

TONTO BASIN WATER CO., INC.

DOCKET NO. W-03515A-22-0266

NEW RATES

Effective as of September 1, 2023

Questions about this Notice?

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On October 19, 2022, Tonto Basin Water Co., Inc. ("Company") filed a rate application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"). The Company requested a rate increase that would produce a just and reasonable rate of return. The Commission issued Decision No. 79064, authorizing increases for the Company and the implementation of two surcharges, the Rate Case Expense (RCE) Surcharge and Alternate Rates for Water (ARW) Surcharge. **The RCE Surcharge is effective September 1, 2023. The ARW Surcharge will be effective upon approval of 50 participating customers and will be billed after the Company files a notice in the Docket that it is implementing the ARW Surcharge.**

Authorized Rates & Surcharges

The new rates approved will increase the median monthly bill for a residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter using 2,500 gallons per month by \$34.33, from \$31.55 to \$65.88, or 108.81 percent. The authorized **RCE Surcharge** will add \$1.39 per customer per month to the bill for an increase of \$67.27.

The **ARW Surcharge** will add an additional \$0.50 per month per non-participating customer. Including the **RCE Surcharge** and **ARW Surcharge**, the median monthly bill for the same customer will increase to \$67.77, an increase of \$36.22 per month. After collection of the authorized amount of rate case expense of \$50,000, non-participating customers will continue to pay \$0.50 per month for the **ARW Surcharge**.

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

METER SIZE	CHARGE
5/8 x 3/4" Meter	\$ 50.50
3/4" Meter	58.08
1" Meter	80.81
1 1/2" Meter	131.31
2" Meter	191.92
3" Meter	353.53
4" Meter	535.34
6" Meter	1,040.38

COMMODITY CHARGE (per 1,000 gallons of water)

METER SIZE	CHARGE	METER SIZE	CHARGE
5/8 x 3/4" Meter & 3/4" Meter		2" Meter	
First 3,000 Gallons	\$6.15	First 100,000 Gallons	\$9.84
From 3,001 to 7,000 Gallons	9.84	Over 100,000 Gallons	11.81
Over 7,000 Gallons	11.81		
		3" Meter	
1" Meter		First 215,000 Gallons	9.84
First 24,000 Gallons	9.84	Over 215,000 Gallons	11.81
Over 24,000 Gallons	11.81		
		4" Meter	
1 1/2" Meter		First 340,000 Gallons	9.84
First 60,000 Gallons	9.84	Over 340,000 Gallons	11.81
Over 60,000 Gallons	11.81		
		6" Meter	
		First 680,000 Gallons	9.84
		Over 680,000 Gallons	11.81

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SERVICE LINE AND METER INSTALLATION CHARGES

(Refundable pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-405)

METER SIZE	CHARGE		
	<u>Service Line</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>Total Charges</u>
5/8 x 3/4" Meter	\$ 565.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 723.00
3/4" Meter	565.00	260.00	825.00
1" Meter	629.00	321.00	950.00
1 1/2" Meter	699.00	536.00	1,235.00
2" Turbine Meter	1,054.00	1,066.00	2,120.00
2" Compound Meter	1,054.00	1,928.00	2,982.00
3" Turbine Meter	1,327.00	1,703.00	3,030.00
3" Compound Meter	1,480.00	2,596.00	4,076.00
4" Turbine Meter	1,892.00	2,723.00	4,615.00
4" Compound Meter	2,121.00	3,718.00	5,839.00
6" Turbine Meter	2,807.00	5,126.00	7,933.00
6" Compound Meter	2,959.00	7,058.00	10,017.00

SERVICE CHARGES

SERVICE	CHARGE	
Establishment		\$25.00
After Hours Service Charge (At Customer's Request) (a)		35.00
Reconnection (Delinquent)		20.00
Meter Test (If Correct)		25.00
Deposit		*
Deposit Interest		**
Re-Establishment (Within 12 months)		***
NSF Check		\$17.50
Deferred Payment		****
Meter Re-Read (If Correct)		\$25.00
Late Fee (Per Month)	1.	*****
Charge for Moving Meter at Customer Request	2.	Cost*****

(a) After-Hours Service: After regular working hours, on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays if at the customer's request.

* Per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-403.B.7.

** Per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-403.B.3.

*** Months off system times the monthly minimum per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-403.D.

**** 1.50% of unpaid monthly balance, per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-409.G.6.

***** 1.50% of the balance due.

***** Per Commission Rule A.A.C. R14-2-405.

In addition to the collection of its regular rates, the Company shall collect from its customers a proportionate share of any privilege, sales, or use tax per Commission Rule A.A.C. 14-2-409.D.5.

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ALTERNATE RATES FOR WATER PROGRAM

Surcharge Effective Upon Approval Of 50 Participating Customers (Date TBD)

The Alternate Rates for Water (ARW) Program was approved in Decision No. 79064 and is designed to provide relief to the Company's lower income ratepayers. The ARW Program is open to residential customers and applies a discounted rate of \$10.00 per month to the bills of those customers who meet the program qualifications. Decision No. 79064 authorizes the Company to assess a surcharge of \$0.50 each month to the bills of non-participating customers for recovery of the program costs. **The surcharge will become effective upon approval of 50 participating customers.**

Qualifying annual incomes are set at 150 percent of the 2023 federal poverty levels as listed below and will be updated as necessary according to the federal government.

<u>No. of Person in Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1	\$21,870
2	29,580
3	37,290
4	45,000
5	52,710
6	60,420

For each additional person residing in the household, add \$7,710.

Customers eligible for the ARW Program must complete an Application and Declaration form, and supply proof of income. Customers enrolled in the ARW Program are required to reapply every two (2) years, or sooner, if requested, and annually recertify by submitting a declaration attesting to continuing eligibility. The ARW Program is limited to 175 residential customers. **To obtain a copy of the ARW Program forms, please visit www.jwwater.net, email info@jwwater.net or call (888) 644-6771. Completed applications should be submitted to PO Box 2389, Prescott, AZ 86302 or info@jwwater.net.**