

Order Number 2687

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. 2687**

Dated this 28th day of April 2026

**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. BMUS requested that the proposed rates for F2025 be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective pursuant to Sections 58 to 60 and 90 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. This is the first application filed by BMUS for the Utility, and the first amendment to the rates since 2013.
3. On July 25, 2025 Order 2683 was issued to BMUS approving the proposed 2025 rates on an interim, refundable basis. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Deputy Comptroller.
4. On July 31, 2025 BMUS advertised the Application by sending out the Notice of Application to its customers. Copies of Order 2683 and the Notice were published on BMUS' website. Customers were given until August 29, 2025 to submit comments. One customer submission was received.
5. A review of the customer submission and information submitted to support the Application was made and a continuation of the written hearing process is required. On March 27, 2026 the Utility was required to provide additional information through an Information Request (IR). The deadline for the Utility's response is May 15, 2026.
6. This is the first application filed by BMUS for the Utility, and the first amendment to the rates since 2013. The rates for F2025 and F2026 are set out in Section 3.5 and Schedule 4 of the Application. The request for interim rates is reasonable to allow sufficient time to complete the hearing process leading to a final decision.
7. The proposed 2026 water rates are to be effective January 1, 2026 and reflected on the next billing period, to occur within one month from the date of this Order or by June 1, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Deputy Comptroller orders that the rates for 2026 be approved on an interim, refundable basis effective January 1, 2026. The rates and charges will remain interim and refundable with interest subject to the final decision of the Deputy Comptroller.

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of April 2026.



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