

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
RATES AND RULES  
GOVERNING THE FURNISHING OF WATER SERVICE  
TO CONSUMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF  
UPPER DUBLIN, WHITEMARSH, WHITPAIN  
AND LOWER GWYNEDD, ALL IN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA

# NOTICE

This tariff supplement changes definitions, rules  
and regulations regarding line extensions.

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THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER

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This supplement is used to revise definitions, rules and regulations regarding line extensions.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER

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NOTICE

This tariff makes increases and changes in  
existing rates, rules and regulations.

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METER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (I) (C)

Applicable for all metered services to Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, and Public Customers.

WATER ALLOWANCES AND RATES

<u>MINIMUM</u> <u>ALL SIZE METERS</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>		<u>CHARGE (I)</u>	
	<u>PER MONTH</u>	<u>PER QUARTER</u>	<u>PER MONTH</u>	<u>PER QUARTER</u>
First	3,334	10,000	\$8.01	\$24.01
			\$9.01*	\$27.01*

The following rates apply for all consumption in excess of the above minimum allowance

<u>CONSUMPTION</u> <u>GALLONS</u>	<u>PER MONTH</u>	<u>PER QUARTER</u>	<u>RATE FOR</u> <u>1 000 GALLONS (I)</u>
First	33,333	100,000	\$2.084 \$2.344*
Next	33,333	100,000	\$1.636 \$1.840*
ALL OVER	70,000	210,000	\$1.322 \$1.487*

\* Rate to be effective beginning September 1, 1996.

This rate will apply for all consumption in excess of the first 10,000 gallons and the minimum charge therefore for customers taking "Single Point Service" at a building housing two or more (multiple) dwelling units.

SINGLE POINT SERVICE:

The above minimum charge and water allowance thereunder is applied once to the total consumption as recorded by the single meter regardless of the number of units, with the rate as noted above, applicable to the remaining gallons of the total consumption.

(I) Indicates Increase

(C) Indicates Change

FLAT RATE SCHEDULE (I) (C)

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE:

	<u>RATES PER</u>	
	QUARTER	ANNUM
<b>Public - per hydrant</b>	\$36.51	\$146.05
Applicable for hydrants furnished and maintained by the Borough of Ambler Water Department within in the Townships of Upper Dublin, Whitpain, Whitemarsh, and Lower Gwynedd.		
<b>Private - per hydrant</b>	\$40.91	\$163.64( C) (I)

Applicable for hydrants furnished and maintained by the Borough of Ambler Water Department to individual customers located outside the limits of the Borough of Ambler.

Meters for private fire service will be furnished and maintained by the Borough of Ambler Water Department. Meters will be set in vaults constructed from masonry materials with drainage capability on the property of the customer. The vaults are to be constructed and maintained at the expense of the customer.

Sprinkler System

For each service line of the sizes stated below connected to mains of the Borough of Ambler's Water System located outside the Borough limits, the following rates apply:

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>RATES PER ANNUM</u>
2"	\$ 98.19 (I)
4"	\$196.33 (I)
6"	\$327.28 (I)
8"	\$654.51 (I)
10" & 12"	\$981.73 (I)

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE (continued)Stand by Connections

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>RATES PER ANNUM</u>
2"	\$ 98.19(I)
4"	\$196.33 (I)
6"	\$327.28(I)
8"	\$654.51(I)
10" & 12"	\$981.73(I)

DOMESTIC MULTIPLE METER SETS: (C)

MINIMUM  
QUARTERLY CHARGE

Where two meters serve a domestic premise from a single service, and one meter is for normal domestic service and the second meter is for fire protection service, billing will be based on the minimum charge applicable to the smaller of the two meters plus the present value amortization over the life of the larger meter of the additional costs incurred in installing the larger meter. The total water allowance for a domestic multiple meter set shall be 10,000 gallons per quarter. The maximum size meter, in the instance of domestic multiple meter sets, shall be 2 inch.

\$24.01  
\$26.83\*

\* Rate to be effective beginning September 1, 1996

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THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER

SUPPLEMENT No. 21 TO  
WATER - PA P.U.C. No. 5

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RATES FOR WATER FOR BUILDING PURPOSES

All applications for water for building must be completed by the builder or owner. Water for construction purposes will be supplied only through a meter at meter rates. Such application shall be interpreted to mean that the water is to be used only from a builder's hydrant and shall not be introduced into any of the house fixtures.

When water is supplied by meter for building or contractor's purposes, a deposit of \$100.00 will be required to cover the cost of repairs for any damage to the meter, or for loss of same. The said deposit will be refunded when all the foregoing conditions have been complied with and all bills have been paid.

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DEFINITIONS

1. Annual Line Extension Costs: The sum of a Company's additional annual operating and maintenance costs, debt costs and depreciation charges associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the line extension.
2. Annual Revenue (For Line Extension Purposes): The Company's expected additional annual revenue from the line extension based on the Company's currently effective tariff rates and on the average annual usage of customers similar in nature and size to the bona fide service applicant.
3. Bona Fide Service Applicant (For Line Extension Purposes): A person or entity applying for water service to an existing or proposed structure within the utility's certificated service territory for which a valid occupancy or building permit has been issued if the structure is either a primary residence of the applicant or a place of business. An applicant shall not be deemed a bona fide service applicant if :
  - (a) applicant is requesting water service to a building lot, subdivision or a secondary residence;
  - (b) the request for service is part of a plan for the development of a residential dwelling or subdivision; or
  - (c) the applicant is requesting special utility service.
4. Company service line: The water line from the distribution facilities of the Company which connects to the customer service line at the hypothetical or actual line or the actual property line, including the control valve and valve box. The control valve and valve box determine the terminal point for the Company's responsibility for the street service connection.
5. Customer: A person or entity who is an owner or occupant and who contracts with the Company for water service.
6. Customer service line: The water line extending from the curb, property line or utility connection to a point of consumption.

7. Debt Costs:- The Company's additional annual cost of debt associated with financing the line extension investment based on the current debt ratio and weighted long-term debt costs rate for that utility or that of a comparable jurisdictional water utility.
8. Depreciation charges: The utility's additional annual depreciation charges associated with the specific line extension agreement to be made based on the current depreciation accrual rates for that Company or that of a comparable jurisdictional water company.
9. Line Extension (For Line Extension Purposes): An addition to the Company's main line which is necessary to serve the premises of a customer.
10. Operating and Maintenance Costs (For Line Extension Purposes): The utility's average annual operating and maintenance costs associated with serving an additional customer, including customer accounting, billing, collections, water purchased, power purchased, chemicals, and other variable costs based on the current total Company level of such costs, as well as costs particular to the specific needs of that customer, such as line flushing.
11. Public Utility: Persons or corporation owning or operating equipment or facilities in this Commonwealth for diverting, developing, pumping, impounding, distributing or furnishing water to or for the public for compensation.
12. Short-term Supply Storage: An emergency which causes the total water supply of a Company to be inadequate to meet maximum system demand.
13. Special Utility Service: Residential or business service which exceeds that required for ordinary residential purposes. See additional clarification in the main extension portion of this tariff.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

(C)

The word CUSTOMER, as used hereinafter, means the owner or tenant of any property supplied with water by the Borough whether the person owning or renting the property is an individual(s) firm, partnership, association, or corporation. The word BOROUGH or WATER DEPARTMENT, as used hereinafter, means the Borough of Ambler Water Department.

WRITTEN APPLICATION: Water will be furnished upon written application signed by the person contracting for service wherever customer's water service line exists on a property in compliance with the Borough's rules. Blanks for all applications prepared for this purpose will be furnished by the Borough, and all applications must receive the approval of the Borough before connection is made or water furnished.

NEW APPLICATION UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR TENANCY. A new application must be made and approved by the Borough upon any change of ownership of the property when the owner is the customer or in the tenancy where tenant is the customer, or in the service described by the application and upon being so advised the Borough shall have the right upon ten (10) days written notice to discontinue water supply until such new application has been made and approved.

RENEWAL OF SERVICE: Service will be renewed upon a proper application when the condition under which such service was discontinued is corrected and upon the payment of all charges provided in the schedule of rates and rules of the Borough.

(C) Indicates Change

DEPOSITS (C)

Deposits may be required from ratepayer taking service for less than 30 days, in an amount equal to the estimated use for such temporary period. Deposits may be secured from all other ratepayers provided that, in no instance shall deposits be required in excess of the estimated gross billing for a single billing period plus one month (the maximum not to exceed four months) with a minimum deposit of \$5.00.

The amount of any cash deposit may be adjusted at the request of the ratepayer or Water Department whenever the character or degree of the ratepayer's usage has materially changed, or when it is clearly established that the character or degree of service will materially change in the immediate future.

If a ratepayer has failed to pay an undisputed bill, or portion of an undisputed bill, immediately prior to the termination of service to that ratepayer, the Water Department shall apply that ratepayer's deposit insofar as it is necessary to satisfy such bill and to avoid termination, and may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount. When a deposit is applied to satisfy unpaid bills, the Water Department shall mail or deliver a statement showing the amount of the original cash deposit, accrued interest, the amount of any unpaid bills satisfied, and balance remaining.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT (C)

A cash deposit will be refunded under the following conditions:

- Upon termination or discontinuance of service, the Water Department will apply the ratepayer's deposit, including accrued interest, to any outstanding balance for water service and refund the remainder to the ratepayer. A transfer of service from one location to another within a service area shall not be deemed discontinuance.
- When a ratepayer establishes his credit pursuant to paragraph 56.32, of PUC Standard 76 P.R.M.D.-10 (relating to credit standards) the Water Department shall refund any cash deposit plus accrued interest.

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When a customer becomes a bona fide member of a composite credit group, the Water Department shall refund any cash deposit plus accrued interest unless the customer requests that it be transferred to the credit group.

When a customer substitutes a third party guarantor in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 56.33(c) of 76 P.R.M.D.- 10 or the citation then current (relating to composite group; cash deposits third party guarantor), the Water Department shall refund any cash deposit, plus accrued interest, up to the limits of the guarantee.

After a customer has paid bills for service for 12 consecutive months without having service terminated and without having paid his bill subsequent to the due date or other permissible period as stated in this Chapter on more than two occasions, the Water Department shall refund any cash deposit, plus accrued interest, so long as the customer is not delinquent.

At the option of the Water Department, a cash deposit, including accrued interest, may be refunded in whole or in part at any time earlier than the time stated in this section.

The customer may elect to have a deposit applied to reduce bills for utility service in lieu of a cash refund.

If a customer is not entitled to refund as outlined above and pursuant to PUC - 76 P.R.M.D.-10, or its successor, the Water Department will review the customer's account each succeeding month and shall make appropriate disposition of the deposit.

REFUND STATEMENT (C)

When a cash deposit is refunded, the Water Department will mail or deliver to the customer a written statement showing the amount of the original deposit plus all accrued interest, the application of the deposit to any bill which had previously accrued, the amount of unpaid bills liquidated by the deposit and the remaining balance.

(C) Indicates Change

in any such multiple meter applications shall rest with the Borough and the Borough shall have the right to modify any service as it sees fit.

DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE (C)

BY CUSTOMER: All agreements covering service for water supply shall continue in force until and unless reasonable notice in writing is given of a desire to terminate the contract. Water will be turned off from the premises on written order of the customer without in any way affecting the existing agreements for service.

BY BOROUGH: Service may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:

- (a) For the use of water for any other property or purpose other than described in the application.
- (b) For the willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures, use or otherwise.
- (c) For molesting any service pipe, meter, curb stop and box, fire hydrant, stop cock, or seal, or any other equipment or appliance of the Borough.
- (d) In case of vacancy of the property.
- (e) For neglecting to make or renew deposits or for non-payment of any charge occurring under the application.
- (f) For refusal of reasonable access to the property for purpose of inspecting, reading, or removal of meter and for failure to make provisions to permit Borough personnel access to the meter at least once every three months during the Borough's regular working hours, on Monday through Friday.
- (g) For making or refusing to sever any cross connection between a pipe or a fixture carrying water furnished by the Borough and a pipe or fixture carrying water for any other source.
- (h) For non-payment of water service. For extending water lines to other buildings without proper permit and refusing to pay water service for the same.

(C) Indicates Change

- (i) For refusal to have water pipes properly arranged for meter installation.
- (j) If water bills have not been paid within thirty (30) days following presentation, water service may be discontinued by the Borough in compliance with such regulations as the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shall from time to time adopt.
- (k) For violation of any rules of the Borough as filed with the Public Utility Commission.

**TURN OFF WATER WITHOUT AUTHORITY:** The customer shall not turn the water off or on at any corporation stop or curb stop or disconnect or remove the meter or permit its disconnection (C) or remove without the consent of the Borough in writing. As necessity may cause, the Borough shall have the right to cut-off the water supply temporarily in order to make the necessary repairs, connections, etc.; but, the Borough will use all reasonable and practical measures to notify the customer of such discontinuance of service. In such case, the Borough shall not in any way possible be found liable for any damage or any inconvenience suffered by the customer or any claim against it at any time for interruption in service, lessening of the supply, inadequate pressure, poor quality of water, or for any other cause beyond its control. When a supply of water is to be temporarily cut-off, notice will be given when practicable, to all customers affected by the shutting off, stating the probable duration of the interruption of service, and also the purpose for which the shut-off is made.

**RESERVE SUPPLY:** The Borough shall have the right to reserve a sufficient supply of water at all times in its reservoirs to provide for fire and other emergencies, or restrict or regulate the quantity of water used by a customer in case of scarcity or whenever the public welfare may require it.

**RENEWAL OF SERVICE AFTER DISCONTINUANCE:** Service will be renewed under a proper application when the conditions under which such service was discontinued are corrected and upon the payment of all proper charges or amounts provided in the schedule of rates or rules of the Borough due from the applicant.

When water has been turned off from any premises because of violation of the Borough's (C) Rules and Regulations, including non-payment of a bill, a charge of \$25.00 payable in advance will be made for again turning on the water.

(C) Indicates Change

METERS (C)

**FURNISHED BY THE BOROUGH:** All Borough meters will be furnished, installed and owned by the Borough and remain the property of the Borough and be accessible to and subject to its control.

**ALL SERVICES TO BE METERED:** A meter shall be installed on each domestic and on each (C) fire service line owned by the Customer. The Borough reserves the right to determine the size and type of meter to be installed in the Customer's property, including whether such meter shall be a manual read meter or a meter that can be read remotely from outside the building being served, or automatically using TV cable, telephone, or similar lines or radio signal communication. As a condition of providing service and continuing to provide service, the Borough shall have the right to install such equipment, connections and wiring in the manner and location it deems appropriate and, in the case where the meter is to be read over the telephone lines at a property with existing or proposed telephone service, the Customer must provide the Borough with the current telephone number used or to be used for meter reading purposes at the property, including any such number that may be unlisted in which event the Borough shall keep that number confidential. The equipment necessary to read meters using the designated mode of communication will be installed by the Borough and will remain the property of the Borough. For all proposed service properties that are being newly constructed, the Customer will be required to provide and install a telephone jack at a location designated by the Borough near the proposed meter location. The equipment used by the Borough to read the water meter over the telephone lines shall not be capable of transmitting voice communications and shall relinquish control of the Customer's telephone line when other Customer equipment using that telephone line is activated.

**LOCATION:** The meter will be set within the structure to be served, at a location approved by (C) the Borough, after the Customer has had the plumbing, arranged (including the installation of special devices if required by the Borough) to receive the meter at a convenient point inspected and approved by the Borough so as to control the entire supply of

(C) INDICATES CHANGES

METERS (Continued)

water to the property. In cases where it is not practical to place the meter within a building, a concrete pit or vault, with a suitable iron cover, or other approved meter box, shall be built inside the property line by the Customer. The size and dimensions of the pit or box shall be as approved by the Borough, give adequate access to the meter, and permit its installation or removal. A meter pit will also be required in all cases determined by the Borough, including where:

- a) the Customer's service line crosses a stream, swale, retention basin or similar structure;
- b) the Customer's service line is over 100 feet in length; (C)
- c) the Customer's service line is not or cannot be installed at a right angle to the curb within the building limits of the structure to be served, or is not or cannot be installed within a specified area along the side wall (that is, a wall adjacent to a front wall) of the building to be served up to the point-of-entry of the service line into the side of the building, said area being specified as an area no closer than 5 feet and no further than 10 feet from the sidewall; unless otherwise approved by the Borough;
- d) the Customer's structure does not contain a basement or is not a permanently fixed structure, unless otherwise approved by Borough.
- e) there is no suitable location to protect the meter from freezing or other damage, or to provide access for reading.

VALVES REQUIRED: A control valve shall be placed by the Customer on the service line on (C) the inlet and outlet sides of the meter. When required, a suitable check valve should be placed by the Customer between the meter and the control valve on the outlet side of the meter. When a check valve, backflow prevention device or pressure reducing valve is installed, the Customer shall install a pressure relief valve or thermal expansion tank (to be sized and designed by the Customer or his agent) at some convenient point on the house piping to relieve pressure fluctuations and/or excess pressure due to heating water. In accordance with the specifications of the Borough, the Customer shall install a

(C) INDICATES CHANGES

METERS (Continued)

pressure reducing valve (PRV), to be set at a pressure not to exceed the applicable limits, as follows: 1) on the domestic service line when the pressure on the Borough's distribution system exceeds 100 pounds per square inch (psi.); 2) on the fire service line when the pressure exceeds 150 psi; or 3) when required in the discretion of the Borough where it is believed that the pressure may exceed either limit. The Customer or his authorized agent shall check with the Borough to determine whether a pressure reducing valve is required prior to finalizing the design of the internal plumbing system. In all cases, the pressure reducing valve must be installed at a location after the inlet control valve and before the meter, but in the case of the domestic service line an additional control valve must be installed between the PRV and the meter.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE:** Meters and other related equipment owned by the Borough (C) will be maintained by the Borough so far as ordinary wear and tear are concerned; but the cost to repair damage caused by the Customer or due to freezing, hot water or causes not within the reasonable control of the Borough shall be paid by the Customer.

**COST OR REINSTALLATION:** The charge for the reinstallation, reconnection or changing of (C) a meter or other related equipment owned by the Borough when removed by the Customer or because of damage in any way due to the negligence or intentional conduct of the Customer shall be assessed against the Customer at cost.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:** Every meter is subject to a fixed minimum charge in accordance with the (C) rates thereof, for which certain quantities of water will be allowed, without additional charge. Such minimum shall be non-refundable for non-use of water, and non-cumulative against subsequent consumption. In the case of fractional bills, covering less than a billing period, minimum charges and allowances shall be prorated.

**BOROUGH NOTIFIED METER NOT WORKING:** The Customer shall immediately notify (C) the Borough of damage to or the non-working of the meter, as soon as it comes to his/her knowledge.

(C) INDICATES CHANGE

METERS (Continued)

REGISTRATION CONCLUSIVE: The quantity recorded by the meter shall be conclusive (C)  
on both the Customer and the Borough, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or  
has ceased to register. In such case, the quantity may be determined by the average registration of the meter when  
in order.

DISPUTED ACCOUNT: In case of a disputed account involving the accuracy of a meter, (C)  
such meter will be tested upon the request of the Customer in conformity with the regulations of the Commission.  
In the event that the test of the meter shows an error in registration in excess of the permissible range, an  
appropriate adjustment to the bill will be made in accordance with the Commission's regulations. Bills will not be  
adjusted if the meter tests within the permissible tolerance limit.

REQUEST TEST: Upon a written request of a Customer, or that of the Customer's authorized (C)  
representative, the Borough shall test the accuracy of the meter in service at the involved premises. When a  
Customer desires, either personally or through a representative, to witness the testing of a meter, the meter may be  
required by the Customer to be sealed before removal, in the presence of the witness, which seal shall not be  
broken until the test is made. If the meter so tested is found to be accurate within the limits specified above, a fee  
determined from the schedule provided in Commission's regulations shall be paid to the Borough by the Customer  
requesting such test, but if not so found then the cost thereof shall be borne by the Borough. When making such  
requests, the Customer shall agree to the basis of payment herein specified. A report of such test shall be made to  
the Customer and a complete record of such test shall be conclusive upon the Borough and Customer unless a  
written objection thereto is received by the Borough or Customer, as appropriate, within thirty days of notice of  
the test results. If the meter tested is found to be accurate, the Borough has the absolute right to re-install that  
same meter at the Customer's property.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICE (C)

UNMETERED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICE: Where unmetered service has been (C)  
requested for single-family.

(C) INDICATES CHANGE

## METERS (Continued)

residential building construction purposes, the builder, upon payment allowed to use unmetered water only for the construction of the building for a period from the date of application until the building is completed or occupied, such period not to exceed one year. If it is necessary to continue construction beyond this period of time, the builder must renew same by paying the applicable rate or a meter must be installed, as determined by the Borough. Residential building construction purposes do not include the use of water for commercial, industrial or highway construction purposes, nor for landscaping or lawn watering. A supply of water for purposes other than for residential building construction purposes must be specially applied for as outlined in Rule 38 and will require a metered connection. If the Borough determines that a builder has used building construction service for an unauthorized purpose, the Borough may back-bill the builder on an estimated basis determined by the Borough.

**TEMPORARY METERED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE:** Where metered (C)  
service is required or requested for temporary construction purposes and is used only as a temporary source of water, the applicant shall pay the estimated cost of installation and removal of the service line, which costs are not refundable. In addition, the applicant shall pay a deposit for the meter, which will be metered service will be subject to these Rules and Regulations and the charges shown in the rate schedule.

RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE METER SETS (C)

Where two meters serve a residential or limited commercial premises from a single service, and one meter is for normal domestic service and the second meter is for fire protection service, billing will be based on the minimum charge applicable to the smaller of the two meters plus the present value amortization over the life of the larger meter of the additional costs incurred in installing the larger meter. The total water allowance for a residential multiple meter set shall be 10,000 gallons per quarter. The maximum size meter, in the instance of residential multiple meter sets, shall be 2 inch.

(C) INDICATES CHANGE

METERS (CONTINUED)

**MINIMUM CHARGE:** Every meter is installed subject to a fixed minimum charge per billing period in accordance with the rates thereof, for which certain quantities of water will be allowed, without additional charge. Such minimum shall be nonabatable for non-use of water, and non-cumulative against the subsequent consumption. Any fraction or portion of a billing period shall be charged for as a complete billing period.

**BOROUGH NOTIFIED METER NOT WORKING:** The customer shall immediately notify the Borough of injury to or the non-working of the meter as soon as it comes to his knowledge.

**REGISTRATION CONCLUSIVE:** The quantity recorded by the meter shall be conclusive on both the customer and the Borough except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In such case, the quantity may be determined by an average based on previous registration of the meter when in order.

**DISPUTED ACCOUNT:** In a case of a disputed account involving the accuracy of the meter, such meter will be tested upon the written request of the customer in conformity with the provisions of the water regulations applicable to water service utilities of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. In the event that the meter so tested is found to have an error in registration in excess of 4%, slow or fast, the bills will be increased or decreased accordingly as provided by the aforesaid rule. The customer or his designated representative may be present when the test of the meter is performed. If the meter is found to be accurate within the limits specified in said water regulations, the Borough will retain the deposit paid by the customer under the provisions of the Water Regulations prevailing at the time of the customer request.

REGULATIONS ON BILLINGS

**BILLING PERIODS:** Bills will be rendered monthly or quarterly at the option of the Borough. However, all customers shall be permitted to receive bills monthly and shall be notified of their right thereto. All minimum rate bills for water service are due and payable quarterly for the previous three months and included in each quarterly bill will be the charges for additional use, over and above the minimum billing, for the previous three months.

REGULATIONS COVERING BILLING (CONTINUED)

**PENALTY:** A penalty of 1.25% interest per month will be charged on the full unpaid and overdue balance of the bill. These charges will be calculated on the overdue portion 30 days after the bill is sent out. Such interest rate when annualized shall not exceed 15.0% simple interest per year.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE:** A charge of \$15.00 will be made to the account of any customer if a check is returned by the bank for any reason.

**PLACE OF PAYMENT:** All bills for payment of water shall be made payable to the Water Department, Borough of Ambler, and presented at the Borough Office, 31 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Checks may be sent by mail to the same.

**NEW AND EXISTING CROSS CONNECTIONS ARE PROHIBITED:** No new cross connections shall be installed and no existing cross connections shall be continued after the date of this regulation. A cross connection shall be considered to be eliminated if a method of backflow prevention, approved by the Borough, is installed at the expense of the customer.

A cross connection is any pipe, valve, connection, arrangement including an open pipe, or device of any customer by which there is a connection to any pipe, line, water system or any part thereof, of the Borough, directly or indirectly, by which any contamination as determined by the Borough is or might be admitted or drawn into the Borough's said facilities as described in this paragraph.

**AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO RULES:** The Borough reserves the right to alter or amend these rules at such times and in such manner as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the ratepayers and the Borough.

SERVICE CONNECTIONS

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Application for a Service Connection:

Where an adequate water distribution main is located in a public highway which abuts the customer's property and extends at least halfway across the portion of the highway abutting said highway, a service connection will be made as soon as reasonably practicable after written application signed at the Borough office by the property owner or his properly authorized agent subject to the approval of such application by the Borough. Where an adequate water distribution main does not abut the customer's property, the customer must make necessary arrangements with the Borough office for the extension of a water distribution main in accordance with the Borough's Rules and Regulations regarding main extensions. Service connection application forms will be furnished by the Borough on request.

Borough's Service Lines:

The Borough will make all connections to its mains and furnish, install and maintain the Borough's service lines from the main to and including the curb stop and box, which under normal circumstances will be placed inside the curb line unless the Service Line is included within a Water Extension Agreement (See page 17). The Borough's service line will be the property of the Borough and under its control even when installed by customer or developer. The point of delivery and sale for any water service furnished to the customer shall be at the curb stop. Whenever it is necessary to install a service line in advance of the date on which the premises are occupied and a meter is set, a deposit equal to the cost of installation shall be required in an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of installation, which deposit will be refunded to the depositor when the service line is installed to satisfaction of Borough, provided that event occurs within fifteen years from the date of deposit.

Customer's Service Line:

The customer's service line shall extend from the property to the curb stop or curb line or such point as designated by the Company. All connections, service lines and fixtures furnished by the customer shall be maintained by the customer in good order, and all valves, meters and appliances furnished and owned by the Borough and on the property of the customer shall be protected properly and cared for by the customer. All leaks in or other deteriorated condition of the customer's service line or any other pipe or fixture in or upon the premises supplied must be repaired immediately by the owner or occupant of the premises.

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Size, Kind and Location of Service Line:

The Borough reserves the right to determine the size, kind and location of the service line, from the main to the curb, and from the curb to the property to be served. The customer's service line shall not cross intervening properties unless there is no other way in which service can be provided (for example, because the property is landlocked in that it does not abut a public road) and an appropriate easement is obtained by customer. The service line from the curb stop to the property shall be furnished, installed, owned, and maintained by the owner of the property and where possible shall be laid in a straight line at right angles to the curb line within the building limits of the structure to be served and at least four feet below the surface of the ground in property owned by the customer in fee simple absolute. Type K Copper shall be used throughout for service lines up to three inches in diameter. Service lines over three inches in diameter shall be cement-lined ductile or cement-lined cast iron pipe. The minimum size of the customer's domestic service line shall be 3/4 inch in diameter.

Separate Trench:

No service line shall be laid within two feet of a gas pipe, electric line, drain or sewer pipe, or any other facility of another public service company, nor within three feet of any open excavation, retaining wall or vault, nor in the same vertical plane as the service line.

Renewal of Borough's Service Line:

Where renewal of the Borough's service line from the street main to the curb is found to be necessary in the Borough's opinion, the Borough will renew said service in the same location as the old one at its own expense. If, in connection with such renewal, the property owner, or customer for his own convenience, desires the new service line to be installed at some other location or in a larger size and agrees to pay all expenses of such work, he may do so, provided that the new line complies with all applicable Rules and Regulations.

Company Not Responsible:

The Borough shall in no event be responsible for maintaining any portion of the customer's service line or other lines or fixtures on the customer's property, or for damage done by water or other matter passing through said line or fixtures or escaping therefrom. The customer shall at all times comply with municipal regulations with reference thereto, and make changes therein, required on account of change of grade, relocations of mains, or otherwise.

Property Supplied by Single Service Line:

A customer's service line shall not supply more than one property, as hereinafter defined, but any such property upon proper application of the owner may be supplied by two or more meters, each of which for billing purposes shall be considered as being one customer account, and provided that the supply of each such meter has an individual control at or near the curb. As used herein the word "property" shall mean:

- a) A residential dwelling unit - either detached, or one side of a double house, or a house in a row of houses; provided, that a garage, a conservatory and similar features incidental to the family life shall be considered as a portion of the dwelling.
- b) A building or complex of buildings containing residential dwelling units not divided by a public road, which are either rental apartments, condominiums, or cooperative units and the commercial and service facilities incidental thereto, which for rate purposes shall be treated as additional residential dwelling units.
- c) An industrial, commercial or manufacturing establishment held in common ownership and not divided by a public road and not covered by subparagraphs (b) and (d) of this Rule 20.
- d) Each of the premises within a single building (stores or offices or any combination thereof) entirely separated from other premises within said building by a party wall or walls.
- e) A detached building comprised of store or offices or any combination thereof, not separated by a party wall or walls.
- f) A Housing Development owned and operated as a unit by the United States government.

LINE EXTENSIONS

Whenever a developer, owner or occupant of a property within the service territory of the Company requests the Company to extend service to such property, the Company will extend service under the following conditions:

1. Requests by Bona Fide Service Applicant: Each Company shall file with the Commission, as part of its tariff, a rule setting forth the conditions under which facilities will be extended to supply service to an applicant within its service area. Upon request by a bona fide service applicant, a utility shall construct line extensions within its franchised territory consistent with the following directives:
  - (a) Line extensions to bona fide service applicants shall be funded without customer advance where the annual revenue from the line extension will equal or exceed the Company's annual line extension costs.
  - (b) If the annual revenue from the line extension will not equal or exceed the Company's annual line extension costs, a bona fide service applicant may be required to provide a customer advance to the utility's cost of construction for the line extension. The utility's investment for the line extension shall be the portion of the total construction costs which generate annual line extension costs equal to annual revenue from the line extension. The customer advance amount shall be determined by subtracting the utility's investment for the line extension from the total construction costs.
  - (c) The Company's investment for the line extension shall be based on the following formula, where X equals the utility's investment attributed to each bona fide applicant.

- X =  $[AR - OM]$  divided by  $[I + D]$ ; and,
- AR = the Company's annual revenue
- OM = the Company's operating and maintenance costs
- I = the Company's current debt ratio multiplied by the Company's weighted long-term debt cost rate
- D = the Company's current depreciation accrual rate

2. Customer advance financing, refunds and facilities on private property:

- (a) When a customer advance is required of a service applicant and an additional customer or customers attach service lines to the line extension within ten years, the utility shall refund a portion of the advance to the customer. Deposits made for additional facilities other than the line extension, such as booster pumps, storage tanks and the like, are contributions in aid of construction and need not be refunded.
- (b) The Company will refund to the applicant, during a period of ten (10) years from the date of the extension deposit, a per-customer amount for each additional bona fide service applicant from whom a street service connection shall be directly attached to such main extension as distinguished from extensions or branches thereof. Provided, however, that the total amount refunded shall not exceed the original deposit without interest, and provided that all or any part of the deposit not refunded within said ten (10) year period shall become the property of the Company and shall be treated as Contributions in Aid of Construction for ratemaking purposes. The per customer refund amount shall equal the utility's investment attributed to each bona fide applicant as calculated in the formula contained in this tariff
- (c) A utility shall require a customer to pay, in advance, a reasonable charge for service lines and equipment installed on private property for the exclusive use of the customer.

- (d) Special Utility Service shall mean residential or business service which exceeds that required for ordinary residential purposes. Section G (1) parts (a) through (c) of this tariff does not apply to special utility service. By way of illustration and not limitation, special utility service shall include the installation of facilities such as oversized mains, booster pumps and storage tanks as necessary to provide adequate flows or to meet specific pressure criteria, or service to large water consuming commercial and industrial facilities. An otherwise bona fide applicant requesting service which includes a "special utility service" component is entitled to Bona Fide applicant status, including the corresponding Company contribution toward the costs to the line extension which do not meet the special utility service criteria.
3. Requirement for Extension Deposit Agreement: Where extension of facilities is not fully funded by the Company pursuant to Rule 1 of this Section, the execution by the applicant of an Extension Deposit Agreement for customer contribution or advance shall be a condition of extending the facilities. Upon notice that the Company is prepared and able to go forward with the work, the applicant will deposit with the Company the amount specified in the Extension Deposit Agreement.
4. Size of Line: The Company shall have the exclusive right to determine the type and size of lines to be installed and the other facilities required to render adequate service. However, where the Company decides to install a pipe larger than necessary to render extension of adequate service to the applicant, estimated or actual cost figures in the Extension Deposit Agreement shall include only the material and installation cost for a pipe the size of which is necessary to provide adequate service to the applicant. Any incremental costs of a larger pipe will be the responsibility of the Company. All estimated or actual cost figures referred to in the Extension Deposit Agreement shall include a reasonable allowance for overhead costs and taxes as appropriate. The minimum pipe size for main extensions will be six (6) inches pursuant to Commission regulation at 52 Pa. Code Section 65.17 (b).

5. Length of Extension: In determining the necessary length of an extension, the terminal point of such extension shall be at that point in the curb line, which is equidistant from the side property lines of the last lot for which water service is requested. A Company service connection will be provided only for customer service lines that extend at right angles from the curb line in a straight line to the premises to be served.
  
6. Cost True-up: At the conclusion of the line extension project there shall be a reconciliation of the actual costs incurred to the amount of extension deposit that has been paid by the customer. If the actual cost exceeds the deposit, the applicant shall be responsible for payment to the Company of the difference. If the deposit exceeds the actual cost, the Company shall refund the difference.

Water Conservation Tariff

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The Borough Council of the Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, determines that in order to conserve and protect its water supply for the greatest public benefit, it is necessary to reduce the demand for water in the manner hereinafter set forth, and the purpose of this Ordinance No. 865 is to insure continued availability and service of water to the Borough. The Borough hereby adopts the provisions of that Ordinance as its Water Conservation Tariff and sets forth the same herein in its entirety as part of the Rules and Regulations of its Tariff.

"Section One: General Policy

No water shall be provided for internal or external use to any residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, governmental, or public building or structure of any kind which is constructed or remodeled and in which plumbing, water piping or water fixtures are to be installed, extended or altered in any way, and for which construction a permit is required to be obtained from Ambler Borough unless the new, extended or altered plumbing, water piping and other water using fixtures therein conform to the requirements and standards of Section Two of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to any such building or structure for which such a building permit is issued, or would otherwise be required to be issued but for such an exemption, on or after July 15, 1991.

Section Two: Water Conservation Performance Standards for Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings

Article.1 - Water Closets and Associated Flushing Mechanisms

The water consumption of water closets shall not exceed an average of 1.6 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of the ANSI A122.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

Article 2 - Urinals and Associated Flushing Mechanisms

Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of 1.5 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A122.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

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Article 3 - Showerheads

Showerhead discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A122.18.1M.

Article 4 - Faucets

Sink and lavatory faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

Section Three: Special Provisions

Article 1 - Special Purpose Equipment

The performance standards of Section two shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets, and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet the specified standards.

Article 2 - Exemptions

Any person(s) may apply to the Borough of Ambler for an exemption to the terms of this Ordinance, which may be granted by the Borough Council, upon proof that some other device, system or procedure will save as much or more water as those set forth herein, or that those set forth herein cannot be complied with, without undue hardship.

Section Four: Official Review and Modification

The Borough Council may, from time to time, modify, add to, or remove from the standards and restrictions herein."

Any and all rights exercisable by residents of the Borough of Ambler pursuant to the above set forth Ordinance shall also inure to the benefit of customers located outside of the Borough of Ambler by application to the Borough.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Water Conservation Contingency Plan.

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(a) General

If the Company is experiencing a short term supply shortage, the Company may request general conservation of inside water uses and may impose mandatory conservation measures to reduce or eliminate nonessential uses of water.

(b) Voluntary Conservation

The Company shall first request voluntary curtailment of all nonessential uses of water.

(c) Mandatory Conservation

If voluntary cooperation does not achieve satisfactory results, mandatory compliance will be imposed. If any customer refuses to comply with such mandatory measures the Company may, after proper notice and explanation, either adjust the outside water valve connection in a manner which will restrict water flow up to one half, or otherwise restrict flow such as by the insertion of a plug device. If customer compliance is still not achieved, complete service termination may be imposed by an Administrative Law Judge or other presiding officer following an expedited hearing.

(d) Nonessential Uses of Water

Nonessential uses of water include, at a minimum those contained in 52 Pa. Code Section 65.1, as follows:

- (1) The use of hoses, sprinklers, or other means for sprinkling or watering of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vines, garden, vegetables, flowers, or any other vegetation.
- (2) The use of water for washing automobiles, trucks, trailers, trailer houses, or any other type of mobile equipment.

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- (3) The washing of streets, driveways, parking lots, service station aprons, office buildings, exteriors of homes, sidewalks, apartments, or other outdoor surfaces.
- (4) The operation of any ornamental fountain or other structures making a similar use of water.
- (5) The use of water for filling swimming or wading pools.
- (6) The operation of any water-cooled air conditioning which does not have water-conserving equipment.
- (7) The use of water from fire hydrants for construction purposes of fire drills.
- (8) The use of water to flush a sewer line or sewer manhole.
- (9) The use of water for commercial farms and nurseries other than a bare minimum to preserve plants, crops, and livestock.

(e) Water Rationing Plan

In addition to the provisions as set forth above, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is authorized to promulgate, adopt, and enforce a Water Rationing Plan by virtue of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101 et seq. as implemented by the Drought Emergency Proclamation dated November 6, 1980.

(f) Excess use Charges

In the event of a drought emergency, (as declared by a river basin commission and/or by a proclamation or executive order issued by the Governor), the Borough of Ambler is authorized to collect fines and/or excess use charges set forth in its Local Water Rationing Plan as filed with and approved by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

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