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2020
Mid-Year Rate Case
Supplemental Filing

July 7, 2020



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Date: July 7, 2020
To: Members of City Council
From: Sonya Thieme, Rates Manager
Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES'
2020 MID-YEAR RATE CASE FILING**

Colorado Springs Utilities has prepared supplemental information for the 2020 Mid-Year Rate Case Filing submitted May 26, 2020. The supplemental material conforms to the requirements of Rules and Procedures of City Council, Part 4 - Utilities Pricing and Tariff Hearing Procedure, Section 1.A.6..

The attached packet contains new information, revisions to information originally filed and the compilation of all proposed rate and fee table adjustments.

- Legal Notice Affidavit of Publication
- Public Outreach Summary

Attachments

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Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF El Paso

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LEGAL NOTICE
COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES
121 SOUTH TEJON STREET
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80903

Notice of Proposed Modifications to Utilities Rules and Regulations

Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities), an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs, a Colorado home-rule city and municipal corporation, has proposed tariff changes for Utilities Rules and Regulations. The changes will modify the water and wastewater extension policy for oversize reimbursement.

Utilities Rules and Regulations

The following changes are proposed to the Utilities Rules and Regulations:

(1) Update water and wastewater extension policy for oversize reimbursement.

The proposed changes are described in more detail in the material Utilities filed with the City Clerk. Customers are urged to review the complete filing in order to identify all aspects of the proposal that may affect them. Copies of the proposed resolutions and the accompanying tariff sheets and a set of all materials were provided to City Council. The proposed changes are on file and open for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 30 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903 and are posted on the Utilities' website www.csu.org. City Council may also consider tariff changes proposed by Customers which differ from the changes mentioned above.

The City Council set a hearing to be held July 14, 2020 to consider the proposed changes. The hearing will be held in City Council Chambers, 107 North Nevada Ave., Suite 325, Colorado Springs, Colorado beginning at 10 a.m. Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic ("COVID-19") and in accordance with City Council Resolutions, the meeting may also be conducted electronically or telephonically. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically will be set forth in the City Council meeting notice and agenda for the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting. The proposed changes, if approved by City Council, will go into effect August 1, 2020, or as otherwise provided in the City Council resolution approving the changes. The proposed resolution and tariffs, including terms and conditions of service as filed with the City Clerk, may be changed by City Council prior to becoming effective as a result of information presented at the hearing by members of the public, witnesses for Customers, the City Auditor, or by Utilities.

In addition to public comments taken during the hearing, written comments will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk. Public comments may also be submitted electronically to the City Clerk in advance of the hearing to CityClerk@coloradosprings.gov. Each Utilities Customer has the right to appear, personally or through counsel, for the purpose of providing testimony regarding the proposed changes. In the event public participation is not allowed in person at the meeting due to COVID-19, or in the event members of the public are allowed to participate in the meeting electronically or telephonically, instructions for electronic or telephonic public participation in the hearing will be included in the City Council meeting notice and agenda for the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting. Any Customer who desires to present witnesses, other than the Customer, should file a Notice of Intent to Present Witnesses and a short summary of the testimony of each witness, as provided in Section 12.1.108 (C) (3) of the City Code, with the City Clerk's Office, 30 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 or electronically to CityClerk@coloradosprings.gov and with the Colorado Springs Utilities Rates Manager, 121 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 on or before 5 p.m. on July 6, 2020. Customers desiring further information on the proposed rate changes described in this Notice, including the estimated impact on monthly bills, should telephone Colorado Springs Utilities at (719) 448-4800.

NOTICE TO:
WATER AND WASTEWATER
CUSTOMERS OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES
HEARING DATE: JULY 14, 2020

Published in the CS Gazette May 30, 2020.

Public Outreach

Public Outreach Summary

Brian Whitehead, System Extensions Manager for Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities), presented the proposed Utilities Rules and Regulation (URR) changes at the March 18 Utilities Board meeting. The Utilities Board directed Mr. Whitehead to reach out to the development community to gather their input on the proposed URR changes.

Mr. Whitehead conducted a video conference with the Housing & Building Association (HBA) members to review the proposed URR changes on March 27, 2020. Mr. Whitehead also provided HBA follow-up information on April 20, 2020.

At the May 20, 2020 Utilities Board meeting, Mr. Whitehead requested stakeholder comment from Bobby Ingles, Nor'wood Development Group and Scott Smith, Oakwood Homes. Both individuals expressed support of the proposed changes to the URR and identified additional process improvements still needed in the future.

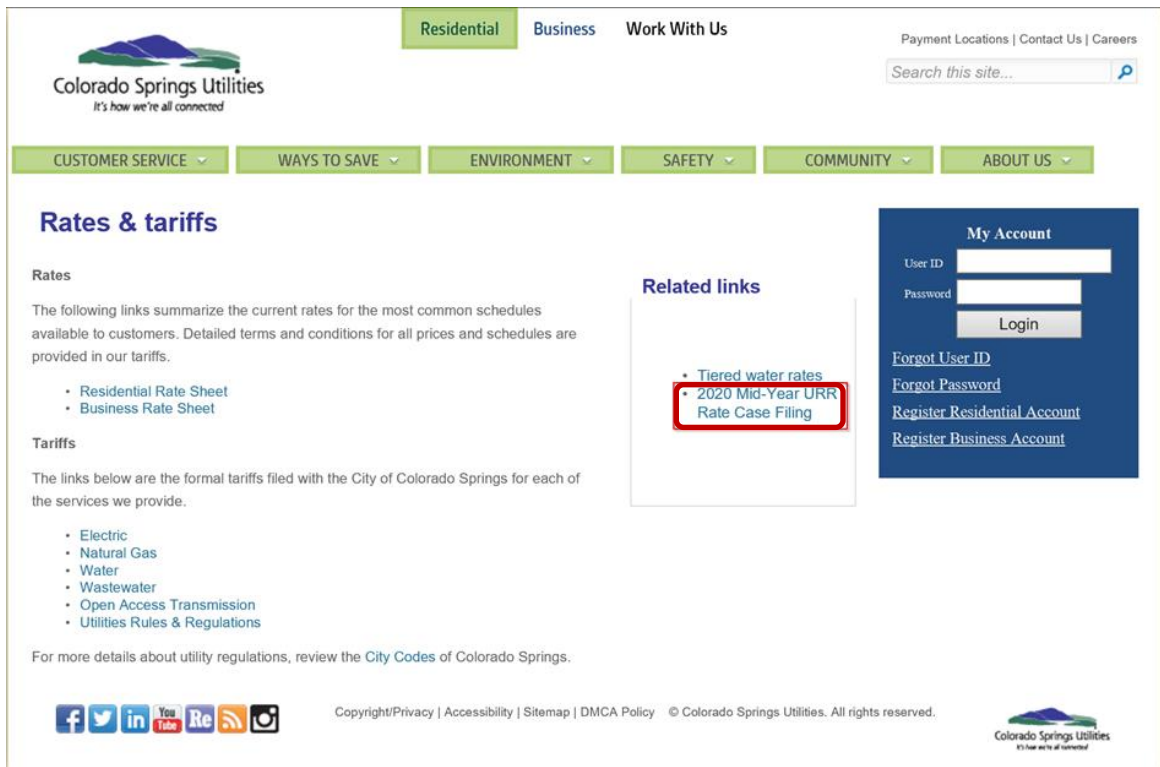
Mr. Ingles discussed that as the City of Colorado Springs grows, there are major infrastructure expansion requirements to serve growth beyond the initiating developer's proposal and one of the issues is trying to get to a point where there is an equitable sharing of those costs. Future process improvement could be implemented like annexation agreements and the requirement of feasibility studies. When a project is proposed by the initiating developer, a business plan would also be presented with the plan design. The business plan would not only address cost but also future revenue for Utilities. There could be a qualified acceptance of that plan that would warrant Utilities participation in the project costs. Mr. Ingles concluded this approach would provide financial equity without undue burden on Utilities and promote good planning.

Mr. Smith reiterated the proposed change is a good first step and there is additional information that needs to be put into place and also reconsider the policy for how large infrastructure projects are funded. Mr. Smith supported the existing policy as adequate for smaller scope of projects. He pointed out that the projects that serve large infrastructure additions place burden on initiating developer who must carry the cost and that can be for 30 to 40 years. Future improvements include fairly distributing the large burden to build infrastructure beyond just the initiating developer and create an equitable solution to recovery process.

Information was shared on Twitter during the Utilities Board presentation May 20, 2020.



The 2020 Mid-year Rate Case was posted to csu.org on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.



The public hearing notification was added to the csu.org homepage June 10, 2020.

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Over the past year, we've been working to develop a plan that best meets the future energy needs of our community.
Recently our Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) selected Electric and Gas Integrated Resource Plans to recommend to our Utilities Board. Check out the recommendations and then participate in the upcoming Utilities Board meeting.
• June 17 at 1 p.m.: UPAC will present recommended portfolios to our Utilities Board.
• June 26 at 8 a.m.: Special Utilities Board meeting to approve portfolios.

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Natural gas rate decrease effective May 1.

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Water up to three days a week, you choose the days.

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Our downtown service center is closed until further notice.

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