

Order No. 2541

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. 2541

Dated this 10th day of January 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:

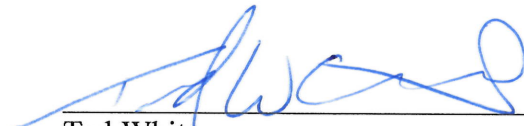
	Existing	Proposed
Fixed Charge (<i>per bed unit per month</i>)		
• Residential	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.34
• Commercial	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.66
Metered Consumption Charge (<i>per m³</i>)	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.69
Rate Rider 1 (Consumption Deferral) (<i>per m³</i>)	None	\$2.46
Total Customer Contributions to Replacement Reserve Trust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

5. The request for the proposed rates to be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2019 is reasonable to allow sufficient time for a hearing process leading to a final Decision and Order. If the final Decision and Order of the Comptroller determines that final rates are to be lower than the interim rates, any excess will be refunded to customers with interest.

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

- 1. The Utility's request for an interim, refundable rate increase as shown above is approved effective January 1, 2019. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Comptroller.**
- 2. The Utility shall mail a Notice of Application to all customers on or around January 14, 2019 allowing until February 19, 2019 for the Utility's customers to submit comments to the Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights ("Secretary").**
- 3. Persons wishing to participate as Interveners should register with the Secretary by February 19, 2019.**
- 4. Following receipt of customer comments, the 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 10th day of January 2019.



Ted White
Comptroller of Water Rights