



AMENDED REPORT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 9-511.01

Transition of Global Water Company Customers to City of Buckeye Water Rates, Fees and Service Charges

July 29, 2015

On July 7, 2015 the Mayor and Council of the City of Buckeye adopted Resolution No. 65-15 which provided notice to water customers in a service area previously served by Global Water Company of the transition to the City of Buckeye water rates, fees and service charges and of the City's intention to increase water rates, fees and service. The proposed increase of water rates, fees, or service charges was supported by a written report dated June 24, 2015 (the "Report"). The Report, a copy of which is attached, was made available to the public beginning on June 24, 2015 in the office of the City Clerk, 530 East Monroe Avenue, Buckeye, Arizona. The Report is amended to include a schedule of the City of Buckeye water rates, fees and service charges to be paid by those water customers in the service area previously served by Global Water Company (the "City Schedule").

The City Schedule replaces the following tariff, rates and charges approved in Decision 74364:

Valencia Water Company, Inc. – Town Division:

Monthly Usage Charge

Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons) All Meter Sizes and Classes

Non-Potable Water (All Gallons per acre foot) and All Gallons (per 1,000 gallons).

Valencia Water Company, Inc. – Greater Buckeye Division:

Monthly Usage Charge

Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons) All Meter Sizes and Classes

Non-Potable Water (All Gallons per acre foot) and All Gallons (per 1,000 gallons).

All other rates and charges in the tariff schedule approved in Decision 74364 shall remain in place subject to future action by Mayor and Council of the City of Buckeye.

The Amended Report shall also be available to the public in the office of the City Clerk, 530 East Monroe Avenue, Buckeye, Arizona.

DATED: July 29, 2015



WATER RATE INCREASE REPORT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 9-511.01

Water Resource Service Fee

The City of Buckeye will be acquiring the Global Water Resources water customers located within the City municipal planning area effective July 15, 2015. This acquisition is being completed after a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge entered the Final Judgment in Condemnation and the Final Order of Condemnation on June 9, 2015.

Included in the agreement for condemnation is a stipulation the City pay a one-time growth payment amount of \$3000 per brand new account established within the Global Water Resources service area. This payment shall be for a period not to exceed twenty years. The fee is just and reasonable because the fee represents the actual cost to the City for each new account established within Global's existing service area.

There currently is no mechanism in place to recoup these costs as this area has previously not been considered in fee schedules as it has been outside of the City water service area.

This payment amount has been discussed at numerous Council workshops and meetings with staff and the financial consultant who evaluated both this acquisition and the water resources cost of service study.

This is not an impact fee. Impact fees are charges which are intended to finance construction of new infrastructure associated with the cost of new development. Impact fees are not intended to recoup costs associated with the acquisition of existing infrastructure, such as the Global Water Resources acquisition. The cost associated with the Global acquisition is a cost of providing service to customers within the Global service area and, as such, is a justified water service fee under A.R.S. §§ 9-511 and 9-511.01.

Dated June 24, 2015

CITY OF BUCKEYE

Current Rates - Council Approved 09/17/13
New rates are effective on April 16, 2015 and will be reflected in bills from
May 2015 forward

		Current	Effective 04/16/15	Effective 01/16	Effective 01/17	
RESIDENTIAL	WATER RATES	Standard Residential Rate				
		Base Rate (All Meter Sizes)	22.35	26.94	32.94	38.21
		Usage Rate: Per 1,000 gallons				
		0 - 6,000	2.97	3.42	3.93	4.34
		6,001 - 10,000	4.31	4.95	5.70	6.29
		10,001 - 15,000	7.37	8.48	9.75	10.76
		15,001 - 30,000	11.06	12.71	14.62	16.14
30,001 +	11.70	13.46	15.48	17.09		
MULTI-FAMILY/COMMERCIAL	POTABLE WATER RATES	Base Rate (By Meter Size):				
		3/4 inch	21.98	27.48	34.35	39.85
		1 inch	69.06	86.32	107.90	125.16
		1.5 inch	69.06	86.32	107.90	125.16
		2 inch	184.19	230.24	287.80	333.85
		3 inch	184.19	230.24	287.80	333.85
		4 inch	345.36	431.70	539.63	625.97
		6 inch	575.60	719.50	899.38	1,043.28
		8 inch	1,151.20	1,439.00	1,798.75	2,086.55
		Usage Rate: Per 1,000 gallons				
		0 - 10,000	5.38	6.59	8.08	9.15
		10,001 - 15,000	5.38	6.59	8.08	9.15
		15,001 - 30,000	5.38	6.59	8.08	9.15
		30,001 +	5.38	6.59	8.08	9.15
LANDSCAPE	POTABLE WATER RATES	Base Rate (By Meter Size):				
		3/4 inch	21.98	24.18	26.60	29.26
		1 inch	69.06	75.96	83.56	91.91
		1.5 inch	69.06	75.96	83.56	91.91
		2 inch	184.19	202.61	222.87	245.16
		3 inch	184.19	202.61	222.87	245.16
		4 inch	345.36	379.90	417.89	459.67
		6 inch	575.60	633.16	696.48	766.12
		8 inch	1,151.20	1,266.32	1,392.95	1,532.25
		Usage Rate: Per 1,000 gallons				
		0 - 10,000	5.46	6.01	6.61	7.27
		10,001+	6.55	7.21	7.93	8.72
			NON-POTABLE WATER RATES	Base Rate (By Meter Size):		
3/4 inch	15.80			17.38	19.12	20.27
1 inch	49.63			54.60	60.06	63.66
1.5 inch	49.63			54.60	60.06	63.66
2 inch	132.39			145.63	160.19	169.80
3 inch	132.39			145.63	160.19	169.80
4 inch	248.23			273.05	300.36	318.38
6 inch	413.71			455.08	500.59	530.63
8 inch	827.43			910.17	1,001.18	1,061.26
Usage Rate: Per 1,000 gallons	2.73			3.00	3.30	3.63
HYDRANT METERS	Base Rate	508.03	812.85	894.14	920.96	
	Usage Rate: Per 1,000 gallons	4.77	6.67	7.34	7.56	
	Locate/ Re-Locate Fee	50.00		56.81	56.81	
	Hydrant Meter Deposit	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	