REVISED WATER RATES & OTHER FEES

FY 25/26

BURLINGTON WATER DISTRICT

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Dear Customer,

As you know, Burlington Water District buys water from the Portland Water Bureau and distributes and sells it to residents of the District. Portland Water continues to increase their water sale prices. The District has been informed that the Portland Water Bureau’s add-on infrastructure and projected new water filtration costs will cause the water sale prices to increase annually, and the increase will affect every rate payer. This year, we expect the cost of water from the Portland Water Bureau to increase from $1.296/ccf to $1.318/ccf. The guaranteed minimum purchase (GMP) obligation with the Portland Water Bureau is projected to increase by $4,200 by preliminary estimates. This aspect of the District’s contract with Portland will change next year as all wholesale customers transitions into a new contract with the Portland Water Bureau in 2026, which eliminates the GMP from our contract so we only pay for what we actually use. To meet the increased costs of operating the District, the usage rate will increase across all categories by $0.10/ccf and the base rate will see an increase of $2 per connection to a total of $82.18 in district, and $100.71 out-of-district. This increase will help to pay for the debt service as well the inflationary factors that continue to affect the routine costs of operating the District. All of these numbers will be revisited again when we look at the budget next year.

As a part of this increase, we are required to provide written notice to all district customers advising you of your right to file a petition for further external rate regulation and management under subsection (3) (d) (C) of this section.

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Beyond this if you’re particularly concerned, I would encourage you to volunteer to join the board to help identify other possible revenue sources or cost reductions that we could pursue without putting the safe and reliable delivery of water to the District at risk.

Thank you,

Kris Hines

Budget Officer, Burlington Water District