

**COMMISSIONERS**  
Lea Márquez Peterson – Chairwoman  
Sandra D. Kennedy  
Justin Olson  
Anna Tovar  
Jim O'Connor



Matthew J. Neubert  
Executive Director

Elijah O. Abinah  
Utilities Division Director

**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

April 28, 2022

Jay L. Shapiro  
1819 East Morten Avenue, Suite 280  
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

RE: NAVAJO WATER CO., INC.  
DOCKET NO. W-03511A-21-0124  
DECISION NO. 78507

*Notice of Compliance*

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

On April 25, 2022, you filed n Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge Tariff in compliance with the above mentioned Decision. Based upon a review by the analyst(s) assigned, attached is a stamped copy of the approved tariff, with an effective date of April 25, 2022.

If you have questions regarding the filing of this tariff, please contact me at (602) 542-0754.

Sincerely,

  
Guadalupe Ortiz  
Administrative Services Officer II  
Utilities Division

GNO:ihf

Enclosures


cc: Docket Control

On this 27th day of April, 2022, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Memo of Partial Compliance, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Utilities Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

Jay Shapiro  
Shapiro Law Firm, P.C.  
1819 East Morten Avenue, Suite 280  
Phoenix, Arizona 85020  
[jay@shaplaw.com](mailto:jay@shaplaw.com)  
**Consented to Service by Email**

Robin Mitchell  
Director/Chief Counsel, Legal Division  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
[legaldiv@azcc.gov](mailto:legaldiv@azcc.gov)  
[utildivservicebyemail@azcc.gov](mailto:utildivservicebyemail@azcc.gov)  
**Consented to Service by Email**

By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Isabelle Fuga  
Administrative Support Specialist

---

**EMERGENCY WATER AUGMENTATION SURCHARGE TARIFF  
AND PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION**

**I. Purpose and Applicability**

*Purpose*

The purpose of this tariff is to authorize **Navajo Water Company, Inc.** to make monthly adjustments to its rates and charges for water service in order to recover costs incurred for water purchases and hauling (“Water Augmentation Costs”) in the event that **Navajo Water Company, Inc.** experiences an emergency water shortage.<sup>1</sup> The charges will be assessed based on usage as provided below.

*Applicability*

This tariff is obtained during the processing of a permanent rate application and only applies to residential customers of Class C, D, and E water companies as defined by the Arizona Administrative Code. This tariff only applies in the event of an “emergency water shortage” as defined in Section II of the definitions below. If a company also wants a water augmentation surcharge that can be used during non-emergency situations, the company should file a request for such which includes a draft of the proposed non-emergency water augmentation surcharge tariff. The “Purpose” section of the proposed tariff should clearly explain the water shortage problems that would cause the non-emergency water augmentation surcharge to go into effect.

**II. Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions set forth in R-14-2-401 of the Arizona Corporation Commission's (“Commission”) rules and regulations governing water utilities shall apply in interpreting this tariff schedule.

“Affiliate,” means any other entity<sup>2</sup> directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with **Navajo Water Company, Inc.** For purposes of this definition, the term “control” (including the correlative meanings of the terms “controlled by” and “under common control with”), as used with respect to any entity, means the power to direct the management policies of such entity, whether through ownership of voting securities, or by contract, or otherwise.

“Company” means **Navajo Water Company, Inc.**

“Curtailment Account Balance” means the monies collected under the curtailment tariff authorized in Decision No. 78507 for **Navajo Water Company, Inc.**

“Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge” means the surcharge calculated in accordance with Section IV below.

<sup>1</sup> See definition for meaning of emergency water shortage.

<sup>2</sup> A corporation, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, trust, estate, or natural person.

“Emergency Water Shortage” means a water shortage of a serious nature, developing suddenly or unexpectedly, that is out of the Company's control, and demanding immediate attention. Water shortages that are a recurring situation, for example, each year the utility needs to haul water every August, would not qualify as an emergency.

“Surcharge Rate” means the rate per 1,000 gallons that is calculated in accordance with Section III below.

“Water Augmentation Cost” means the actual cost of water purchased and water hauling costs.

“Water Augmentation Quantity” means the actual quantity of augmented water (in thousands of gallons).

“Water Sold” means the actual quantity (in thousands of gallons) of water sold by the Company to its customers during the month corresponding to the month in which water was purchased.

**III. Surcharge Rate Calculation**

The surcharge is calculated using data from the previous month’s bill. For example, the water augmentation surcharge that is applied on the July bill is calculated using the June water augmentation costs and the June total gallons sold. See Figure A for an example of the calculation.

**Example**

This example illustrates how the water augmentation surcharge that is included on a customer's July bill would be calculated using the 2,000 gallons that the customer used in the month of June.

<b>[A]</b>		<b>[B]</b>		<b>[C]</b>		<b>[D]</b>
Total June Water & Hauling Costs		June Ending Curtailment Balance		Total Gallons Sold in June (Gallons in 1,000s)		Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge Per 1,000 Gallons
( \$3,000	-	\$100	) /	494	=	\$5.87
<b>[E]</b>		<b>[F]</b>		<b>[G]</b>		
Customer’s June Usage (Gallons in 1,000s)		Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge (From Col. D)		Total Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge <b>on July Bill</b>		
2	x	\$5.87	=	\$11.74		

**Figure A**

For each month that the Company augments water, the Company will calculate the Surcharge Rate per the following formula:

$$\text{Water Augmentation Cost/ Water Sold}$$

#### IV. Plan of Administration

**(A) Intent To Bill Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge:** For any month in which water is augmented, after completing its billing for the month and receiving the billing for the month, the Company will calculate the Surcharge Rate using the same methodology discussed herein and shown on Figure A and provide Utilities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission Staff”) notice of the Company’s intent to bill the Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge.

**(B) Notice to Commission Staff:** For any month in which the Company intends to bill customers an Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge, the Company shall provide Commission Staff notice of the Company’s intent to bill the Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge. The notice to Commission Staff shall include the following:

1. The Water Augmentation Cost.
2. The Water Augmentation Quantity.
3. A copy of the bill(s) received for the Water Augmentation.
4. A description off the system problem necessitating Water Augmentation and a description of the action being taken by the Company to resolve the problem, including the date operations did or are expected to return to normal.
5. The dates for beginning and ending Water Augmentation.
6. A schedule showing the calculation of the Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge Rate in excel format with formulas intact.
7. Identification of the hauling option(s) available. If only one option was available, please state that there was only one option.
8. Whether or not the hauling entity was an affiliate.

**(C) Implementation of Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge:** Commission Staff will review the Notice. If the filing is acceptable to Commission Staff, the resulting Surcharge will be charged in the following month. **Navajo Water Company, Inc.** will bill the Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge to its customers. Each individual customer’s billing for the Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge will be based on that customer’s actual usage for the previous month (the month corresponding to the Water Augmentation) times the Surcharge Rate. See Figure A for an example of the calculation.

The Emergency Water Augmentation Surcharge shall be presented as a separate line item on the customer billing.

---

**(D) Documentation to Be Maintained:** The Company shall maintain documentation for all costs, billing determinants, and revenues recoveries.

**(E) Customer Notice:** The Company shall notify its customers of this new tariff as part of its next regularly scheduled billing after the effective date of the tariff but no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the tariff in a form acceptable to Staff.

---

Issued: April 25, 2022

Effective:

ISSUED BY:

Navajo Water Co., Inc.  
7581 E. Academy Boulevard, Suite 229  
Denver, Colorado 80230  
Decision No. 78507

**APPROVED FOR FILING  
DECISION# 78507**