

Council Meeting Staff Report

April 18, 2018

Agenda No.:	5.B
Indexes (Council Goals):	BCC - N/A
Presenters:	James Alarid
Legislative File:	10662-18

Title

Public Hearing for Modification of Department of Public Utilities Rules & Regulations - Fee Schedule, Preface & Table of Contents

Recommended Action

I move the Board of Public Utilities approve the modifications to the Department of Public Utilities Rules and Regulations - Fee Schedule. I further move that the Board approve the revised Preface and Table of Contents as presented.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the revisions as presented.

Body

The following modifications to the Department of Public Utilities Rules and Regulations - Fee Schedule are proposed.

- Deposits for residential meters is currently \$60 per meter. Staff is proposing to allow the fees to be increased up to \$120 per meter in cases where the customer has a poor payment history. Charging the increased deposit will be at the discretion of the Customer Care Supervisor.
- Clarifying language has been added to the Water Hydrant Meter deposit. The name will be changed to Fire Hydrant Meter and language will be added to reinforce the deposit is refundable. The fee will not change.

Review of the Fee Schedule is performed annually. The new fees will be in effect immediately after approval of the Utility Board.

Preface and Table of Contents Cleanup

- Preface - In 2006, the DPU Rules and Regulations were updated in their entirety. The Preface currently states, "These rules have been updated through May 2006." This statement needs to be modified to indicate how subsequent revisions are noted in the document. There is also a minor typo cleanup in paragraph 4.
- GR16 - If approved by the Board, this rule will be deleted and this section reserved.
- GR18 - This rule was revised and the title change from "Energy Assistance Plan" to "Utilities Assistance Program" was approved by the Board on November 18th, 2015. The Table of Contents were not updated at that time.
- Appendix 2 - This appendix, "The Revised Residential Standards and Operating Procedures," is found in the DPU Construction Standards, not in this document. After the 2006 Rules & Regulations revision, this appendix was never actually included in the Rules and Regulations and does not need

to be.

Alternatives

If the modifications to the fee schedule are not approved some outdated fees will remain in effect.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

N/A

Attachments

A - Fee Schedule (Redline Version)

B - Preface (Redline Version)

C - Table of Contents (Redline Version)