



Public Utilities Commission



Press Release

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Water Industry Act, the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the **Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) 2022 Annual Review Proceedings Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”).

On May 3, 2022, BWSL made a submission for an Annual Review Proceeding under Article 27 of SI 67 of 2002 citing that they faced Exceptional Circumstances in its execution of its Business Plan with the financial effects caused by COVID-19. In its Submission, the Company claimed that rising input prices and lower sales revenues had resulted in an accelerating in the Mean Water Rate (MWR), and therefore requested the Commission approve an increase in revenue yields of 5% by changing the tariff structure and adding a fixed charge to non-residential customers.

On June 2, 2022, the Commission made a determination that BWSL has scope to grow its business and lower its cost structure thereby maintaining the MWR below the currently approved \$17.49 per 1,000 gallons.

On June 30, 2022, after receiving no objections from its Initial Decision, the Commission made a Final Decision that reaffirmed its Initial Decision that the Tariffs, Fees and Charges levied by BWSL should remain unchanged for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025, as follows:

	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2025			
Service Classification:	Water Only	Water and Sewer	Water and Sewer	Water Only
Branches:	Mainland	Belize, Belmopan	San Pedro	Caye Caulker
Consumption Blocks:				
0 - 1,000	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46
1,001 - 2,000	13.95	18.02	30.22	26.98
2,001 - 3,000	15.12	19.76	32.54	29.61
3,001 - 4,000	15.69	20.92	34.87	32.50
4,001 - 5,000	16.27	22.09	37.19	35.67
5,001 - 6,000	17.44	23.25	44.17	39.14
6,001 - 7,000	18.60	23.82	52.31	42.96
7,001 - 8,000	19.17	24.41	58.11	47.15
>8,000	19.76	24.99	63.93	51.75
Minimum Bill for Consumption less than 1,000 US Gallons	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46

The Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at #4 Princess Margret Drive, 2nd Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, or on the PUC website at www.puc.bz.

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