

ORDER NUMBER 2584

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY 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
2020 to 2022
Revenue Requirements & Rate Application**

BEFORE:

Jesal Shah, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
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Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

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Dated this 22nd day of April 2021

WHEREAS:

1. On June 30, 2020 Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“Corix” or “the Utility”) filed its Evidentiary Update to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (“Deputy Comptroller”) pursuant to Order 2565 issued on May 19, 2020. The filing of the Evidentiary Update provided 2019 actual consumption, operating costs, capital expenditures, interest and other items. These changes resulted in a new set of financial information which was contained in the Amended Application. In the Amended Application, Corix requested that the proposed rate changes be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective August 1, 2020.
2. On July 31, 2020 by Order 2570, the Deputy Comptroller approved the Utility’s request for an interim, refundable rate increase effective August 1, 2020. A written hearing process was conducted from August 14, 2020 to December 14, 2020.
3. On February 16, 2021 the Deputy Comptroller issued Order No. 2578 that required Corix to refile the Amended Application in accordance with the determinations and directives determined in the Reasons for Decision and Order attached as Appendix A. The Amended Application was to be refiled within four weeks from the date of the Order.
4. On March 16, 2021 Corix submitted its 2020 to 2022 Revenue Requirements and Rates refiling with adjusted Financial Schedules and revised Water Tariff No. 5 in accordance with the directions given by the Deputy Comptroller in Order 2578.
5. Due to an error in its billing system, Corix did not bill the interim rate increase approved in Order 2570 effective August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to its customers. Corix estimated the unbilled interim rate increase to be \$109,000 for the period based on the test year customer consumption. Corix proposed that the rate application have its first rate increase on January 1, 2021 based on the interim rates approved by Order 2570 effective January 1, 2021 and that the Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account (RDDA) be credited with the revenue shortfall from 2020.
6. The Deputy Comptroller determined that Corix’s request to bill customers from August 1 to December 31, 2020 based on Water Tariff No. 4 approved effective January 1, 2019 was necessary to avoid even larger customer rate increases in 2021 and 2022.

Table 14 from Corix’s refiled Amended Application shows the total bill impact for a sample residential customer:

Table 14: Total Bill Impact for Residential Customers

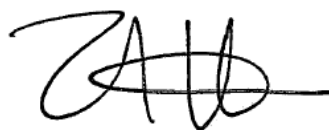
Residential Customers ^{(1), (2)}	Actual	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fixed Charge (\$ / bed unit / month)	3.09	3.09	6.59	8.57
Metered Rate (\$ / m ³)	1.88	1.88	4.01	5.21
CDA Rider 1 (\$ / m ³)	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.46
Average Annual Bill (\$)	520	525	1,000	1,286
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	43	44	83	107
Total Annual Bill Change (\$)	-	5	475	286
Total Annual Bill Change (%)	-	1%	91%	29%

(1) The annual average number of bed units ranges from 7.0 to 7.1 bed units per customer from 2019 to 2022.

(2) The average consumption ranges from 83.7 to 85.3 cubic metres per year for the period 2019 to 2022.

Having considered all of the evidence affecting Corix's 2020 to 2022 Revenue Requirements, **IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED THAT** the Amended Application shown in the Utility's March 16, 2021 refiling is approved and accepted for filing January 1, 2021.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of April 2021.



Jesal Shah, P.Eng., MBA
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights

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