

Tariff Form No. 12  
(Tariff Rule 44)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CHARGES BY MUNICIPALITIES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Nutter Fort, a public utility, has adopted, by ordinance on March 12, 2024, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 822 sewer customers at or near Nutter Fort in the County of Harrison, West Virginia. The City of Clarksburg implemented a five (5) year increase to the rate it charges Nutter Fort for treating Nutter Fort's sewerage in 2022. On April 11, 2023, Nutter Fort adopted an Ordinance increasing rates over three (3) steps due to Clarksburg increasing the rate it charges Nutter Fort to treat Nutter Fort's sewerage for the next five (5) years. Nutter Fort's Step II rates are currently in effect with the Step III rates effective July 1, 2024. Nutter Fort deems the present customer rates and charges for the furnishing of sewer service throughout the entire territory served by the Town of Nutter Fort to be inadequate to provide sufficient revenue to the Town of Nutter Fort to maintain and operate the sewer collection and disposal system and to maintain required debt service coverage. Nutter Fort deems that an increase in rates and charges is necessary to provide sufficient revenues to the Town of Nutter Fort to maintain and operate the sewer collection and disposal system and to maintain required debt service coverage. The rates proposed in this Ordinance would replace the Step III rates and be effective for all bills rendered 45 days after enactment. The Step III rates contained in the Ordinance adopted on April 11, 2023, are hereby voided by way of this Ordinance.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective for all bills rendered on or after April 26, 2024, which is 45 days after passage of the ordinance, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The rate increase will produce approximately \$143,881 annually in additional revenue, an overall increase of 18% as follows:

**EFFECTIVE FOR ALL BILLS RENDERED 45 DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT**

**APPLICABILITY**

Rates are applicable for the entire area served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service

(I) **RATES** (Based upon metered volume of water supplied)

(I)	First 2,000 gallons used per month	\$ 30.17 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	Next 3,000 gallons used per month	\$ 28.80 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	Next 5,000 gallons used per month	\$ 27.62 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	Next 10,000 gallons used per month	\$ 27.62 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	Next 25,000 gallons used per month	\$ 26.45 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	All Over 45,000 gallons used per month	\$ 24.43 per 1,000 gallons

(I) No bill will be rendered for less than \$60.34 per month.

(I) Indicates increase in rates

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed per the increase as follows:

	<u>Avg</u> <u>Gallons</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Bill</u>	<u>Increased</u> <u>Bill</u>	<u>Dollar</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Increase</u>
Residential	3000	\$75.52	\$89.14	\$13.62	18.03%
Commercial	5900	\$145.38	\$171.60	\$26.22	18.03%

Nutter Fort does not have any resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated utility and who resides outside the limits and who is affected by the change in said charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers who are affected by said change in charges who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812 , Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of Nutter Fort to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Nutter Fort, Nutter Fort, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.