

BRIDGERLAND WATER COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE

Docket No. 21-001-01

Settlement Stipulation

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH	
IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGERLAND WATER COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE	Docket No. 21-001-01 SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

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This Settlement Stipulation ("Stipulation") is entered into in Docket No. 21-001-01 by and among Bridgerland Water Company ("Bridgerland" or "the Company") and the Division of Public Utilities ("Division"), the parties whose signatures appear on the signature page(s) hereof (collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party").

1. On February 4, 2021, Bridgerland filed its Notice of Intent to File Application for a Culinary Water Rate Case via email. Also on February 4, 2021, the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") issued an action request directing the Division to contact Bridgerland and provide any necessary assistance to prepare the rate case. The Division worked with Bridgerland for several months assisting them in preparing the rate case.
2. On July 22, 2021, the Company filed its application for approval of a rate increase. On July 29, 2021, the Division filed a memo recommending the Commission accept the Company's filing as complete.
3. A scheduling conference was held on August 10, 2021.
4. There have been no requests to intervene in this docket.

5. Over the past few months, the Parties have discussed the matters presented below and have recently entered into settlement discussions, resulting in this Stipulation.

6. The Parties recommend and request that the Commission approve the Stipulation and all of its terms and conditions. The Parties request that the Commission make findings of fact and reach conclusions of law based upon the evidence filed in this proceeding and upon this Stipulation and issue an appropriate order.

BACKGROUND

7. Bridgerland has operated since 1973 as a for-profit corporation.¹

8. Bridgerland was founded by Mr. Ted Wilson, who remains the president of the Company.

9. A scheduling conference was held on August 10, 2021, in this docket. Pursuant to the scheduling order, on December 8, 2021, Mr. Mark Long filed direct testimony on behalf of the Division.

10. After the Division's review of the application, informal data responses from the Company, and discussions among the Parties, the Parties entered into settlement discussions.

11. The settlement discussions resulted in the preparation and execution of this Stipulation now presented to the Commission. The Parties request that the hearing and the public witness hearing on the Stipulation be held on February 9, 2022, the hearing date established by the Scheduling Order.

¹ Division of Corporations and Commercial Code, Business Search, Bridgerland Water Company.

SETTLEMENT TERMS

For purposes of this Stipulation, the Parties agree and recommend that the Commission approve the following.

Specific Terms

12. Rate Increase. The Parties agree effective April 1, 2022, the Company's tiered rates will be as shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Monthly Rates

Description	Charges
Monthly Water Rates	
First 6,000 gallons (included in Base Rates)	\$ 94.00 per month
<i>Usage per 1,000 gallons</i>	
Tier 1 (0 to 6,000 gals)	\$ 0.00
Tier 2 (6,001 to 12,000 gals)	\$ 5.50
Tier 3 (12,001 to 18,000 gals)	\$ 11.00
Tier 4 (18,001 to 24,000 gals)	\$ 16.50
Tier 5 (> 24,000 gals)	\$ 25.00
Temporarily Unmetered Lots	\$ 94.00 per month

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13. Changes to Fees and Other Charges other than Rates. Various fees and charges in the Company's tariff have been changed, omitted, or added. The Parties agree, effective April 1, 2022, that the Company's Fees and Other Charges in its tariff will be as shown in Table 2.

Table 2
Fees and Other Charges

Description	Charges
Fees and Other Charges	
Standby Fees *	\$ 29.00 per month
Disconnect fees	\$ 120.00 per occurrence
Re-connect fees	\$ 120.00 per occurrence
First time service connection	
¾"-Line meter connection fee	\$ 4,700.00
1"-Line meter connection fee	\$ 5,000.00
Interest rate on bills past due by 30 days or more	18% per annum (1.5% per month)
Filing Lien	\$ 150.00 each
Releasing Lien	\$ 150.00 each
Fee for unwarranted service call **	Actual cost

* Applies to lots where service mains are in place and where water service is available, but no water service has been connected, and no water service is used; or where the Company has disconnected water service at the request of the customer; or involuntarily by the Company after proper notice to the customer.

** The Company is responsible for issues involving infrastructure up to and including the meter. Problems, e.g., leaks or frozen pipes, beyond the meter on the customer's side are the customer's responsibility. The customer must pay the actual costs of the service call, including parts and labor.

14. Updated Tariff Sheets. In addition to the revised rates and fees and charges discussed above, the Parties have agreed on several additions and changes to Bridgerland's tariff. These changes are primarily housekeeping matters. The resulting

tariff is the third revision of Bridgerland's tariff since becoming regulated by the Commission. The revised Tariff No. 3 is provided in both redline and clean form and made part of this Stipulation and is provided as Attachment A and Attachment B hereto, respectively.

15. Notice to Customers of Stipulation, Hearing, and Public Witness Hearing. The Company has provided or will provide the following notices to customers.

- a. On February 10, 2021, an email was sent to all customers with an email address on file, and on February 12, 2021, a letter was sent via U.S. mail to the remainder of the customers providing notice of Bridgerland's intent to file a rate case. This correspondence referenced the Commission's website listed the docket number and encouraged its customers to check the website often to keep up to date on future filings and information.
- b. In the 2021 summer HOA meeting, the rate case was discussed with all attendees.
- c. Customers with an email address on file were notified of a proposed settlement agreement on January 7, 2022, and on January 8, 2022, a letter was sent via U.S. mail to the remainder of the customers. This notice indicated the dates and times of the hearing and public witness hearing in this docket. Also, in this notice, the Company provided a direct link to the Commission's website, Docket No. 21-001-01, encouraging its customers to view the docket and contact Bridgerland if they have any questions.
- d. On January 14, 2022, the Commission issued notice that the in-person hearings scheduled for February 9, 2022, would be held virtually.

- e. Also on January 14, 2022, the Division filed a motion to suspend the schedule, except for the hearing dates. Bridgerland supported the motion.
- f. Bridgerland will promptly send its customers notice that the hearings scheduled for February 9, 2022.

16. No Precedent. The Parties agree that no part of this Stipulation or the formulae and methodologies used in developing the same, or a Commission order approving the same, shall in any manner be argued or considered as precedential in any future case except with regard to issues expressly called-out and resolved by this Stipulation. This Stipulation does not resolve and does not provide any inferences regarding, and the Parties are free to take any position with respect to, any issues not specifically called-out and settled herein.

17. Stipulation Taken as a Whole. Not all Parties may agree that each aspect of this Stipulation is supportable in isolation. Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-1 authorizes the Commission to approve a settlement so long as the settlement is just and reasonable in result. While the Parties may not be able to agree that each specific component of this Stipulation is just and reasonable in isolation, all Parties agree that this Stipulation as a whole is just and reasonable in result and is in the public interest.

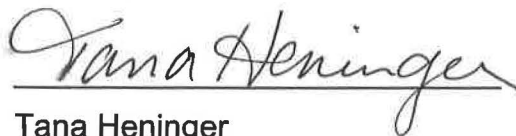
18. Confidentiality. All negotiations related to this Stipulation are confidential, and no Party shall be bound by any position asserted in negotiations. Except as expressly provided in this Stipulation, neither the execution of this Stipulation nor the order adopting it shall be deemed to constitute an admission or acknowledgment by any Party of the validity or invalidity of any principle or practice of regulatory accounting or ratemaking; nor shall they be construed to constitute the basis of an estoppel or waiver

by any Party; nor shall they be introduced or used as evidence for any other purpose in a future proceeding by any Party except in a proceeding to enforce this Stipulation.

19. Witnesses. The Company and the Division will each make one or more witnesses available at the hearing to explain and offer further support for this Stipulation. As applied to the Division, the explanation and support shall be consistent with its statutory authority and responsibility.

20. Execution. This Stipulation may be executed by individual Parties through two separate, conformed copies, the aggregate of which will be considered as an integrated instrument.

DATED this 24 day of January 2022.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 25, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be filed with the Public Service Commission and served by the Utah Division of Public Utilities to the following in Utah Docket 21-001-01 as indicated below:

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