

August 11, 2016

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
National City Center 101 W. Washington Street
Suite 1500 E.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Increase of Tap On Fee for Water Service
Increase of Tap On Fee for Sewer Service
Increase of Disconnection / Reconnection Fee for Water Service & Sewer Service

Mapleturn Utilities, Inc. is a non-profit water and sewer utility. The utility is currently serving approximately 614 members, and is located in the Foxcliff area of Morgan County, Indiana.

It has come to the Board of Directors attention that the rates for Tap-on fees water and sewer and the non-recurring charges for water and sewer services are lacking the appropriate revenue to meet our current needs. Therefore, the Board of Directors is making a request to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to process the increased tap-on fees and reconnection fees as a 30 day filing.

Our current rates structure for water and sewer will not change; the delinquent payment rate of 10% for the first \$3.00 and 3% of the remaining outstanding balance would remain unchanged as well. Other non-recurring charges; permit fee of \$500 for water and a \$1000 for sewer, security deposit of 1/6th of the estimated annual cost of the service to be rendered and the \$25.00 meter test charge will not increase.

When new water and sewer services is connected to the Mapleturn Utilities system, the cost of labor and materials; including excavation and tapping of the main, pipe and installation of pipe from the main to the property easement and service meter (installed) is covered by a tap-on fee. Mapleturn Utilities current water Tap fee is \$595.00 and sewer is \$300. Due to increased costs on both labor and materials, the Mapleturn Board of Directors proposes to increase the water tap-on fee to \$1,150.62 and the sewer fee to \$440.55. Please see the attached breakdown of labor, material and administration cost.

When new sewer service is connected to the Mapleturn Utilities system, the cost for materials are omitted, because the sewer lateral is already at the customer's property

line. The costs associated with the sewer tap on are; Labor, Equipment, and Administration cost.

The Board of Mapleturn Utilities wishes to increase the Disconnection / Reconnection Fee for Water and Sewer Services from our current charge of \$10.00 to \$41.26. This proposed increase is due to the increased cost of labor and vehicle expense. For safety reasons, Mapleturn requires two employees be dispatched for disconnection of service. The average time is ½ hour for disconnection and subsequent reconnection of service. Please see the attached breakdown of labor equipment and administration cost.

Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-5, please find enclosed the following 30Day Filing by Mapleturn Utilities. The tariff sheets and work papers are attached. The purpose of this filing is necessary because of the rising cost of material, labor and equipment.

All affected customer have been notified as required under 170 IAC 1-6-6. A Public Legal Notice was published in Report/Time in Martinsville, Indiana on August 30, 2016. A personal written letter was also mailed to each customer of Mapleturn Utilities on August 23, 2016. This letter explained the needs and causes as to why for the rate changes in water, sewer, and non-recurring fees and when these changes will take place. These rate changes along with the non-recurring fees are posting on Mapleturn Utilities web-site, Mapleturn.org.

I Randall K. Gramentz verify that notice has been provided as stated in this letter and that this letter and that this letter and the attached documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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Attachments:

- Non-Recurring Water Service
- Non-Recurring Sewer Service
- Detailed letter with attachments for water tap calculations
- Detailed letter with attachments for sewer tap calculations
- Detailed letter with attachments for Disconnection of Water Service
- Detailed letter with attachments for Disconnection of Sewer Service