

Order No. 2692

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act*

and

**Bluestem Multi-Utility Services ULC
Columbia Ridge Water Utility**

**For Approval of Revenue Requirements and
Rates Application
2026 to 2028**

BEFORE:

Bryan Robinson, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights
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Victoria, BC V8W 9M1

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Dated this 25th day of September 2026

WHEREAS:

1. On June 9, 2026 Bluestem Multi-Utility Services Inc. (BMUS) filed its complete Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for 2026 to 2028 (“the Application”). In the Application, BMUS is seeking, among other things, that the proposed rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis pursuant to sections 58 to 60 of the *Utilities Commission Act*.

2. The current and proposed rates are:

	Current Approved Since January 1, 2017	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027	Proposed 2028
Residential Service Flat Rates: per month	\$ 55.00	\$ 59.58	\$ 64.54	\$ 69.91
Untreated Irrigation Service Flat Rates: per month	\$ 33.37	\$ 36.15	\$ 39.16	\$ 42.42
Availability of Service (Rent) Charges: per annum	\$ 460.00	\$ 498.29	\$ 539.77	\$ 584.70

3. BMUS' request for the proposed rates to be approved on an interim, refundable basis is reasonable to allow sufficient time for a hearing process leading to a final order. The interim rates are to be reflected on the next billing sent to customers with an effective date of July 1, 2026 as the complete Application was not received until June 9, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (Deputy Comptroller) orders that:

1. BMUS' request for an interim, refundable rates as shown above are approved effective July 1, 2026. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to a final decision.
2. BMUS shall advertise the Application by mailing a Notice to each customer, allowing at least 30 days for submission of comments to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights.
3. Following receipt of customer comments, the Deputy Comptroller will determine the form of hearing process to be followed and the critical dates for information requests and submissions.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of September 2026.



Bryan Robinson
Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights under the
Water Utility Act/Utilities Commission Act