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Mary M. Becerra Secretary to the Commission Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission 101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500 East Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: American Suburban Utilities, Inc. 30-day Filing Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-1 et seq.

Dear Ms. Becerra:

Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6, the Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines Rule, American Suburban Utilities, Inc. ("ASU" or the "Company") submits herewith for filing a proposed revised tariff page (identified as <u>Exhibit 1</u>) to include language explaining that its connection fee for non-residential connections will be charged based on actual costs.

This 30-day filing is made in compliance with the Order issued in consolidated Cause Nos. 44676/44700 by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") on November 30, 2016. This filing is a permissible filing within the meaning of 170 IAC 1-6-3(7) and (8).

In support of this 30-day filing, ASU is submitting herewith Exhibit 1 described above and a redline of the existing tariff sheet for reference. There are no additional workpapers to be filed. ASU is also submitting a verified statement by the Company affirming that customers have been notified as required under Rule 6, stating in detail the means used for notification, and copies of any written means of communication. By copy of this letter, the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor is being provided with a copy of this 30-day filing.

ASU appreciates your assistance in processing this request through the Commission's 30-Day Filing procedures. The contact information regarding this filing is as follows:

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Please let me know if the Commission Staff has any questions or concerns about this submission.

Sincerely,

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#### **Enclosures**

cc: David A. Stippler, Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor (w/enc.)

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# CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICE SEWER SERVICE

#### **AVAILABILITY**

Available to any sewer customer. Applicant must be located on Company's collecting mains suitable for supplying the service requested within the Company's certificates of territorial authority in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

### **MONTHLY RATES**

Each customer shall pay the following monthly rate applicable to the user class of which the customer is a member.

(A) Flat Rates for One Month Consumption Periods

<u>User Class</u>	Rate Per Month
Residences or Residential Equivalents	\$48.89
Mobile Home	31.78
Multiple Family-Per Unit	39.60
Motels and Hotels-Per Unit	15.64
Service Stations	126.12
Schools (per student, faculty and staff member)	2.45

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Each Commercial Customer not falling within one of the user classes set out in Schedule (A) and which is served by a metered water supply shall pay a monthly minimum rate of \$61.24 for which the user will be entitled to up to 10,000 gallons of sewage disposal service and the following volumetric charges:

<u>Cons</u>	umption Per Month	Rate Per 1000 <u>Gallons Per Month</u>
First	10,000 Gallons	\$6.124
Next	10,000 Gallons	6.076
Next	100,000 Gallons	5.626
Next	200,000 Gallons	5.060
Next	200,000 Gallons	4.417
Next	500,000 Gallons	3.397
Over	1,020,000 Gallons	2.266

## LATE PAYMENT CHARGES

A utility service bill which has remained unpaid for a period of more than seventeen (17) days following the mailing of the bill shall be a delinquent bill. A utility service bill shall be rendered as a net bill. If a net bill is not paid within seventeen (17) days after the bill is mailed, it shall become a delinquent bill and a late payment charge will be added in the amount of ten (10) percent of the first three (3) dollars and three (3) percent of the excess of three (3) dollars.

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#### METERED RATE ADJUSTMENT

In the event that a Metered Commercial Customer's demonstrable usage of sewage disposal services during any particular period of the year (not to exceed three months in duration) does not correspond to the water usage information, then such customer would be entitled to an adjustment, using as a maximum rate the average of the 12 preceding months of water usage information, excluding such corresponding period of high usage.

#### CONNECTION CHARGE

Each user at the time he is connected with the sewage disposal system shall pay a charge of \$760.00 per residential connection. For nonresidential connections, the customer shall pay a charge based upon the actual cost of connection.

## SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE

Each user at the time he is connected with the sewage disposal system shall pay a charge of \$975 per residential connection. All non-residential users will pay a system development charge at the time they are connected that is based on their equivalent residential units (ERU) of their estimated usage.

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## VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF 30-DAY FILING

#### TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION:

- 1. American Suburban Utilities, Inc. is requesting revisions to its tariff explaining that all non-residential connections will be charged a connection fee based on actual costs.
- 2. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-6, customers are being notified by a legal notice transmitted for publication in the Journal and Courier, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. The notice will also be placed on the utility's website. The utility has also posted the notice in a public place at its local customer service office, located at 3350 W. 250 North, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.
- 3. A copy of the above-referenced legal notice is attached as Exhibit A.

I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2016.

Scott Lods, President

American Suburban Utilities, Inc.

December 27, 2016

## RE: Notice of Filing of revised tariff to address non-residential connection fee

Notice is hereby given that on or about December 27, 2016, American Suburban Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") will file with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") a revised tariff for wastewater service to explain that non-residential connection fees will be charged based on the actual costs of connection. The IURC is expected to rule on the request no earlier than 30 days from the date of filing.

The change is being made in compliance with the IURC's Order dated November 30, 2016 in Cause Nos. 44676/44700. The change is not expected to have a direct impact on any of the Company's customers, but is instead intended to clarify the basis for connection fees to be charged to future non-residential customers who seek to connect to the Company's wastewater system.

If you wish to file an objection to this filing you may contact the consumer services staff at the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor at PNC Center, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, or by email at <a href="mailto:uccinfo@oucc.in.gov">ucc.in.gov</a> or by phone at 1-888-441-2494. To file an objection with the IURC regarding this matter, you may contact Mary Becerra, secretary of the IURC at PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500E, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or by phone at 317-232-2701.