

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 Utility**

**For Approval of
2019 Revenue Requirements and
Amended Water Rates**

BEFORE:

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

DECISION AND ORDER NO 2551

Dated this 23rd day of August 2019

Whereas:

1. On November 26, 2018, Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“CMUS” or “the Utility”) filed its 2019 Water Rate Application (“the Application”) for service to Panorama Mountain Village (Panorama) effective January 1, 2019. In the Application, the Utility requested that the proposed rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis pursuant to Section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*.

2. On January 10, 2019 the Comptroller of Water Rights (“Comptroller”) issued Decision and Order 2541 approving the Utility’s request for an interim, refundable rate increase effective January 1, 2019. The rates and charges were to remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the Comptroller’s final decision.
3. A written hearing process was conducted from January 14, 2019 to May 17, 2019, and on July 2, 2019 the Comptroller issued Decision and Order No 2548 that required CMUS to refile the Application in accordance with the determinations and directives in the Reasons for Decision and Order 2548 by July 23, 2019.
4. On July 23, 2019 CMUS refiled an amended version of the Application (“Amended Application”) with adjusted Financial Schedules and revised Water Tariff in accordance with the directions given by the Comptroller in the “Summary of Comptroller Directives” section on page 15 of Decision and Order 2548. The refiled water rates will result in a bill increase of about 34% for the average residential customer and about 58% for the average commercial customer.
5. CMUS proposes to apply the refiled water rates and rate rider with its September 2019 billing period for consumption beginning August 1, 2019. CMUS acknowledges that there will be a refund to customers to reflect the difference between the 2019 interim water rates and the 2019 final water rates, based on monthly bed unit count and monthly consumption of each customer from January to July 2019. As the balance accumulated over a period of 7 months, CMUS proposes to issue this refund to its customers on a monthly basis, over a period of seven months.

Determinations

The Utility’s Amended Application filed on July 23, 2019 is approved and accepted for filing effective January 1, 2019.

CMUS’s proposal to issue refunds to its customers for the difference between the 2019 interim rates and final, refiled rate increase based on monthly bed unit count and monthly consumption for January to July 2019 over a period of seven month is approved.

Having considered all of the evidence affecting CMUS’ 2019 Water Rate Application, **IT IS HEREBY DECIDED AND ORDERED THAT** the Amended Application as shown in the Utility’s July 23, 2019 refiled is approved and accepted for filing effective January 1, 2019.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of August 2019.



Ted White
Comptroller of Water Rights

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