 22, 2019
CMUS Response to Comptroller and Intervener IR No. 1 and any other questions from customers’ submissions	April 5, 2019
CMUS Final Submission	April 15, 2019
Intervener Final Submission	April 25, 2019
CMUS Reply Submission	May 3, 2019

Note: If another round of Information Requests is required, the Comptroller will issue another Order/Revised Regulatory Timetable during this hearing process.