

Order Number 2683

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

**Bluestem Multi-Utility Services ULC  
(Tobiano Water Utility)**

**Revenue Requirements and Rates  
Application for 2025 to 2027**

BEFORE:

Bryan Robinson, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights  
PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria BC V8W 9M1

**ORDER NO. 2683**

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025

File: 0321865

**Whereas:**

1. Bluestem Multi-Utility Services ULC (BMUS) owns and operates the water utility that provides service to the Tobiano community, about 30 kilometres west of Kamloops, British Columbia. The Tobiano Water Utility (Utility) is regulated by the Comptroller of Water Rights (Comptroller).
2. On July 15, 2025 BMUS filed its Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for 2025 to 2027 (Application) with detailed support to increase water rates effective July 15, 2025. This Application is the first application filed by BMUS for the Utility, and the first application to amend the rates since 2013.
3. In the Application, BMUS requests that the proposed rates for F2025 be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective July 15, 2025 pursuant to Sections 58 to 60 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. The proposed rates for F2025 as set out in Section 3.5 and Schedule 4 of the Application, and in Appendix 1 are:

	Existing Since January 1, 2013	Proposed July 14, 2025
Basic Charge (per month)		
• Residential - Townhouse	\$23.25	\$25.48
• Residential - Cottage	\$41.50	\$45.48
• Residential - Resort	\$59.25	\$64.93
• Residential - Equestrian	\$66.25	\$72.60
• Commercial - Hotel	\$302.08	\$331.04
• Commercial - Other	\$102.08	\$111.87
• Irrigation	N/A	\$2,896.09
Variable Charge ( <i>per m<sup>3</sup></i> )		
• Residential - Townhouse	\$1.1300	\$1.2383
• Commercial - Other	\$0.8627	\$0.9454

4. The Utility's 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.

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

1. **The Utility's request for an interim, refundable rate increase as shown above is approved effective July 15, 2025. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Deputy Comptroller.**
2. **The Utility shall advertise the Application by mailing a Notice to all customers, allowing at least 30 days for submission of any comments to the Secretary to the Comptroller of**

**Water Rights. A copy of this Order along with its Notice and Application shall be posted on the Utility's website.**

- 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.



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