

Order No. 2545

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF WATER RIGHTS

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

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. – Panorama Water

**For Approval of
Water Rate Application
effective January 1, 2019**

BEFORE:

Ted White, Comptroller of Water Rights
PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC V8W 9M1

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 2545

Dated this 4th day of April 2019

File: 0321243

Whereas:

1. The Comptroller of Water Rights (“Comptroller”) is an independent quasi-judicial regulator and responsible for the regulation of private water utilities under the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act*. Under the *Water Sustainability Act*, the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (“Deputy Comptroller”) is authorized to exercise all the powers and perform all of the duties of the Comptroller.
2. Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“CMUS” or “the Utility”) is a subsidiary of Corix Infrastructure Inc., a privately held corporation headquartered in Vancouver, BC. CMUS owns and operates the water utility providing service to Panorama Mountain Village (“Panorama”). In addition to the water utility, CMUS also owns and operates the propane and wastewater utilities at Panorama.
3. The last approved Revenue Requirements and Amended Water Tariff Application was approved by Decision and Order No. 2232 on June 28, 2010. Decision and Order 2232 approved Revenue Requirements for 2010 and 2011 and accepted Water Tariff No. 3 for filing effective March 1, 2010.
4. On November 26, 2018, CMUS filed a Water Rate Application with detailed support to adjust rates effective January 1, 2019. In the Water Rate Application, the Utility requested that the proposed rates be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2019 pursuant to Section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. The proposed interim water rates are:

	Existing	Proposed
Fixed Charge (<i>per bed unit per month</i>)		
• Residential	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.34
• Commercial	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.66
Metered Consumption Charge (<i>per m³</i>)	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.69
Rate Rider 1 (Consumption Deferral) (<i>per m³</i>)	None	\$2.46
Total Customer Contributions to Replacement Reserve Trust Fund (RRTF) (<i>per year</i>)	\$100,000	None

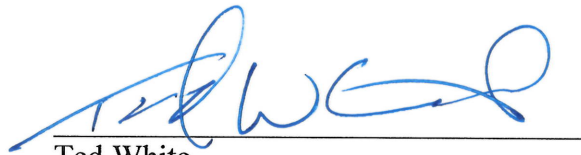
5. The Comptroller approved the Utility’s request for an interim, refundable rate increase effective January 1, 2019. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Comptroller.
6. On January 14, 2019 the Utility advertised its Application by mailing Notices to all its customers. Customers were given until February 19, 2019 to register as interveners and/or submit comments. Two parties representing the Panorama Mountain Resort and Panorama Subdivision Owners Association registered as interveners. In addition, ten customers submitted questions/comments on the Application which the Utility provided responses.

7. On March 12, 2019 the Comptroller issued Decision and Order No. 2544 which established the Written Hearing Process for the review of the Application according to the Regulatory Timetable attached to that Order. Information Request No. 1 was issued on March 15, 2019.
8. On April 1, 2019 CMUS submitted a request to amend the Regulatory Timetable and proposed that the due dates for each of the remaining items be extended by approximately two weeks.
9. The short delay will allow CMUS to provide more complete responses to the questions received in Information Request No. 1 and from the Interveners in one complete package.
10. As the customer rates are approved on an interim, refundable basis there will be no financial disadvantage to customers.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Comptroller orders as follows:

- 1. The proposed changes to the hearing timetable are granted according to the Revised Regulatory Timetable that is attached as Appendix A to this Order.**

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of April 2019.



Ted White
Comptroller of Water Rights

**An Application by Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (“CMUS”)
for Approval of 2019 Revenue Requirements and Water Rate Increases
Effective January 1, 2019**

REVISED REGULATORY TIMETABLE

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Comptroller Information Request (IR) No. 1	March 15, 2019
Intervener IR No. 1	March 22, 2019
CMUS Response to Comptroller and Intervener IR No. 1 and any other questions from customers’ submissions	April 18, 2019
CMUS Final Submission	April 29, 2019
Intervener Final Submission	May 9, 2019
CMUS Reply Submission	May 17, 2019

Note: If another round of Information Requests is required, the Comptroller will issue another Order/Revised Regulatory Timetable during this hearing process.