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Notice of an Application By:

Big White Water Utility Ltd.

Proposing to Increase Rates Effective: May 1, 2025

Notice is hereby given that **Big White Water Utility Ltd.** has made application to the Comptroller of Water Rights for his/her consent to the filing under the provisions of the *Water Utility Act* and the *Utilities Commission Act* of rates and charges for service. A summary of the proposed rates is as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Flat Rate	\$1.75/Service Factor	\$4.38/Service Factor
Metered Rate	\$0.84/Cubic Meter	\$2.10/Cubic Meter
Contribution in Aid of Construction	\$555/Service Factor	\$1,249/Bed Unit

Rates shall be increased annually by 3.0% every June 1, starting 2025.

Big White Water Utility Ltd. has completed a comprehensive capital plan and asset management assessment in order to ensure quality, resiliency and efficiency. Rates were last updated in 2016 when a Replacement Reserve was created; however, have not otherwise been updated since 2003. During this time, many improvements and upgrades have been undertaken, including the construction and commissioning of the Powder Basin reservoir and water treatment plant.

The proposed increases are necessary in order for the utility to continue to provide quality, reliable service to all our customers. The increases ensure that ratepayers fund the rehabilitation and replacement of current works, and development will continue to fund the expansion and extension of the system, both held in a separate trust funds for these purposes.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at: **1894 Ambrosi Road, Kelowna** and/or online at: <https://bigwhiteutilities.com/>

Any person wishing further information in connection with the proposed rates or reasons for the proposed changes should contact:

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By direction of the Comptroller of Water Rights, comments, concerns and questions on the application are to be forwarded to Chris McMillan, Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights, PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1, or by email, Chris.McMillan@gov.bc.ca to be received on or before **April 18th, 2025**, with a **copy to Big White Water Utility Ltd.** As all submissions may be included as evidence, please ensure that a copy is provided to the Utility.

Information on the public hearing process can be found at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/private-water-utilities/water-utilities-information-bulletins>