**Sunko Water Supply Corporation**

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Re: Notice of Water rate increase

Sunko Water Supply Corporation has supplied reliable, potable water since 1967. Sunko WSC currently provides water to over 1,700 accounts across Wilson and Karnes counties. We maintain nearly 250 miles of water mains, two water distribution facilities and five active wells, and have advanced metering capabilities that provide ability to read meters monthly or access meter specific data. The data received helps us save millions of gallons of water a year. Additionally, numerous state and federal regulations require public water systems to maintain certain water storage, water testing, back-up power generation capabilities, and service provision standards. This extensive regulation regime, coupled with the day-to-day expense of running and maintaining a water utility while also saving for future capital improvements, require us to ensure that we have sufficient operating revenues to meet our current and future financial needs. In order to enact those plans we must ensure the corporation is best positioned to whether the seemingly never-ending price increases for pretty much everything.

As a private, Member-owned corporation, most of the corporation’s revenue comes from retail water sales to our Members. We last adjusted our water rates five years ago on October 1, 2018. The cost increases across the board for services and supplies we rely on to bring reliable and potable water to our Membership have forced us to revisit our water rates. To meet these challenges, the Sunko WSC Board of Directors—a group of seven dedicated individuals who all live on the system—voted for and accepted a proposed water rate increase at the February 6, 2023 Board meeting. This rate increase is scheduled to be effective May 1, 2023.

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| **Monthly Meter Service Charge- Base Rate** | | |
| **Meter Size** | **Current Rate** | **Proposed Rate** |
| 5/8" x 3/4" (standard) | $34.00 | $36.50 |
| Full 3/4" | $68.00 | $73.00 |
| 1" | $85.00 | $91.25 |
| 1 1/2" | $170.00 | $182.50 |

**Gallon Water Volume Usage Charges**

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| **Gallon Water Usage Current Rate** | **Current Rate (per one thousand gallons)** | **Gallon Water Usage New Rate** | **New Rate (per one thousand gallons)** |
| 0 to 5,000 gallons | $2.50 | 0 to 5,000 gallons | $3.00 |
| 5,001 to 20,000 | $3.00 | 5,001 to 20,000 | $4.50 |
| 20,001 to 30,000 | $4.00 | 20,001 to 40,000 | $6.50 |
| 30,001 to 40,000 | $5.00 | 40,001 to 60,000 | $7.50 |
| 40,001 to 50,000 | $6.00 | 60,001 to 80,000 | $9.50 |
| 50,001 to 60,000 | $7.00 | 80,001 to 100,000 | $12.50 |
| 60,001 to 70,000 | $8.00 | 100,000 and up | $14.00 |
| 70,001 to 80,000 | $9.00 |
| 80,001 to 90,000 | $10.00 |
| 90,001 to 100,000 | $11.00 |
| 100,000 and up | $12.00 |

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| **Water Rate Sample Charges** | | |
| **Gallon Water Usage** | **Old Rate** | **New Rate** |
| 5,000 gallons | $46.80 | $51.50 |
| 10,000 gallons | $61.80 | $74.00 |
| 25,000 gallons | $111.90 | $151.50 |
| 50,000 gallons | $242.20 | $324.00 |

This proposed rate increase will fund/continue to fund:

* New well currently in final stages of TCEQ approval and future replacement wells
* Plant filtration system upgrades
* Plant Improvements
* Water Main replacements and upgrades
* Additional regulatory compliance (additional water testing and unfunded mandates)

While we understand that there is never a good time to raise utility rates, this increase will ensure our ability to continue to provide potable water service to our served population now and into the future, while continuing to meet or exceed all state and federal regulatory requirements.

**\*\*\*Opportunities to voice your opinion to the Board of Directors\*\*\***

* Monthly Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Sunko WSC office 5186 State Highway 123 South, Stockdale.
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