## South 43 Water Association, Inc. PO Box 918 Greencastle, IN 46135 www.south43.org

September 16, 2014

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Brenda A. Howe Secretary, Utility Regulatory Commission 101 West Washington Street, Room 1500 E Indianapolis, IN 46204 SEP 172014 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Howe,

Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-5, please find enclosed three copies of the following 30-Day Filing by South 43 Water Association, Inc. for a water tracker increase. This filing is necessary because of the increased water cost effective November 1, 2014, as evidenced by the notice attached to the filing as Exhibit 6. The board of directors authorized the application for rate change at their September 15, 2014, meeting and a copy of the minutes has been included.

The person at South 43 Water Association, Inc. to be contacted regarding this filing is: Kathy Deer 765-657-5000 PO Box 918, Greencastle, IN 46135 Email: billing.south43@comcast.net, Website: www.south43.org

Affected customers have been notified as required under 170 IAC 1-6-6 by first class mail on September 16, 2014. Notice will be published in the Banner Graphic on Friday, September 19, 2014. The proof of publication will be submitted separately when available. Request to the web technician has been made to post notice on the website as soon as possible. I verify that notice has been provided as stated in this letter and that this letter and the attached documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Deer, Office Manager South 43 Water Association, Inc.

Enc. – South 43 9/15/14 Minutes, Tracker filing Cc w/ Enc.: Utility Consumer Counselor

Minutes:South 43 Water Company – Special MeetingDate:September 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – Durham Law Office BuildingPresent:Gary Haussin, Don Wall, Jack Dalton, Jim Pritchard, Dorothy Brown, Tony Stone, Brian<br/>Pohlar, Kathy Deer, and Mark Hammer

A special meeting was called to discuss the recent increase in water rates the Greencastle Board of Works has approved to be effective November 1, 2014. The Greencastle City Council has approved the increase on first reading and will hold a public hearing and adopt the new rate at their October 14, 2014 meeting. An article in the Banner-Graphic on September 4 explained that the Board of Works had approved a 47% increase in water rates. Their Public Notice indicates that the wholesale consumption per 100 cubic feet will go to \$2.53. South 43 currently pays \$1.72.

Kathy Deer explained that the increased cost of water is estimated at \$46,846 based on the past 12 months' usage; therefore the tracker increase to South 43's rate is estimated at \$1.37. After discussion, Jack Dalton moved to authorize that a tracker rate increase be filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Dorothy Brown seconded. Vote unanimous.

The board discussed other increasing costs and questioned whether another small rate increase would be needed as soon as next year. Kathy Deer agreed to look into the types of rate increases and how soon another rate increase could be requested prior to the next regular meeting.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on October 22, 2014 with the location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted Kathy Deer, Office Manager

#### VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TARIFF CHANGE

TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

1. Gary Haussin under and pursuant to Indiana code chapter 8-1-2, as amended, hereby file with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, an increase in its schedule of rates for water sold in the amount of \$<u>1.37</u> per 1,000 gals.

2. The accompanying tariff changes are based solely upon the changes in the cost of water purchased by this utility computed in accordance with 170 IAC 6-5.

3. All of the matters and facts stated herein and in the attached exhibits are true and correct. The rate changes shall take effect for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission.

Name: Title: Board/President

STATE OF INDIANA	)	
	)	SS:
COUNTY OF <u>PUTNAM</u>		

Gary Haussin personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this <u>15</u> day of <u>September</u>, 20<u>14</u>, who after having been duly sworn according to law, stated that he is an officer of South 43 Water Association, Inc.; that he has read the matters and facts stated above and in all exhibits attached hereto and that the same are true; and that he is duly authorized to execute this instrument for and on behalf of Applicant herein.

Motary Public

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My Commission expires: January 21, 2015

SCHEDULE OF WATER PURCHASES AND SALES			
(1)	(2)	(3)	
	Gal./cu. Ft.	Gal./cu. Ft.	
	Purchased from	Sold to	
Month/Year	Supplier	Customer	
October, 2013	4,535	2,770,940	
November, 2013	4,541	2,598,550	
December, 2013	4,471	2,727,910	
January, 2014	5,062	2,766,170	
February, 2014	6,013	3,057,590	
March, 2014	4,781	2,515,980	
April, 2014	4,633	2,508,040	
May, 2014	4,420		
June, 2014	5,059	3,440,520	
July, 2014	4,516	2,361,410	
August, 2014	4,809	3,566,240	
September, 2014	4,994	3,127,113	
Totals	57,834	34,198,633	

Exhibit 2

Exhibit 3

#### COMPUTATION OF CHANGE IN COST OF WHOLESALE WATER PURCHASED

Company Name South 43 Water Association, Inc. Phone Number 765-657-5000

Address\_P.O. Box 918, Greencastle, IN 46135\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Wholesale Water Supplier(s) Greencastle Municipal Water

Effective Date of Rate/Supplier Change\_\_\_November 1, 2014\_\_\_\_\_

Based Upon Water Purchased for Twelve Months Ended September 2, 2014

Su	pplier's Rates		Annual C	ost of Wholesale Wate	r Purchased
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
			Purchased Water	At Rates Effective	
	Immediately		1,000 gals. or 100	Immediately Prior to	
Rate Component	Prior to Change	Changed Rate	cu. ft.	Change	At Changed Rate

Service Charge:	1.72	2.53	57,834	\$ 99,474.48	\$ 146,320.02
Meter Size:	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Meter Size:	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$	\$ -
Volume Charge:					
First	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Next	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Next	\$ -	\$ <b></b>	-	\$ -	\$ -
Next	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Next	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ . –
Next	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
All Over	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -

57,834	\$ 99,474	\$ 146,320

Totals

COMPUTATION OF WATE	R TRACKING FAC	TOR	
1. Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 6	New Costs	\$	146,320
2. Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 5	Prior Costs	\$	99,474
3. Increase Purchased Water Costs: (1) - (2)		\$	46,846
4. Increase in Utility Receipts Tax and Other Simila Charges @% (See footnote A)	r Revenue Based Tax		
5. Increased Revenue Requirements: (3) + (4)	•	\$	46,846
6. Total Metered Water Sold: (in 1,000 Gals. or cu. From Exhibit 2, Column (3)	tt.)		34,199
Tracking Factor: (5) ÷ (6)		\$	1.37

A - Utility Receipts Tax only applies to municipal and investor-owned water utilities.

Exhibit 5

### LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING FOR A CHANGE IN WATER RATES BY SOUTH 43 WATER ASSOCIATION, IN(

Notice is hereby given that on  $\underbrace{Sept / l_{6}, @019}$ , South 43 Water Association, Inc., under and pursuant to the Public Service Commission Act, as amended, has filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission an increase in the schedule of rates and charges for water sold by its water utility in the amount of a 1.37 per 1,000 gals. wholesale water cost tracker.

The changes in the schedule of rates and charges submitted to the Commission are based solely upon the change in the cost of water purchased by this utility from <u>City of Greencastle</u> <u>Municipal Utilities</u>, the rate charges shall apply for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission in accordance with IC § 8-1-2-42.

This is a wholesale water cost tracker that is applicable to all class of customers. Objections can be made to the Secretary of the Commission: IURC, 101 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500E, Indianapolis, IN 46204 and the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC): OUCC, 115 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500S, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at 1-888-441-2494.

South 43 Water Association, Inc.

FOR ITS WATER UTILITY

BY: <u>Gary Haussin</u>

**Executive Officer** 

Exhibit 6

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held before the Greencastle Common Council to discuss proposed water and sewer rates. The public hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1 N. Locust Street, Greencastle, Indiana, on October 14, 2014. The proposed changes to the water and sewer rates contained in the Greencastle City Code are listed below.

The proposed effective date for the following rate change is November 1, 2014 unless stated otherwise.

Section 9-11 Monthly Metered Water Rate Schedule

Monthly consumption	Rate per 100 cubic feet
First 2,000 cubic feet	\$4.47
Next 8,000 cubic feet	2.81
Over 10,000 cubic feet	2.26

Section 9-12 Minimum Monthly Metered Service Charge

5/8" – ¾" meter	\$ 9.97
1" meter	26.61
I/2" meter	56.83
2" meter	94.77
3" meter	191.07
4" meter	336.37
6" meter	753.61

Section 9-13 Fire Protection Charge Schedule

Hydrant rental each	Hydrant Rental	\$ 634.89 per annum
	<b>Private Fire Connections</b>	
Size of Connection		Charge per annum
4"		\$ 340.13
6"		748.30
8"		1,337.83
10"		2,108.77
12"		3,061.17

Section 9-14 Contract Users Water Rate Schedule

Metered Consumption

Volumetric Rate of All Wholesale Consumption per 100 cubic feet: \$2.53

The proposed effective date for the following rate change is November 1, 2014.

Section 9-25 Monthly Sewer Rates and Charges

- b. The owner of each and every lot, parcel of real estate, or building that is connected with and uses exclusively a metered water supply shall be charged for sewer services according to the water meter reading as follows:
  - 1. For all usage there shall be a charge of five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$5.75) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water.
  - 2. The minimum charge shall be nineteen dollars and seven cents (\$19.07) a month for each connection to the sanitary sewer system.

The proposed effective date for the following rate change is January 1, 2016.

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- b. The owner of each and every lot, parcel of real estate, or building that is connected with and uses exclusively a metered water supply shall be charged for sewer services according to the water meter reading as follows:
  - 1. For all usage there shall be a charge of six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$6.58) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water.
  - 2. The minimum charge shall be twenty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$21.82) a month for each connection to the sanitary sewer system.

The public is invited to attend and give comments. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing to the Clerk-Treasurer at the above address and will be read alond at the public hearing.

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Proposed Tariff

# SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES SOUTH 43 WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

Pursuant to Cause No. 43909-U 2014

Metered Monthly Rates	Per 1,000 gallons
First 2,500 gallons	\$6.61
Next 7,500 gallons	\$6.26
Next 20,000 gallons	\$5.68
Next 30,000 gallons	\$5.44
Next 40,000 gallons	\$5.09
All Over 100,000 gallons	\$4.97

<u>Monthly Minimums per</u> <u>Meter Size</u>	Gallons	Minimum Charge
5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	2,500	\$16.53
3/4-inch meter	5,500	\$35.31
1-inch meter	8,000	\$50.96
1 1/2-inch meter	11,500	\$72.00
2-inch meter	15,000	\$91.88

## Fire Hydrant Rental

\$250.00 per year per fire hydrant

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# SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES SOUTH 43 WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

Nonrecurring Charges

Membership Fee 3/4 Connection or Tap-On Reconnection Charge Special Meter Reading Late Payment Charge Charge

\$125.00 \$1,000.00 \$40.00 No Charge 10% of the first \$3.00 and 3% of the amount in excess of \$3.00

Insufficient Funds-Returned Check

\$20.00



Exhibit 8

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Katheryn E. Deer, Office Manager, of South 43 Water Association, Inc., Putnam County, Indiana, hereby certify that on the <u>16th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2014, by first-class US Mail from Greencastle, Indiana, I did send to each customer of said South 43 a copy of the letter to customers, which notice was in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2014

therep E. Deer Katheryn E/Deer

Office Manager

Exhibit 8, page 2

# South 43 Water Association, Inc. **PO Box 918** Greencastle, IN 46135 www.south43.org

September 16, 2014

WATER CUSTOMERS OF SOUTH 43 WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

In re: Proposed Water Rate Increase

Dear Water Customer:

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> Board of Directors of South 43 Water Association, Inc.

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