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September 25, 2009 **DOCKET NO. 09-324**

Karen Geraghty, Administrative Director
Public Utilities Commission
18 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS THROUGH DELEGATED AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO 35-A M.R.S.A. § 107, SUB-§ 4
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Dear Ms. Geraghty:

We are submitting this informational rate filing pursuant to 35-A, M.R.S.A., Section 6104, on behalf of the Gray Water District. We have also included a copy of a draft public notice and a proposed rate schedule. A copy of supporting material will be available to customers at the Gray Water District Office.

Please do not hesitate to call us or the District for additional information or clarification. Inquiries should be directed to Cathy Robinson at 846-4155, Steve Levy at 729-6569, or James Foster, Gray Water District Superintendent, at 657-3500.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cathy Robinson

Cathy Robinson
Financial Analyst

E-Filing Attachments
Cc: Richard Davies, Public Advocate
James Foster, Gray Water District
Steve Levy, Maine Rural Water Association



GRAY WATER DISTRICT

RATE FILING

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RATE FILING

Submit rate case information package to:	On or before:
Public Utilities Commission Public Advocate	September 25, 2009
Send notices to all customers Publish legal notice in local newspaper	October 9, 2009
Hold public hearing	October 27, 2009
File final rate case documents	On or after November 9, 2009 No later than December 1, 2009
Proposed Effective date	January 1, 2010

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Gray Water District
Gray, Maine 04039

SHEET #1
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FIXTURE RATES

No water will be supplied under fixture rates at a price less than quoted below for the first faucet and one fixture of any installation shall be rated as "First Faucet". Both hot and cold water faucets emptying into the same vessel shall be counted as a single faucet.

FIXTURE RATES

These fixture rates are closed to new customers. Existing customers may be permitted to continue on fixture rates at the option of the District until such time as meters are installed.

RATE SCHEDULE

The minimum charge for each family, apartment or other customer unit or for each first faucet or for any single water connection shall be: \$186 per year.
Rates will be charged according to the following schedule.

	<u>Per Quarter</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
First Faucet	\$12.16	\$48.61
Each Lavatory	\$12.16	\$48.61
Each Flush Toilet	\$12.16	\$48.61
Each Bath Tub, shower or combination tub/shower	\$12.16	\$48.61
Each sillcock	\$12.16	\$48.61
Each automatic device, dishwasher, clothes washer, etc.	\$12.16	\$48.61
For use of water in houses or other buildings under construction	Per Month	\$12.16

When water is taken by a hose from a faucet other than a sillcock, the sillcock rate shall apply. Bills under these rates are net and will be rendered quarterly in advance on the first day of January, April, July and October in each year.

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SCHEDULE OF METERED RATES

This rate is available to all residential, commercial and governmental customers not covered by any other special rates in this schedule.

Quarterly Billing

For the first 1,200 Cubic Feet per quarter, or fraction thereof:	\$	46.50	
For the next 13,800 Cubic Feet per quarter	\$	2.79	per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 85,000 Cubic Feet per quarter	\$	2.56	per 100 cu. ft.
Over 100,000 Cubic Feet per quarter	\$	1.63	per 100 cu. ft.

If billed monthly, consumption steps and the Minimum Charge will be one-third of the quarterly charges.

Minimum Charge

For each customer served through a single meter, there will be a minimum charge based on the size of the meter installed.

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>		<u>Monthly</u>	
	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8"	1,200	\$ 46.50	400	\$ 15.50
3/4"	2,100	\$ 71.61	700	\$ 23.87
1"	3,600	\$ 113.46	1,200	\$ 37.82
1-1/2"	7,200	\$ 213.90	2,400	\$ 71.30
2"	12,000	\$ 7.82	4,000	\$ 115.94
3"	24,000	\$ 1.92	8,000	\$ 220.64
4"	36,000	\$ 9.12	12,000	\$ 323.04
6"	72,000	\$ 1,890.72	24,000	\$ 630.24

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SEASONAL METER RATES

Seasonal water use includes any intermittent use, season after season, at the same premises.

The seasonal minimum charges will not be prorated for fractions of a year. The full seasonal minimum charge shall be due and payable in advance at the time the water is turned on for the season.

The District will not charge seasonal users a turn-on or a turn-off charge or a special charge for annual meter installation or removal.

CONSUMPTION CHARGE:

First	2400 cubic feet per season or fraction thereof-	\$ 139.49
Next	27600 cubic feet per season	\$ 2.79
Next	170000 cubic feet per season	\$ 2.56
Next	200000 cubic feet per season	\$ 1.63

MINIMUM CHARGE

For each customer served through a single meter, there will be a minimum charge based on the size of the meter installed.

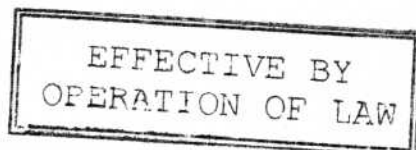
MINIMUM PER SEASON

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u> (CUBIC FEET)	<u>CHARGE</u>
5/8"	2,400	\$ 139.49
3/4"	4,200	\$ 190.34
1"	7,200	\$ 275.08
1-1/2"	14,400	\$ 478.48
2"	24,000	\$ 749.67
3"	48,000	\$ 1,387.16
4"	72,000	\$ 2,011.16
6"	144,000	\$ 3,883.16

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SHEET #4
CANCEL SHEET

TERMS OF PAYMENT

All bills shall be due and payable upon presentation. Pursuant to Chapter 870 notice is hereby given to all utilities that the maximum late charge will be 16.25%. The Gray Water District will use 12.00% per annum. A late payment charge of 1% per month will be made on any unpaid balance outstanding after 30 days from the postmark of the bill. Payments may be made at the office of the utility or at any designated collection station. Failure of the customer to receive his/her bill does not relieve him/her of the obligation of its payment nor for the consequences of non-payment.

CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

A charge will be made to the account of any customer which check is returned by the bank for reason of non-payment. The charge shall be the greater of \$5.00 or an amount equal to the actual bank charges up to, but not exceeding \$15.00. The utility will, upon request, furnish the customer with proof of any charges in excess of \$5.00.

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SHEET #5
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PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

The rate for existing hydrants as installed on the system at January 1, 2010, shall have a charge of

\$137,667 Annually
\$34,417 Quarterly
\$11,472 Monthly

Rate for hydrants installed after January 1, 2010, shall be determined in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Chapter 69.

For each fire hydrant connected to any main owned by the Gray Water District installed after January 1, 2010, there shall be paid to the District by the Town of Gray an annual fire protection charge, which, together with the revenue from any customers connected to said main installed after January 1, 2010, and/or the revenue from any additional customers to be connected within one year to any additional main required to be installed to feed the hydrant, shall be sufficient to support the District's total investment since January 1, 2010, in such main, service connections, hydrants and hydrant connections.

All hydrants will be cared for and maintained in good working order (unavoidable accidents excepted) by the Gray Water District. No hydrant will be installed on mains less than 6" in diameter. Once fire hydrants are actually installed and operative, the fire protection charge then in effect shall not be reduced, should the Town order one or more hydrants discontinued. Should the Town order any hydrant moved to a different location, the Town shall pay all costs of moving said hydrant.

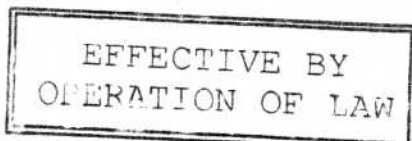
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Charges under these rates are net and will be billed and payable monthly, quarterly or annually in advance, at the option of the District.

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PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

For each private fire hydrant taking water from the public water system:

\$557.96 per year

\$139.49 quarterly

For each sprinkler and/or hose connection taking water from the public water system for each inch in diameter of the service pipe or connection:

\$68.19 per inch per year

\$17.05 per inch per quarter

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The District reserves the right to meter any fire line when evidence indicates that water is being taken from the line for purposes other than for fire protection, and such metered service shall be billed in accordance with the regular schedule of meter rates, in addition to the above rates, with proper allowance for water consumed in fire fighting.

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