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Re: *Tariff Advice for Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc.*

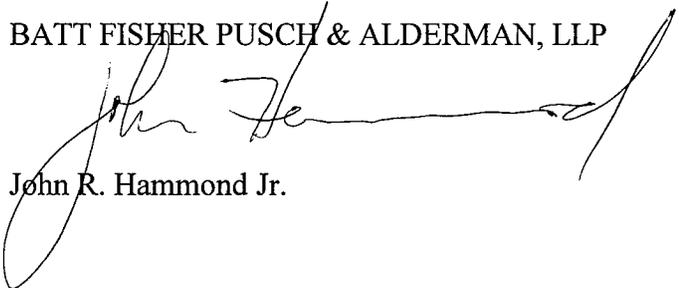
Dear Jean:

Our firm, Batt Fisher Pusch & Alderman LLP, represents Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc., an Idaho corporation ("Spirit Lake" or the "Company") and has submitted a recent tariff advice to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for its review and approval. We are sending you this correspondence to provide our client's consent to moving the effective date of the Company's proposed tariff to October 1, 2009.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

BATT FISHER PUSCH & ALDERMAN, LLP



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Re: *Tariff Advice for Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc.*

Dear Jean:

Our firm, Fisher Pusch & Alderman LLP, represents Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc., an Idaho corporation ("Spirit Lake" or the "Company"). Spirit Lake submits the following tariff advice to you to modify the Company's approved Tariff Schedule No. 1. A redline and clean version of the proposed tariff are included with this correspondence.

First, Spirit Lake wishes to begin billing its customers on a monthly basis for water service beginning on October 1, 2009, for the previous thirty (30) day period and continuing thereafter indefinitely. Currently, the Company bills its customers on a quarterly basis for water service. The revised Tariff Schedule No. 1 reflects this change by adding language setting forth that the Company will bill customers on a monthly basis unless conditions make it impossible to reach and read the meters.

In the event the Company cannot read a meter for a billing period, the customer will only be billed the minimum monthly charge of \$12.50. When meters are then read for the next billing period, customers will be billed for the minimum monthly charge, and an overage charge if they have used more than 18,000 gallons over two billing periods (9,000 gallons x 2), 27,000 over three billing periods and so on. Spirit Lake is changing to billing and collecting on a monthly basis because: (1) it will produce a more consistent revenue stream to support the operations of the Company and the provision of safe, adequate and reliable water service to its customers; (2) will send better and more timely signals to the Company's customers about their individual water usage; (3) allow the Company to obtain data showing a more accurate account of water usage and/or loss; and (4) provide for a more timely discovery and disclosure of any issues on the customer side of the line allowing for a more effective conservation effort.

Second, the Company also proposes to modify language in Tariff Schedule No. 1 in regard to how it will read meters for the water system to be consistent with the Company's choice to bill its customers on a monthly basis.

Third, the Company wishes to add terms concerning when payments for water service are late and what late fees would apply.

Fourth, the Company also wishes to add a returned check charge to its tariff as each time a customer's check for payment for water service is returned from its bank, Spirit Lake incurs a Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00) charge.

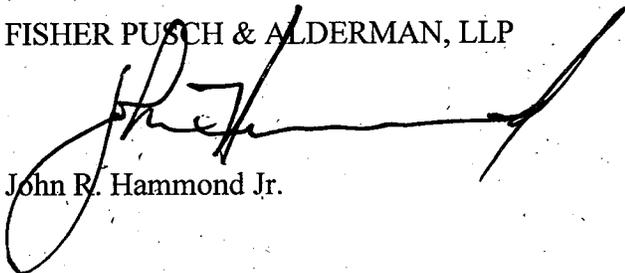
Finally, the Company wishes to add a new reconnection fee for seasonal customers. In the Spirit Lake Subdivision there are several owners (customers of the water company) who only reside in their houses seasonally. Many of the foregoing voluntarily have Spirit Lake shut off water service to their homes for periods of thirty (30) plus days up to nine (9) months. During these times of disconnection, the Company loses revenue as it does not bill these customers the minimum monthly charge of \$12.50. This loss of revenue decreases Spirit Lake's ability to cover its costs. Accordingly, Spirit Lake is proposing a higher reconnection fee for voluntary disconnections that last longer than thirty (30) days in order to provide its customers an incentive to remain connected to the system all year round. Further, the Company believes this would protect the remaining connected customers from carrying an unfair share of the costs incurred. The Company proposes a reconnection fee of \$50.00 during office hours and \$65.00 after office hours, for customers requesting reconnection who have been disconnected for more than thirty (30) days (this amount is equivalent to the minimum monthly charge of \$12.50 x 4 months = \$50.00).

The Company has provided notice of these changes through a direct mailing to each of its customers. A copy of this notice is attached to this correspondence as well. The Company respectfully requests that its filing become effective within thirty (30) days after filing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

FISHER PUSCH & ALDERMAN, LLP



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August 20, 2009

Re: *Tariff Advice for Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc.*

Dear _____:

Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc., ("Spirit Lake" or the "Company") an Idaho corporation, is writing to provide you notice that it is submitting a tariff advice to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") requesting authority to modify the Company's approved Tariff Schedule No. 1. A redlined and clean version of the proposed tariff is included with this correspondence. You can review the Company's current tariffs on the Commission's website, <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>.

First, Spirit Lake wishes to begin billing its customers on a monthly basis for water service beginning on October 1, 2009, for the previous thirty (30) days period and continuing thereafter indefinitely. Currently, the Company bills its customers on a quarterly basis for water service. The revised Tariff Schedule No. 1 reflects this change by adding language setting forth that the Company will bill customers on a monthly basis unless conditions make it impossible to reach and read the meters. In the event the Company cannot read a meter for one billing period you will only be billed the minimum monthly charge of \$12.50 for that billing period. If meters can be read the next billing period you will again pay the minimum monthly charge and also an overage charge if you have used more than 18,000 gallons over the previous two billing periods, 27,000 gallons over a three month period and so on. Spirit Lake is changing to billing and collecting on a monthly basis because: 1) it will produce a more consistent revenue stream to support the operations of the Company and its provision of safe, adequate and reliable water service; 2) will send better and more timely signals to the Company's customers about their individual water usage; 3) allow the Company to obtain data showing a more accurate account of water usage and or loss; and 4) provide for a more timely discovery and disclosure of any issues on the customer side of the line allowing for a more effective conservation effort.

Second, the Company also proposes to modify language in Tariff Schedule No. 1 in regard to how it will read meters for the water system to be consistent with the Company's choice to bill its customers on a monthly basis.

Third, the Company wishes to add terms concerning when payments for water service are late and what late fees would apply.

Fourth, the Company also wishes to add a returned check charge to its tariff as each time a customer's check for payment for water service is returned from its bank Spirit Lake incurs a Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00) charge.

Finally, the Company wishes to add a new reconnection fee for seasonal customers. While the Company understands that customers have valid reasons to voluntarily disconnect from the water system this decision impacts the Company's ability to cover its monthly operating costs as it does not charge these customers the minimum monthly charge during their period of disconnection. Accordingly, Spirit Lake is proposing a higher reconnection fee for voluntary disconnections that last longer than thirty (30) days in order to provide its customers an incentive to remain connected to the system all year round. Further, the Company believes this would protect the remaining connected customers from carrying an unfair share of the costs incurred. The Company proposes a reconnection fee of \$50.00 during office hours and \$65.00 after office hours, for customers requesting reconnection who have been disconnected for more than thirty (30) days (this amount is equivalent to the minimum monthly charge of $\$12.50 \times 4 \text{ months} = \50.00).

The Company has respectfully requested that the Commission make its proposed changes to its Tariff Schedule 1 effective within thirty (30) days from the Company's submission of its Tariff Advice to the Commission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Spirit Lake East Water Company, Inc. at (add Company contact information).

Sincerely,

SPIRIT LAKE EAST WATER COMPANY

TARIFF SCHEDULE

Monthly Recurring Rates:

\$12.50 minimum monthly charge

\$.12 for each 100 additional gallons after 9,000 gallons

Note:

Each billing period for water service shall be thirty (30) days. Bills for water service will be rendered monthly and are payable within fifteen (15) days of the billing date. Failure to make payment within fifteen (15) days will cause a Late Payment Charge to be assessed in the amount set forth on page 2 of this Tariff.

Meter Readings:

Meters will be read on the last day of each thirty (30) day billing cycle except when conditions make the meters inaccessible. In general, the customer will be billed for all usage that exceeds 9,000 gallons for each billing period during which an actual meter reading is obtained. In the event actual meter reading does not occur in a billing period the customer will only be billed the minimum monthly charge for that billing period. However, if the meter is read the following billing period, all usage in excess of 18,000 gallons (9,000 gallons x two billing periods) would be billed at the rate of 12 cents per 100 gallons.

Non-Recurring Charges:

1. **Hook-up Fee (New Service)** - \$2,500.00 per each new customer hook-up.

2. **Late Payment Charge** – 12 percent per annum or 1% monthly. This charge is applicable to the unpaid balance at the time of the next billing date.

3. **Reconnection Fees** –
 - a. Disconnected for thirty (30) days or less. \$16.00 Reconnection Fee charged for disconnections lasting less thirty (30) days or less during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for the following holidays which fall on a weekday: New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. \$32.00 Reconnection Fee after office hours and on the holidays set forth above.

 - b. Disconnected for more than thirty (30) days. \$50.00 Reconnection Fee charged for disconnections lasting longer than thirty (30) days during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for the following holidays which fall on a weekday: New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. \$65.00 Reconnection Fee after office hours and on the holidays set for above.

4. **Returned Check Fee.** A returned check fee of \$20.00 for each customer check returned to the Company as NSF.