

Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that the Municipality of Anchorage d/b/a Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) filed TA167-122, proposing to incorporate a Fire Sprinkler System Pressure Rebate Program in its tariff. AWWU is currently in the process of consolidating and simplifying water pressure zones in AWWU's service area, as was recommended in AWWU's 2012 Water Master Plan. As part of this process, AWWU is proposing to offer rebates for the retrofitting of fire sprinkler systems in specific parts of its service area.

With TA167-122, AWWU proposes a voluntary and limited rebate program to reimburse customers equipped with fire sprinkler systems that are rendered inadequate due to the pressure decrease associated with a pressure zone modification project in northeast Anchorage. The proposed tariff provisions provide that AWWU will contact potentially eligible customers and mail a rebate application and agreement with rebate rules and requirements. AWWU proposes that the maximum amount of the rebate will be determined on a per property basis and will be the lesser of: 1) actual expenses, without markup, for design and engineering for permitting, permit fees, inspection fees, labor, equipment, materials, contractors, and other costs directly related to the proposed retrofit, or 2) \$35,000 per property.

AWWU proposes that eligible expenses for the rebate will not include any amounts related to correction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of a customer's existing fire sprinkler system and ineligible expenses will be the responsibility of the customer. In addition, all fire sprinkler system retrofits agreed upon by AWWU and the customer installed as part of the rebate will be property of the customer and the customer will be responsible for maintenance and future improvements. AWWU also proposes that if a customer does not contact or coordinate with AWWU for fire system analysis by December 31, 2021, the customer's eligibility to participate in the rebate programs is at the discretion of AWWU's Utility Manager. Finally, AWWU proposes that eligible improvements must be completed, inspected, and proof of completion and payment within 45 days of completion of work and by December 31, 2022 to receive the rebate.

This notice does not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from those proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Heather Rafalko, Regulatory Affairs Manager for AWWU, at 3000 Arctic Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99503-3898; phone: (907) 786-5675. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office, at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222 or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing "TA167-122" in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., January 20, 2021, at the Commission address given above or via our website at:

<https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>

Please reference TA167-122 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with AWWU at its address given above. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or 1-800-770-8937, or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by January 13, 2021.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 21st day of December, 2020.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



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