

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
 AUTHORIZATION FORM  
 For Approval/Execution of Documents  
 (check which apply)

**Contract:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project No.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Project Description:** 2021 Tariff Amendment

**Item Description:**



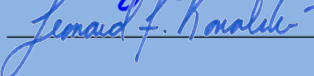

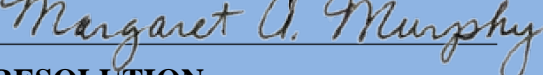
Agreement     Professional Service Contract     Amendment     Change Order  
 BCD     NYSDOT Agreement     Contract Documents     Addendum  
 Recommendation for Award of Contract     Recommendation to Reject Bids  
 Request for Proposals  
 Other Tariff Amendment

**Action Requested:**


Board Authorization to Execute     Legal Approval  
 Board Authorization to Award     Execution by the Chairman  
 Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids     Execution by the Secretary to the Authority  
 Board Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals  
 Other Adopt Tariff amendments

**Approvals Needed:**

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comptroller		Date: <u>11/10/2020</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Officer		Date: <u>11/5/2020</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Engineer		Date: <u>11/10/2020</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Administration	_____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Manager	_____	Date: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Financial Officer		Date: <u>11/05/2020</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal		Date: <u>11/05/2020</u>

**APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary to the Authority		Date: <u>11/10/20</u>
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**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_



# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2020

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
Mark S. Carney, Vice Chair  
Peggy A. LaGree, Treasurer

From: Karen A. Prendergast, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: January 1, 2021 Tariff Changes

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The following changes to the Erie County Water Authority Tariff are presented for your consideration at the November 19, 2020 board meeting:

- Section 1.17 – This section is obsolete and has been deleted. Accounts are now in the owner’s name only.
- Section 2.05 – This section is obsolete and has been deleted. The terms and conditions of Main Extension Contracts are contained in the contract and vary based on the nature of the extension.
- Section 6.13 – Shared meters are sometimes discovered in areas where we acquired water assets – the Authority does not install shared meters. This section was amended to reflect changes in allowable account ownership, and establish responsibility for payment of charges from shared meters.
- Section 11.05 – Amends the rules for billing in a submetering environment. Where the Authority bills a customer through a master meter, and the charges are subsequently rebilled through submetering, a provision has been added requiring the customer to identify any charges imposed in addition to water charges. The provision applying a multiple dwelling unit service charge is obsolete, and has been deleted.
- Section 13.01 – Establishes new volumetric rates and infrastructure investment charges for Small, Large, and Bulk Sale customers based on the budget adopted on October 27, 2020 effective January 1, 2021.
- Section 13.03 C – Updates the volumetric rate and minimum charge for hydrant meter consumption to the 2021 rate for Small metered customers.

- Section 14.05 – Removes the escalation of returned check fees. In the 2020 tariff amendment, provisions were made to section 9.13 which allows the Authority to suspend check acceptance from customers with more than 3 returned checks, making the escalation unnecessary.
- Section 14.07 – This section is obsolete and has been deleted. The Water Quality Laboratory stopped providing testing for a fee in 2010.
- Section 14.12 A – Standardizes service restoration charges regardless of the reason for termination.
- Section 14.16 – Service connection fees have not been increased since 2011. Payments to our contractors for connections are now higher, on average, than the tariff fee. This amendment adjusts for changes in our contract costs.

Miscellaneous grammar and formatting changes have also been made which are not summarized here. All recommended changes would be effective on January 1, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 1054 of our enabling legislation, adopted changes must be published in two newspapers with general circulation in Erie County and filed in the County Clerk's office. The Authority has been publishing changes in The Buffalo News and The Buffalo Law Journal and will continue to use those newspapers for the 2021 changes unless otherwise directed.

Changes are also sent to the Authority's Bond Trustee and each municipality in our service area, as well as posted on our website.

Please call or email me with any questions.

cc T. McCracken  
M. Murphy  
R. Stoll