

Chelan County PUD *Utility Services*



CHELAN COUNTY

Water, Wastewater & Electrical New Service Fees – Public Hearing

March 26, 2007

Hearing Process

- ✓ **Overview of process and public communications**
- ✓ **Recap of proposed changes**
- ✓ **Public comment received**
- ✓ **Timing of proposed changes**
- ✓ **Option to adopt the proposed resolution**

Public Communications:



- Jan 22nd and Feb 5th, Board updates**
- Feb 20th, Board passed alternative notice policy**
- Feb 27th, meeting with builders association leadership**
- March 5th, public meeting**
- Website updates, office flyers and other communication channels utilized**

Builders Association Comments:



- Transition period to new fee structure should recognize today's building schedule
- Builder's understand the need to raise fees but worry about impact on affordable housing
- Future annual adjustments effective Jan 1st of each year work with the building calendar
- The PUD and the building association should work together to address any future efficiency or conservation goals

General Public Comments:



**No attendance for the March 5th public meeting,
email correspondence with 2 customers concerning:**

- Concern noted over why have these fees remained flat for so long**
- Concern over lack of new sewer hookups for customers who could hookup to the lake Wenatchee Sewer system**

Overview of Connection Charges & New Service Fees

- ✓ **Established in 1994 – offset growth costs**
- ✓ **Temporary reduction in 2001**
- ✓ **Re-instated to pre 2001 levels on June 2004**
- ✓ **Today – Transformer, meter and STEP tank costs have increased**

Transformer & Meter Fee:

Typical 200 Amp Residential Service

Transformer Cost (average 25KVA 2006)	\$ 940.00
Meter Cost	\$ 75.00
Labor	\$ 165.00

Total = \$1180.00

Was = \$ 820.00

Increase = \$ 360.00



Transformer & Meter Fee:

Typical 400 Amp Residential Service

Transformer Cost (average 50KVA)	\$2120.00
Meter Cost	\$ 75.00
Labor	\$ 165.00

Total = \$2360.00

Was = \$1640.00

Increase = \$ 720.00



Proposed Transformer & Meter Fees

120/240 Volt 1-phase

\$4.10 per Amp

Proposed \$5.90 Per Amp

120/208 Volt 3-phase

\$7.10 per Amp

Proposed \$12.70 Per Amp

480/277 Volt 3-phase

\$14.20 per Amp

Proposed \$18.60 Per Amp

Additional Proposed Revisions

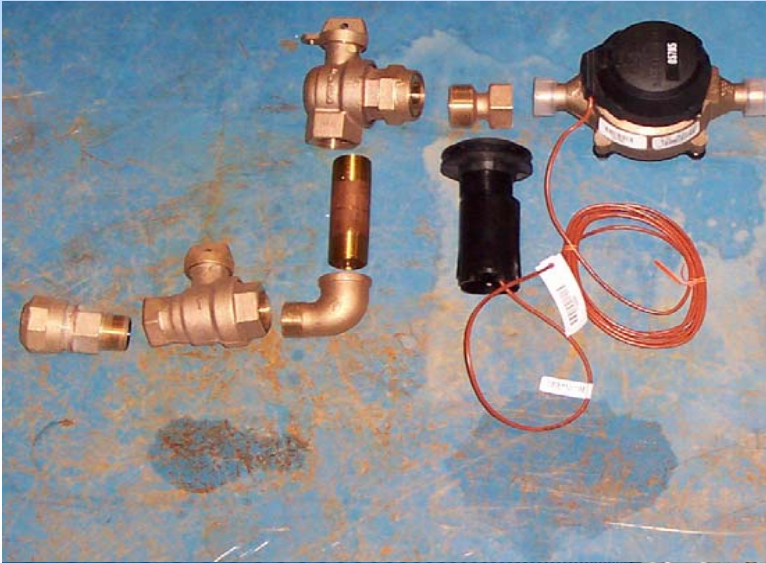
Service Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
35 Foot Service Pole	\$ 405	\$ 650
Secondary Hand-Hole	\$ 440	No Change
O.H. <75 Feet 1-ph. Wire	NA	\$ 200
O.H. 150 Feet 1-ph. Wire	\$180	\$ 300
U.G. < 75 Feet 1-ph. Wire	NA	\$ 350
U.G. 150 Feet 1-ph. Wire	\$ 475	\$ 500
O.H. 3-ph. Svc Wire	\$ 365	\$ 450
U.G. 3-ph. Svc Wire	\$ 590	\$ 650
Altered Svc Fee	\$ 150	\$ 250

5/8" Meter Fee



• Materials	\$240
• Install labor	\$85
• Equipment	\$20
• Admin, small tools & supplies	\$15
<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>\$360</u>
Current fee	\$200
Non Recovered Cost	(\$160)

5/8" and 1" Water Chamber



• Materials	\$775
• Install labor	\$645
• Equipment	\$390
• Traffic control	\$240
• Paving repair	\$530
• Admin, small tools & supplies	\$130
Proposed Fee	\$2,710
Current fee	\$1,332
Non Recovered Cost	(\$1,378)

Wastewater STEP Tank



• Materials	\$4,400
• District labor/equip.	\$400
• Contract installation	\$6,500
• Admin, small tools & supplies	\$300
• Treatment capacity	\$4,400
Proposed Fee	\$16,000
Current fee	\$14,000
Non Recovered Cost	(\$2,000)

Additional Proposed Revisions

Service Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
1" disc meter	\$225	\$410
1-1/2" disc meter	Actual time & materials	\$480
2" disc meter	Actual time & materials	\$640
2" turbine meter	Actual time & materials	\$800
2" compound meter	Actual time & materials	\$1,550
3" & larger meter fee	Actual time & materials	Actual time & materials
1-1/2" chamber fee	\$2,951	\$3,500
2" chamber fee	\$3,101	\$3,730
3" & larger chamber fee	Actual time & materials	Actual time & materials
Fire hydrant install fee	\$2,800	\$4,600

Projected Impacts of Revising Fees

Service Fee	Estimated 2007 Activity	Estimated Annual Impact
Electric Meter & transformer	800 new services	\$ 560,000
Water meter & vault fees	180 new services	\$ 40,000
Wastewater step tank fees	2 new services	\$ 4,000
Total		\$ 604,000

Timing of Changes

- ✓ **All fees would change effective May 1**
- ✓ **To qualify under existing fees, customers would need to have a permanent building permit and a filled out District New Services application dated by April 27, 2007**
- ✓ **Effective through December 31, 2007**

Future Policy Considerations:



- Considering annual fee adjustments as part of the District's budget cycle – Authority of cost recovery delegated to General Manager**
- Transformer pricing would be established late summer/early fall**
- Reviewed and approved as part of the budget process**
- Effective Jan. 1 of each new year**
- Predictable timelines and consistent with construction calendar**

Questions ?

