

Bethel Water Company, Inc.

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January 8, 2020

Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary to the Commission
State of New York Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza, 20th Floor
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Secretary Phillips:

The Bethel Water Company, Inc. provides flat rate water service to 176 residential customers, a country club and swimming pool in a development, known as Country Club Estate, near White Lake in the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County.

Most customers take seasonal service during the months of June through November. However, over the past years customers have increasingly used their homes during the winter months. Additionally, the increases in operating costs over the past 10 years have significantly increased and Bethel Water Company, Inc. has consecutively been incurring net losses for the past several years. Bethel Water Company, Inc.'s last approved rate increase took effect on July 22, 2010.

By this letter, Bethel Water Company, Inc. formally requests that the Department of Public Service's Water Rate Staff electronically file Leaf 12, Revision 3 and Leaf 13, Revision 3 to its P.S.C. No. 1 – Water Tariff and all compliance filings related thereto on its behalf. Bethel Water Company, Inc. is requesting an annual increase in revenues of approximately \$15,551.32 or 42%. Bethel Water Company, Inc. also requests that the Commission authorize moving the billing date from May 1 to June 1 on an ongoing basis and to make the effective date of the rate increase request to be June 1, 2021.

Per your instructions, the following information is submitted:

- 1) Comparative income statement for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and the projected year of 2021 that support the requested increase;
- 2) A change of the annual billing date from May 1 to June 1, on Leaf 12 and Leaf 13, is requested;
- 3) Annual increase of \$15,551.32 is requested;
- 4) A 42% increase is requested; and

5) The current rates and proposed rates are as follows:

a) 176 residential customers:

- I) Current annual rate is \$207.70
- II) Proposed annual rate is \$294.94

b) Country Club:

- I) Current annual rate is \$156.88
- II) Proposed annual rate is \$222.77

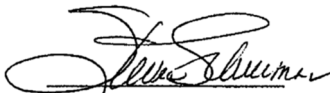
c) Swimming Pool:

- I) Current annual rate is \$314.87
- II) Proposed annual rate is \$447.12

We are also requesting waiver of the requirements of newspaper publication of the proposed changes since notification to our customers of the proposed changes will be made individually via mail.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Steven Silverman
President