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#### **SEWER RATE NO. 6**

#### WHOLESALE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE

#### **AVAILABILITY:**

Wholesale Sewage Disposal Service shall be available to all municipalities, conservancy districts and any other entities that own and operate facilities for the collection of wastewater ("Collection Systems") from retail customers in geographic areas located adjacent to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System that transport wastewater to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System for treatment and disposal, subject to satisfying each of the Special Provisions set forth below (collectively referred to below as "Communities," and individually "Community").

### RATE:

# 1. <u>Variable Treatment Charge</u>

All Communities receiving Wholesale Sewage Disposal Service shall pay the Variable Treatment as shown in the table below:

:	Phase 3
Treatment Charge	Eff.
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$3.2522

## 2. <u>Excessive Strength Surcharges</u>

In addition, all Communities receiving Wholesale Sewage Disposal Service shall pay the Excessive Strength Surcharges shown in the table below:

Excessive Strength Surcharges – per pound	Phase 3 Eff.
BOD in excess of 250 mg/1	\$0.3798
TSS in excess of 300 mg/1	\$0.1559
NH3-N in excess of 20 mg/1	\$0.3867

# 3. Rates Subject to Change and Other Riders

The foregoing rates are subject to change, with Commission approval. In addition, the Environmental Compliance Plan Recovery Mechanism rate from Rider A, the System Integrity Adjustment rate from Rider B, and any other changes in rates or charges due to adjustment mechanisms approved by the Commission, shall apply. Notwithstanding Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42, whenever the Utility petitions the Commission for a change in rates or charges that affects its rates or charges under this Sewer Rate No. 6, the Utility shall notify each Community in writing thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the petition of its intention to request a change in rates or charges and the estimated amount of the proposed change in rates or charges.

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### <u>SEWER RATE 6 - WHOLESALE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE</u> (Cont'd)

#### **MONTHLY MINIMUM CAPACITY CHARGE**

Each Community maintaining a metered connection to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System will pay a Monthly Minimum Capacity Charge of \$5,000 per MGD of Average Daily Flow, if the combined Variable Treatment Charge and Excessive Strength Surcharges are less than the Monthly Minimum Capacity Charge.

## **CAPACITY AND CONNECTIONS**

The Utility will certify to each Community that a certain specified capacity Average Daily Flow rate and Peak Daily Flow rate is available for the Community (the "Permitted Capacity"). If a Community plans to construct larger or additional connections to the Utility's system or increase flows to the system in a manner that would exceed the certified Permitted Capacity, the Community shall first submit an application to the Utility for review and approval in the form designated by the Utility. If a Community exceeds its Peak Daily Flow on at least five days during a monthly reporting period, the Utility may assess a surcharge in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the monthly Variable Treatment Charge for the Month of exceedance.

"Average Daily Flow" shall mean the total flow as reflected on the previous 12 monthly reports submitted to CWA divided by the number of days covered by those monthly reports.

"Peak Daily Flow" shall mean the total gallons of flow in any 24-hour period which period begins at 12:00 A.M. and ends at 11:59 P.M.

#### **BILLING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Each month, the Utility will submit a written statement to the Community based on the number of gallons of wastewater discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System shown on the report submitted by the Community during the preceding calendar Month ("Bill"). The Bill will show the computation of the Variable Treatment Charge and the Excessive Strength Surcharge, if any, for such calendar Month. The computation of the Excessive Strength Surcharge will be applied only to flow streams specifically sampled for an Excessive Strength Surcharge and will be calculated based on the monthly flow volume specific to the sampled and analyzed flow stream. Each Bill shall be in a form and content designated by the Utility. If the Community does not pay the Bill within forty-five (45) days after its date of issue, a late payment charge will be added as provided in Appendix A.

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#### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

### 1. <u>Connection Obligations.</u>

The Community must have installed, at the Community's sole cost and expense, any connections, including, but not limited to, the connecting sewer mains and tap-in pipes, as well as any pump stations (collectively, the "Connections"), that are necessary or appropriate to connect the Community's Collection System to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System so that the wastewater generated within the Community's service area and designated by the Community to be treated by the Utility will be transported and discharged into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System. The location of such Connections must be depicted on a map the Community provides to the Utility.

### 2. <u>Metering Obligations</u>.

The Community is responsible to install, at the Community's sole cost and expense, all Meters designated as necessary or appropriate by the Utility to record the volume of wastewater transported and discharged into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System from the Community's Collection System. The location of all Meters is subject to the Utility's initial approval. The Community will calibrate the Meters not less than one (1) time every calendar year and at other times upon the reasonable request of the Utility. The Community will notify the Utility when such calibration is complete and maintain all records associated with the calibration for a period of two (2) years. After thirty (30) days' notice to the Community, if the Community does not perform the required calibration, notify the Utility, or maintain a record showing the calibration has been performed, the Utility may cause the calibration to be performed at the Community's cost and expense.

### 3. Obligation to Sample and Test.

The Community is responsible to install at the Community's sole cost and expense, sampling ports ("Sampling Ports") to sample wastewater transported and discharged into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System from the Community's Collection System at locations reasonably designated by the Utility. The Community shall on a frequency determined by the Utility, but no more frequently than monthly, obtain and test samples of the wastewater discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System from each Sampling Port. The tests shall consist of a 24-hour composite sample or other sampling method, as mutually agreed upon by the Community and the Utility. The tests shall determine the pH level, as well as the levels of BOD, TSS, NH3-N and any other pollutant parameter, as reasonably requested by the Utility in each wastewater sample. The results of such tests shall be reported to the Utility in writing in a form prescribed by the Utility. All measurements, tests and analysis of the characteristics of the wastewater shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standards Methods of the Examination of Water and Sewage," as published jointly by the American Public Health Association and the Water Pollution Control Federation consistent with 40 CFR Part 136 or by other methods generally accepted under established sanitary engineering practices and approved by the Utility. The Community will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the measuring, sampling and testing of the wastewater. However, the Utility may at its sole cost and expense, upon 24 hour notice to the Community, obtain samples of the wastewater being discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System using any of the Sampling Ports, and the same type of sampling and testing methodology as required by the Community, and cause tests of each such sample to be conducted to determine the characteristics of the Community's wastewater.

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# 4. <u>Additional Connections/Sampling Ports/Meters.</u>

The Community may install and construct, at the Community's sole cost and expense, additional Connections, Sampling Ports or Meters as the Community's Collection System develops over time, subject to obtaining prior written consent of the Utility. In addition, the Utility shall have the right to require the Community to install or construct additional Connections, Sampling Ports or Meters reasonably required and based solely on the Community's flow in excess of the Permitted Capacity to be transmitted to the Utility. The additional Connections/Sampling Ports/Meters will be a part of the Community's Collection System. The Utility will be afforded access to the work sites as is reasonably necessary for the Utility and its representatives to observe, inspect and test the installation and construction of the Community's Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports. The Community will not permit any wastewater to be discharged from the Community's additional Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System until after the Community has completed the installation and construction of the additional Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports and the Utility has inspected and approved such additional Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports.

# 5. Reporting of Metered Volumes and Sample Results.

The Community will, on or before the last day of each calendar Month, at its sole cost and expense, submit a written report to the Utility in a form specified by the Utility and certified by an appropriate official of the Community as being true, accurate and complete. The written report will contain for the calendar month preceding the calendar month in which the report is delivered, the volumes of wastewater for each metered connection, estimated flow volumes for unmetered connections, and the Excessive Strength Surcharge test results of wastewater discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System. The written report will clearly identify which, if any, flow streams or connections were sampled for Excessive Strength Surcharges, and the results of any such tests.

# 6. Plans and Specifications.

Each Community receiving Wholesale Sewage Disposal Service as of the effective date of this Sewer Rate No. 6, has submitted plans and specifications for its existing Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports ("Plans and Specifications") to the Utility, and the Utility has approved those Plans and Specifications. For Communities that begin treatment service after January 1, 2017, the Community shall submit Plans and Specifications to the Utility for review and approval at least forty-five (45) days before the scheduled commencement date of the installation and construction.

A Community will submit any proposed modifications, amendments or additions to the Plans and Specifications to the Utility for review and approval at least forty-five (45) days before the scheduled commencement date of the installation and construction of any such improvements or modifications. The Utility will notify the Community in writing of its approval or disapproval of such revisions within thirty (30) days after submission.

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At least annually, the Community and the Utility shall meet to discuss and review the Community's plans for wastewater service as a means for the Utility to be prepared for any significant changes in the Community's flows or loadings. This includes discussions related to significant Community wastewater expansions, changes in the number of customers and type, and other system changes that impact the Utility's ability to operate and maintain the Utility's Sewage Disposal System.

# 7. <u>Maintenance of Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports.</u>

The Community, at its sole cost and expense, shall at all times maintain the Connections, Meters and Sampling Ports in good working order, condition and repair. In the event the Community fails to keep the Connections, Meters or Sampling Ports in good working order, condition and repair, the Utility may serve written notice on the Community specifying the maintenance, repair or replacement of the Connections, Meters or Sampling Ports which the Utility reasonably believes appropriate. If the Community fails to address the Utility's concerns and does not begin to perform the repairs, maintenance work or replacements within thirty (30) days of its receipt of that notice, the Utility may arrange for the maintenance, repair or replacement of the Connections, Meters, or Sampling Ports and the Community shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Utility in connection with such maintenance, repair or replacement. If the Utility determines the condition of the Connection, Meters or Sampling Ports poses an immediate threat to public health and safety, the Utility, without prior notice to the Community, may arrange for all corrective work to be performed and the Community shall pay reasonable costs incurred by the Utility in connection with such emergency work.

# 8. <u>Maintenance of Community's Collection System.</u>

The Community will, at its sole cost and expense, maintain the Community's Collection System.

### 9. Right to Inspect.

In addition to inspecting samples from the Sampling Ports as described in Section 3 of the Special Provisions, the Utility may enter and inspect, and collect samples from, any part of the Community's Collection System. This right of entry and inspection shall extend to public streets, easements and property within which the Community's Collection System is located.

The Utility also shall have, and upon request of the Utility the Community shall use its best efforts to obtain for the Utility's use, the right to enter upon private property to inspect the waste discharge of the Community's industrial customers, including on-site inspection of pretreatment and sewer facilities, observation, measurement, sampling, testing, and access to (with the right to copy) all pertinent compliance records located on the premises of the Community's industrial customers.

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## 10. <u>Further Obligations Regarding Discharges.</u>

All wastewater transported or discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System shall be substantially free from any sand, gravel, street waste, leaves, paper, cyanide, coal tar, oil, grease, acids, dry cleaning fluids, or any other foreign material or industrial wastes, and not contain materials, substances or discharges prohibited by the Sewage Restrictions set forth in Rule 16 of the Utility's Terms and Conditions for Sewage Disposal Service Within Marion County (hereinafter "Prohibited Materials"). Upon discovery or notice that Prohibited Materials in excess of what is considered reasonable are being transported or discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System, and upon notice from the Utility, the Community shall: (i) use reasonable efforts and diligence to identify the source of the Prohibited Materials: (ii) notify the source of the Prohibited Materials to immediately cease the discharge of Prohibited Materials into the Community's Collection System within twenty-four (24) hours after identifying the source of the Prohibited Materials; and (iii) disconnect the source of the Prohibited Materials from the Community's Collection System within forty-eight (48) hours after identification, if the source fails to stop discharging Prohibited Materials into the Community's Collection System within twenty-four (24) hours after the Community's request therefore The Community also will pay all fines, penalties, costs and expenses that are incurred by the Utility in connection with or as a result of Prohibited Materials being discharged from the Community's Collection System into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System, including, without limitation, all fines levied by the State of Indiana or the EPA. The Community is further responsible for and will pay the Utility upon demand for all damages to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System caused by or resulting from the discharge of any material or waste into the Utility's Sewage Disposal System from the Community's Collection System which causes interference, passthrough, obstruction, damage or any other impairment to the Utility's Sewage Disposal System. The Community also will pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Utility to clean or repair the Utility's Sewage Disposal System and any penalty, fine or cost of compliance with injunctions or other orders of a court or governmental authority imposed against the Utility as a result of any such interference, pass- through, obstruction, damage or impairment, and all other costs and expenses incurred by the Utility as a result of any such interference, pass through, obstruction, damage or impairment, including, but not limited to, expert, consultant, and attorneys' fees.

### 11. Compliance with Pretreatment Standards.

If the Community does not have a United States Environmental Protection Agency delegated and approved pretreatment program or one implemented by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 403, the Utility is obligated to implement an industrial pretreatment permitting program for industrial users that discharge flows to the Utility's facilities for treatment.

To the extent implementation of a pretreatment program is necessary for industrial customers within a Community, the Community will maintain in full force and effect a Sewer Use Ordinance providing that industrial users of the Community's system will comply with any and all pretreatment requirements set forth by the Utility and as required by any applicable federal or state statute or rule, and those currently established in 40 CFR Chapter I, Parts 405-471, the pretreatment standards set forth in 327 IAC 5-16 *et seq.*, as well as any rules and regulations adopted by Resolution of the Utility's Board in furtherance of those pretreatment standards. In addition, the Utility may require an annual certification from the Community certifying its compliance with pretreatment requirements, including results of surveys to determine whether industrial users discharge into the Community's system.