



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider and adopt resolutions amending Rules and Regulations No. 1 and No. 7

BACKGROUND

Staff is presenting proposed updates to Rules and Regulations No. 1 and No. 7. The following proposed revisions are intended to clarify current requirements, update administrative provisions, and ensure the rules and regulations remain aligned with current operational and governance needs:

- Rules & Regulation #1 – Section VII (F) –Water Meter Location
- Rules & Regulation #1 – Section VII (B3) –Service to Empty Lots
- Rules & Regulation #7 – Section II (E2) –Fire Hydrant Construction Meters
- Rules & Regulation #7 – Section II (K1) –Total Construction Cost for new developments
- Rules & Regulation #7 –Definitions - adding Data Centers under Industrial Customers

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- None

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Infrastructure Performance

EVALUATION PROCESS

Staff reviewed the existing language in Rules and Regulations No. 1 and No. 7, identified sections requiring updates, and prepared revisions for Board consideration. The proposed changes were evaluated for consistency with current operational practices, administrative requirements, and applicable governing standards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion and action on the adoption of resolutions amending Rules and Regulations No. 1 and No. 7 with proposed changes to definitions and other necessary amendments.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- Rules and Regulations No. 1 redlined
- Rules and Regulations No. 7 redlined

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1

RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE FURNISHING AND CONTROL
OF WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICES
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF EL PASO BY
THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD BY VIRTUE OF ARTICLES 1111-1118M, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS, AND ORDINANCE 752, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS ON MAY 22, 1952; AS AMENDED, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR THE FURNISHING AND CONTROL OF WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF EL PASO ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND SHALL SUPERSEDE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED FOR WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EL PASO. (KNOWN AS RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1).

THAT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1 GOVERNING THE FURNISHING OF WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE ARE HEREBY AMENDED BY ADOPTION OF NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, WHICH SUPERSEDE AND REPLACE THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, AND WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I GENERAL

A. TABLE OF CONTENTS

The following headings or captions ~~f~~ are adopted as the Table of Contents for Public Service Board Rules and Regulations No. 1.

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B. DEFINITIONS

Backflow:

The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable supply of water from any sources other than its intended source.

Backflow Prevention Assembly(ies):

An assembly that has been manufactured in full compliance with the American Water Works Association ("AWWA") Standards C510 and C511 and is listed by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California. Approved assemblies shall include an air gap, a reduced pressure assembly, a reduced pressure principle detector assembly, a double check assembly, and a pressure vacuum breaker, each of which is designed for a specific application, and any of which serve to protect the public water supply from contamination originating at the Customer's premises.

Back Siphonage:

Back Siphonage is the condition where negative pressure in a potable water pipe induces Backflow through a Cross Connection.

Certified Backflow Prevention Technician:

A person who is certified by TCEQ to test, repair, and maintain Backflow Prevention Assemblies within

the jurisdictional limits of the City of El Paso after having successfully completed a training course on cross connection control and Backflow prevention approved by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Charges:

As applied herein, the fees charged for services by the Utility not included in the monthly minimum charge and commodity usage charges.

Corporate Limits (City Limits):

The boundary line denoting the extent of land included within the legally incorporated limits of the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

Cross Connection(s):

Any connection or arrangement, physical or otherwise, between a potable water supply or device, through which it may be possible for non-potable, used, unclean, polluted or contaminated water or other substances, to enter into any part of such potable water system under any condition, including reduced or negative pressure.

Cross-Connection Control Program and Associated Fees:

An EPWU managed program whereby Backflow Prevention Assemblies are tested upon installation and at least annually thereafter. The fees associated with this program are called out and described in Rule and Regulations No.7.

Cross-Connection Control Program Manager:

A person designated by El Paso Water Utilities to administer and enforce the Cross-Connection Control Program.

Customer Responsibilities:

Those implementing actions and procedures under the Cross Connection Control Program for which the Customer is responsible and for which the Customer must either initiate action or cooperate fully with the EPWU in its fulfillment of that program.

Customer(s):

An individual water and/or sewer user or users who are included in the Utility's billing files.

Dedicated Right(s)-of Way:

The land (real estate) which has been dedicated, accepted and filed with the City of El Paso and/or the County of El Paso to be held in the public domain for use as a public right-of-way for access.

EPWater:

See definition of Utility below.

EPWU:

See definition of Utility below.

Fort Bliss Military Reservation:

Shall mean all lands held by the Federal Government for their use at Fort Bliss, Biggs Field, White Sands Missile Range or testing grounds.

Line Extension(s):

The water and/or sewer line which is required to be connected to the existing water/sewer system to provide Water Service and/or Sewer Service to a property, including piping installed in a Dedicated Right-of-Way which is contiguous or non-contiguous to a property.

Off-Site Facilities:

The water and/or sewer facilities required to provide service to a property, not including the water and/or sewer main located in the public Dedicated Rights-of-Way immediately contiguous to the property line of the property. Off-Site Facilities may include pipes, valves, reservoirs, pump stations or lift stations. In the content of these Rules and Regulations No. 1, Off-Site Facilities do not include wells, water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, administrative facilities, laboratories or master plan facilities.

Panhandle Lot(s):

A lot, because of inherent limitation, lacking frontage except for access provided by way of a narrow projection of the lot to the street.

Properties:

An occupied or vacant parcel of land (real estate) platted and filed on the City/County Tax Rolls.

PSB:

Public Service Board. The Board of Trustees created by Ordinance 752, which is the governing body that has the complete authority and control of the management and operation of EPWU (Utility).

Sewer Service:

A property is deemed to have Sewer Service available if a qualifying sewer collector line is in place in the public right-of-way, PSB or utility easements adjacent and contiguous to the property.

Sewer Service Lateral(s) - Customer:

The pipes, fittings and appurtenances within the property connected to the Sewer Service Lateral – EPWU or to the Utility's sewer collector lines located within PSB or utility easements. This Lateral allows the Customer's Wastewater (sewage) to drain (or be pumped, if necessary) from the Sewer Service Lateral – Customer into the Sewer Service Lateral – EPWU or into the Utility's Wastewater collection and treatment (sewer) system.

Sewer Service Lateral(s) - EPWU:

The pipes, fittings and appurtenances connected to the Utility's sewer collector line and extending within the public Dedicated Rights-of-Way up to the clean out or property line. This lateral allows the Customer's Wastewater (sewage) from the Sewer Service Lateral-Customer to drain (or be pumped, if necessary) into the Utility's Wastewater collection and treatment (sewer) system.

Sewer Service Tap:

The connection point at which the Sewer Service Lateral – Customer or Sewer Service Lateral - EPWU connects to the public main line.

Subdivision(s):

Subdivision(s) shall be defined as provided in Chapter 1904.020 of the El Paso Municipal Code.

Utility:

EPWU, EPWater or El Paso Water Utilities, as used herein means El Paso Water Utilities, the City of El Paso's publicly owned water and sewer agency located in and serving the people of El Paso County, Texas.

Wastewater (Sewage):

Water which has been used for domestic, commercial or industrial purposes and has acquired contaminants which must be removed by wastewater treatment processes prior to the return to or reuse of treated wastewater in the environment.

Water Meter(s):

The mechanical device, including appurtenances which totalizes the volume of water flowing through a water service connection.

Water Right(s) (Surface, Underground):

The legal right in accordance with Texas statutes to divert, use or consume water flowing to, over, or under a property. A Water Right is a real property right that may be apportioned to the land where the water is used and includes irrigation rights.

Water Service:

A property is deemed to have water service available if a qualifying water main is in place in the public right-of-way, PSB or utility easement adjacent and contiguous to the property.

Water Service Lateral(s) - Customer:

That point in the Customer's water supply system beyond the sanitary control of the El Paso Water Utilities, generally considered to be the outlet end of the water meter box or the bonnet box (fire lines).

Water Service Lateral(s) - EPWU:

The pipes, fittings, valves, meters and appurtenances which are connected to the water main in the street and extending to, or beyond, the property line of a Customer. The installation of all Water Service Laterals - EPWU will be performed by the Utility or at the direction of the Utility and all such connections shall be inspected by qualified Utility personnel.

C. NEUTRAL GENDER

When the context requires, all nouns and pronouns in the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender.

SECTION II CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

A. GENERAL

1. Purpose

In recognition of the fact that the water and wastewater system of El Paso Water Utilities is owned by the citizens of El Paso and is operated for the benefit of these citizens as a publicly-owned utility; that the rates and Charges to each Customer should be related to the benefits received and to the cost of service; that the furnishing of new and/or enlarged Water Service Laterals-EPWU and/or Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU imposes an excessive cost on the operating revenue of EPWU; and the fact that these expenses, if added to the Water Service and/or Sewer Service rates, as such, would increase the cost of service to the existing users out of proportion to any benefits they would receive; therefore, in order to provide a reasonable division of these additional expenses between the existing Customers and the new Customers, these Rules and Regulations No. 1 for new services within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso are adopted. (See Rules and Regulations No. 11 for service outside the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso.)

2. Water Rights

The PSB, through the Utility, and in accordance with these Rules and Regulations No. 1, assumes the responsibility of providing water to properties in its service area while simultaneously seeking to protect and conserve the water supply of the City of El Paso. To further such protection and conservation goals, Water Service will only be provided to properties where the underground and surface Water Rights are either owned solely by the current owner of the property or are owned by the PSB. Water Service will not be provided to a property if the underground and/or surface Water Rights have been sold or transferred to a third party other than the PSB. Water Service will be discontinued in the event a property's underground and/or surface Water Rights are sold or transferred to a third party other than the PSB. Further, Water Service will not be provided to a property, or will be discontinued, if the PSB determines that underground and/or surface Water Rights are used in a manner that does not promote protection and conservation of the water supply.

3. Cost Allocation

As a part of this regulation, the Utility may require, on any Line Extensions or additions to its system which require expenditures of operating revenue that are not justified on the basis of the anticipated revenue or which are speculative in nature and primarily beneficial to a certain party or parties, sufficient Charges or deposits of whatever nature the Utility may deem necessary and which may be legally assessed to assure that the costs are assumed by the apparently benefitted parties and not by the general water users of the City of El Paso.

4. Service Requirements

It is the intent of these Rules and Regulations No. 1 that Water Service and Sewer Service be provided only to property that is within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso or within the Fort Bliss Military Reservation except as permitted and limited by Rules and Regulations No. 11. For the purpose of this Rules and Regulations No. 1, property shall be considered as being within the Corporate Limits or the City of El Paso and eligible for Water Service and/or Sewer Service if it is located and improved in such a manner that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a. The property is totally or partially within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso.
- b. A portion of the property abuts on a Dedicated Right-of-Way that is within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso and said Dedicated Right-of-Way provides vehicular access to the property.
- c. The main building or buildings to be served with Water Service and/or Sewer Service are located in such a manner that all or part of such buildings are within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso and are included on the tax rolls of the City of El Paso or will be upon completion of construction of such buildings.
- d. The condition of the property must comply with the City of El Paso Subdivision Ordinance, as it now reads or may be amended, and all applicable local, state and federal laws.
- e. Panhandle Lots shall not be eligible for Water Service and/or Sewer Service unless they meet the following criteria:
 - * All Panhandle Lot developments shall be properly subdivided in accordance with the City of El Paso subdivision ordinance.
 - * Water Service and/or Sewer Service shall be provided at the property line adjacent to the public Dedicated Right-of-Way. Extension of service to each dwelling unit shall be the responsibility of the Customer. The Line Extensions of water and sewer mains through the panhandle easement shall not be permitted.

B. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The owner of the property or other person desiring Water Service and/or Sewer Service from the Utility water and sewer system shall provide the Utility with a complete legal description of all property on which buildings and/or other improvements are proposed to be located that require Water Service and/or Sewer Service. This property description shall become a part of the application for service and shall be used in calculating the Charges as provided in Rules and Regulations No. 7. No Water Service and/or Sewer Service shall be extended to any property other than that which was identified by the owner or applicant for service at the time such service was initially provided. Extending Water Service and/or Sewer Service directly or indirectly to property other than that originally identified in the application for service is a violation of these rules and regulations and shall be cause for discontinuance of service in accordance with Section IX. No Water service and/or Sewer Service shall extend through property owned or intended to be sold and consequently owned by different individuals or entities prior to connecting to an EPWU water and/or sanitary sewer main; unless previously discussed and approved by the EPWU.

SECTION III SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

These Rules and Regulations are part of the other Rules and Regulations of the PSB and persons accepting service agree to comply with the appropriate provisions and conditions of all of the Rules and Regulations. If any provision, paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these Rules and Regulations No. 1 or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of these Rules and Regulations No. 1. The remaining provisions, paragraphs, words or sections shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION IV RIGHT OF APPEAL

The Customer may appeal in writing any ruling or action of the Utility or its agents to the PSB in accordance with the procedures established in Rules and Regulations No. 8. Any Customer who does not appeal such a ruling or action in accordance with these procedures within 60 days of the date of the issuance of the ruling or action shall waive any right to contest such action or ruling. The PSB, at its own discretion, may affirm, modify, limit or condition the ruling of the Utility or may defer final decision on the appeal to allow the person to seek a variance if available, in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 8.

SECTION V PROTECTION OF WATER SUPPLY

A. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Customer is responsible for preventing contaminants or pollutants originating on the Customer's premises from entering the public water supply as well as the Customer's water system. The Customer's responsibility begins at each Water Service Lateral-Customer and extends throughout the entire length of the water system within the premises. Premises is defined as any and all areas on a Customer's property that is served, or has the potential to be served, by the Utility.

The Customer is responsible for the expenses incurred for the proper installation, relocation, repair, testing and maintenance of approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies in accordance with the EPWU's Cross-Connection Control Manual of Procedures. The Customer shall be responsible for the initial and annual testing of such assemblies, coordination and cooperation with the Utility's Cross-Connection Control Program Manager, and for retention of records. Records of Backflow prevention equipment tests, inspections, and repairs shall be retained for three years.

Backflow Prevention Assemblies shall be protected from freezing and vandalism by a method acceptable to the Utility's Cross-Connection Control Program Manager. Design of such enclosures, their installation and maintenance shall comply with OSHA 29 CFR, Part 1910.146 "Confined Spaces"; shall provide for adequate drainage from testing, flushing or relief valve discharges; and, shall be maintained so that assemblies are safely and readily accessible for testing, maintenance and repairs.

The Customer shall be responsible for the cost of the Backflow Prevention Assembly, thermal expansion device, freeze protection, initial and annual testing, maintenance and record keeping.

The failure of the Customer to install such a Backflow Prevention Assembly after notice by the Utility shall be a basis for discontinuance of service.

B. CONFORMING WITH CODES

Each Customer shall comply with this Rules and Regulations No. 1, the City of El Paso Plumbing Code and the regulations of the Texas State Department of Health, the rules and regulations of the TCEQ, and all other applicable laws. Each Customer shall permit inspection at any reasonable hour by the City Plumbing Inspector, the City of El Paso representative, County of El Paso representative, the Cross-Connection Control Program Manager, a Water Conservation Enforcement Officer or Technician, Pretreatment Inspectors or any official employee or representative of the Utility. The purpose of this inspection is to determine whether physical facilities exist on the premises of the user that are a hazard or may create a hazard to the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of El Paso through possible contamination of the water supply by Cross Connections, Back Siphonage, excessive leaks or other means or which constitute a threat to the water supply or other conditions or activities prohibited by the mandatory water conservation ordinance of the City of El Paso, Chapter 15.13 of the El Paso Municipal Code.

The horizontal separation between a Water Service line and a sanitary Sewer Service line between the property line to the water or sanitary sewer main shall be 5 feet of undisturbed or compacted earth or as outlined in the City of El Paso's Plumbing Code. Water and/or sanitary service lines are not allowed to be constructed within and parallel to the public Dedicated Right -of-Way or easement; only perpendicular extensions to the public Dedicated Right -of-Way or easement of Water Service and/or Sewer Service are allowed.

C. EQUIPMENT

An air gap or reduced pressure Backflow Prevention Assembly shall be approved for all installations. In addition, a reduced pressure principle detector assembly shall be approved for fire lines; a pressure vacuum breaker shall be approved for irrigation systems; and a double check assembly shall be approved for special applications by the Cross-Connection Control Program Manager.

All air gaps, reduced pressure Backflow Prevention Assemblies, reduced pressure principle detector assemblies, pressure vacuum breaker, and double check assemblies shall be constructed within the Dedicated Right- of-Way or outside the public Dedicated Right-of-Way perpendicular to the public water main, adjacent and as close to the Water Meter, fire line and/or stand pipe as possible so that a clear line of sight can be established between the public water main, Water Meter, fire line and/or stand pipe and the Backflow Prevention Assembly, unless approved by EPWater's Cross- Connection Control Manager.

D. PROTECTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY

In each instance listed below the Customer will aid the system in protecting other users by either accepting delivery of water through an acceptable and approved air gap device or through an acceptable Backflow Prevention Assembly:

1. Premises having their own well or any water supply not furnished by EPWater;
2. Premises that are partially or totally outside the State of Texas;
3. Premises including sewage treatment and/or sewage pumping;
4. Premises where bulk chemicals, hazardous chemicals, extremely toxic substances and/or radioactive materials are manufactured, processed, used or stored, also including any school, university or college facility with a chemistry, medical, or biology laboratory;
5. Premises with any process listed in 40 C.F.R. § 403 such as electroplating, metal finishing, metal molding and casting;
6. Premises where medical and/or dental surgical procedures are or could potentially be performed, including but not limited to, all hospitals, medical laboratories, rehabilitation hospitals, cancer treatment facilities, clinics, dentist offices, nursing homes, veterinary offices or clinics, or facilities where animals are groomed;
7. Premises where synthetic organic chemicals, oils, gases or other substances of petroleum origin are produced, processed, developed, refined, stored in bulk and/or transmitted via pipeline or truck;
8. Car washes;
9. Premises where food is processed, including but not limited to, dairies, milk processing, nut roasting plants, beverage processing, beverage bottling, breweries;
10. Premises where textiles or clothing are industrially or commercially laundered or finished using wet processes or dry cleaning;
11. Premises where ready-mix concrete is prepared, sand and gravel operations;
12. Pharmacies;
13. Radiator shops;
14. Greenhouses;
15. Leased space, including warehouses, malls, and strip shopping centers;
16. Premises where photographic or x-ray film is processed;

17. Premises which are connected to Reclaimed Water Service, as defined in Rules and Regulations No.7;
18. All fire lines and fire protection systems except as noted in Section F;
19. Non-residential yard meters or landscape irrigation systems;
20. Mortuaries, morgues, animal processing and taxidermy facilities;
21. Premises with more than one interconnected connection to the EPWU potable water system, buildings with two stories or more, facilities with complex piping or where inspection is restricted;
22. Temporary service connections, including but not limited to, construction water service points, fire hydrants, truck filling points; and,
23. Premises, in addition to the foregoing, where uncontrolled Cross Connection and/or an actual or potential condition exists that might, directly or indirectly, cause contamination of the public water supply or pose a danger to human health or safety of the environment without an air gap separation between the drinking water supply and the source of potential contamination.

E. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

In the event a system hazardous Cross Connection is determined to exist by EPWater personnel, water service to the premises shall be immediately terminated. Service shall be restored when the system hazard has been controlled or eliminated. The Utility reserves the right to install Backflow Prevention Assemblies in emergency situations where there is an imminent threat to the public water supply, and to charge the Customer the costs of such services as part of its monthly billing for service.

In the event no system hazards exist, but potential Cross Connections require containment control, the Utility shall give the Customer written notice to comply. The Customer shall submit a design and a plan for implementation to the Cross-Connection Control Program Manager within **45 Days** of the date of the written notice. The Customer shall have an additional **45 Days** from the date of the Program Manager's approval to have the Backflow Prevention Assembly installed, tested, and inspected. The Utility reserves the right to terminate Water Service to the premises for Customer's failure, refusal or inability to have the Backflow Prevention Assembly installed, tested, and inspected and to continue such termination until compliance has been achieved.

F. FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Fire protection systems begin at the Water Service Lateral-Customer and include sprinklers, hose connections, hydrants, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, pumps, distribution pipes, and other appurtenances within a premises that are owned, operated and maintained by the Customer for the purposes of fire suppression. All existing and new fire protection systems shall have an approved Backflow Prevention Assembly at the water service connection except under the following circumstances: *Fire protection systems with no reservoirs, no fire pumper connections, no connections from auxiliary water systems, no antifreeze or other additives, and with all sprinkler drains discharging through an approved air gap, constructed with acceptable potable water piping materials conforming to ANSI/NSF Standard 61 and certified by an organization accredited by ANSI, except as otherwise required by these Rules and Regulations.*

G. CHANGE IN WATER OR BUILDING USE

In cases where a Backflow Prevention Assembly exists, and where the water use or building use has changed such that a Backflow Prevention Assembly is no longer required, the Customer may request an exemption from annual testing.

SECTION VI PROTECTION OF SEWER SYSTEM

NOTE: This Section was repealed and replaced by the adoption of Rules and Regulations No. 9, approved by the PSB on June 13, 1990, as amended.

SECTION VII CUSTOMER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. SERVICE SIZE

The Customer shall determine the size of Water Service Lateral-EPWU and the size and number of Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU he may need, subject to payment of the rates and Charges as provided in Rules and Regulations No. 7, within the limitations of these regulations, provided, however, that a single-family dwelling unit having a gross lot area of 10,000 square feet or less shall not be permitted a Water Service Lateral-EPWU larger than 3/4 inches. Each property or developable unit shall have a separate Water Meter and separate Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU. In no instance shall two Properties owned by different individuals or entities and/or Properties separated by a Dedicated Right-of-Way be served by one Water Meter or by one sewer connection. A single platted lot with single ownership but having multi-family residential housing may have a single service which shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

B. EXTENSION AND CONNECTION CHARGES

Once Line Extension Charges have been paid, the right to the allowable service connection shall be vested in the property, whether used or not. However, should a service connection remain inactive for two years or more, the service connection may, at the sole discretion of the Utility, be vacated, locked and/or removed. If the property owner requests the removal of a water connection a \$2,100 fee each plus other applicable Charges as described in Rules and Regulations No. 7 will be due from the property owner. Re-installation shall require a new application and new service connection charge which shall be paid as stipulated in Rules and Regulations No. 7. This is applicable for services removed by the Utility or at the request of the Customer.

C. CUSTOMER FURNISHED EQUIPMENT

1. The Customer shall be responsible for the furnishing, cost, and installation of the Water Service Laterals-Customer (domestic, irrigation/yard and stand pipe) from the meter into the property and for the furnishing and installation of a fire line service from the bonnet box located in the parkway, sidewalk or easement to the building, for the furnishing and installation of the approved Backflow Prevention Assembly (with meter for fire lines) and protective enclosures required for domestic, irrigation/yard, fire lines and stand pipes, for all equipment for the control and utilization of these services located past the meter or bonnet box, and within the property and for maintaining such lines and equipment in good, serviceable, and safe condition.
2. The Customer shall be responsible for the furnishing, cost, and installation of new or relocating public fire hydrants.
3. The Customer shall be responsible for the furnishing, cost, and installation of the Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU and Sewer Service Lateral-Customer from the tap at the sewer main or manhole into the property and within the property, and to include all equipment for the control and utilization of these services and for maintaining, repairing and equipment such Sewer Service Laterals-Customer in good, serviceable, and safe condition. Sewer Service Taps shall be installed or inspected by qualified Utility personnel.
4. The Customer shall be responsible for the furnishing, cost, and installation of new sewer manholes if required for Sewer Service.
5. The Customer shall not extend water or sewer lines to furnish such service to properties other than that on which Charges provided herein Rules and Regulation No. 7 have been paid.

D. WATER SERVICE CONDITIONS

The Customer agrees to accept such conditions of water pressure or service as may from time to time exist and to hold the Utility, the City of El Paso and/or its PSB harmless on account of damage caused by low or high pressure, fluctuations of pressure or interruptions or curtailment of service. Where the static water pressure at the meter exceeds 80 pounds per square inch, the Customer should, for his own protection and at his own expense, install a pressure regulator, strainer and relief valve, to be set for pressure as desired by the Customer.

E. SEWER SERVICE CONDITIONS

The Customer shall agree to accept the elevation and location of all sewers as laid by the Utility and will, where

necessary, install and operate on his own premises and at his own expense, all necessary sewage lifting equipment or backup protective devices. Customers having drain or fixture outlets into the house connections which are at an elevation that is lower than the top of the nearest downstream sanitary sewer manhole shall protect their premises from possible backup of sewage by the installation of Backflow or other devices to prevent sewage backing up and flowing out of such outlets. Such Customers agree to accept responsibility for any damages caused by a sewage backup where the Customer has failed to install devices to prevent such sewage backing up and agrees to hold the City of El Paso, the Utility and/or the PSB harmless for any damage caused by such a sewage backup.

In areas where vacuum sewer lines are installed, service valve boxes are required for service. As a condition of service, the service boxes may be required to be located on the Customer's premises in an area determined by the Utility to be accessible at all times for inspection, testing and maintenance. One service box may serve two or more Properties. The service box may be set on the property line between adjoining served Properties or on any of the served Properties. The Customer shall maintain the surrounding property in a manner that protects the service box from damage and assures that it is clearly visible. The Customer shall immediately report any defect or damage he/she observes in the service box to the Utility. Application by the Customer for service shall be deemed as permission for the Utility to set the service box on his/her property. No rent or other charge shall be assessed or imposed by the Customer on the PSB or the Utility for placing the service box, service lines or other equipment upon the Customer's premises.

F. WATER METER LOCATION

When a location for the Water Meter box outside the property line is not practical, the Water Meter box shall be located on the Customer's premises near the point where the service pipe crosses the property line and/or easement and where the meter will be accessible at all times for inspection, testing and reading and the Customer shall maintain the surrounding property in a manner that protects the meter from damage and assures that it is clearly visible. The Customer shall immediately report any defect he/she observes in the meter to the Utility. Application by the Customer for service shall be deemed as permission for the Utility to set the meter box on his/her property, if necessary. If the meter box is set on the Customer's property, Customer is required to provide and record an appropriately sized exclusive easement, at no cost to the Utility, granting EPWater the right to install, access, operate, inspect, repair, maintain and replace the meter box and related appurtenances. No rent or other charge shall be assessed or imposed by the Customer on the PSB or Utility for placing the meter box, service pipe or other equipment upon the Customer's premises.

G. CUSTOMER FACILITIES

The Utility does not assume the responsibility of inspecting any part of the Customer's installation of water or sewer facilities. The Customer shall be solely responsible for the costs of installing and maintaining any such facilities. The Utility has the right to inspect all Backflow Prevention Assemblies at the costs described in Rules and Regulations No. 7.

H. DAMAGE TO CUSTOMER

The City of El Paso and/or EPWU shall not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by the improper installation, condition or use of the Customer's equipment or by any negligence or wrongful act of the Customer or his agents, employees or licensees.

I. DAMAGE TO UTILITY

Any damage to equipment belonging to the Utility caused by the negligence or wrongful act of the Customer or his agent, employee or licensee shall be paid by the Customer upon presentation of a bill therefore. Non-payment of such Charges shall be grounds for disconnection of service.

J. SERVICE SIZE GUIDE

As a guide in the selection of the size service, the Customer may consider that a service connection will deliver the following amount when discharging to atmosphere at the Customer side of the meter:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons Per Minute Demand</u>
<u>5/8 X 3/4"</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>1"</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>1 1/2"</u>	<u>75</u>

2"	120
3"	240
4"	375
6"	750
8"	1400
10"	2000

DIGITAL METERS

MECHANICAL METERS

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons per Minute</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons per Minute</u>
5/8 X3/4 "	25	5/8 X3/4 "	15
1"	55	1"	37
1 1/2"	120	1 1/2"	75
2"	160	2"	120
3"	350	3"	240
4"	700	4"	375
6"	1600	6"	750
8"	2800	8"	1400
10"	4500	10"	2000

This amount should be adjusted downward with an adequate allowance made by the Customer for pressure drop caused by the Customers piping system. The Customer understands and agrees that the above table constitutes an estimate of the amount to be delivered and that neither the PSB or the Utility shall be responsible for any failure to deliver the estimated capacity shown on the above table.

SECTION VIII DESIGN AND OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES

A. OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP

The Utility shall design, operate and maintain all of its water and sewer facilities with due regard to present and future requirements of capacity, system operation and efficiency and anticipated life of such improvements. Ownership and/or title to all such facilities shall remain in the El Paso Water Utilities, City of El Paso, Texas, acting by and through its PSB upon completion of the construction of such facilities and upon the incorporation of such facilities into the operating system.

B. UTILITY FURNISHED EQUIPMENT

1. The Utility will furnish, install and maintain all meters and all pipes, equipment and materials connecting the Water Meters, fire lines and stand pipes with the main as required by the Water Service Connection Charge as provided in Rules and Regulations No. 7. Responsibility and ownership to all such installations shall remain in the El Paso Water Utilities, City of El Paso, Texas, acting by and through its Public Service Board.
2. The Responsibility and ownership to the Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU within the public Dedicated Rights-of-Way shall remain in the El Paso Water Utilities, City of El Paso, Texas, acting by and through its PSB. The Utility is responsible for the repair of the Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU.
3. When ~~the Utility~~, the City of El Paso or the County of El Paso ~~is replacing water and sewer mains, installing new public water and sewer mains, or reconstructing or resurfacing of~~ streets, the Utility will furnish and install Water Service Laterals-EPWU and Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU to vacant or undeveloped residential Properties or parcels if the Customer, who is the property owner, requests the installation of Water Service Laterals-EPWU and Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU within two years of the City of El Paso

~~or the County of El Paso reconstruction or resurfacing the street. The Water Service Laterals-EPWU and Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU will be installed ahead of pavement.~~ The Customer will be required to use the furnished and installed Water Service Laterals-EPWU and Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU and comply and be responsible for Charges described in Rules & Regulations No. 7 for future development. ~~The Customer will not be provided additional Water Service Laterals-EPWU and Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU to the reference Properties or parcels until 5 years have passed from the installation of the pavement or unless an exception granted by the Utility.~~

C. RIGHT TO OPERATE

The Utility shall have sole right to connect or disconnect the Customer's service with the water and/or sewer main; to install, remove or reset meters; and to operate water main valves and appurtenances. No person, other than a duly authorized representative of the Utility, shall in any way interfere with or operate any of the facilities of the water and wastewater system.

D. LINE LOCATION

Water Line Extensions shall be located on the north and east sides and sewer Line Extensions on the south and west sides of Dedicated Rights-of-Way, provided, however, the Utility may designate another location, if such locations are unavailable or if in the interest of operation, efficiency, or maintenance of the water and wastewater system. Under no circumstances shall any structure be placed over or around any water or sewer main Line Extension unless prior provision is made for ready and easy access to any and all parts of such Line Extension.

E. FIRE HYDRANTS

Public fire hydrants shall be installed only along opened dedicated public Dedicated Rights-of-Way, PSB or utility easements and/or as approved by the Utility in coordination with the City of El Paso Fire Department.

F. RIGHT-OF-WAY

Before water and/or sewer Line Extensions, being financed in whole or in part by Utility funds, are made in public Dedicated Rights-of-Way shall be legally dedicated and brought to within six (6) inches of the finished grade as approved by the City of El Paso. The Utility will not place meters or services on the outside of the curb line on any existing or newly constructed streets unless the grading on the outside, which is the property side of the curb, is within four (4) inches of finished grade for a distance of ten (10) feet from the property side of the curb.

It is the intent of the Utility to construct sewer mains in public Dedicated Rights-of-Way. Conditions under which water and sewer mains may be allowed in easements are discussed in Rules and Regulations No. 7, Sections II(J) and III(H)

G. CONDITIONAL SERVICES

When service is required to a property within the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso that is not adjacent to a water main and/or a sewer line from which adequate service can be provided and when, in the opinion of the Utility, it is not feasible to construct a main that would provide adequate service, the Utility may grant permission to the Customer to take conditional service at the nearest existing adequate main. The Customer shall pay the appropriate Charges as provided in Rules and Regulations No. 7, computed as though the main were adjacent to the property. The Customer shall pay all cost of installation and maintenance of a pipeline from the Water Meter and/or sewer connection to this property and shall assume all responsibility and liability therefore as well as the payment of all costs and damages growing out of the installation, operation or failure of this pipeline. Such a connection and pipeline shall be installed and used as a temporary arrangement only. At such time as an adequate main may be installed adjacent to the property and on written demand of the Utility, the Customer will have installed a regular service at his expense, will discontinue the use of the temporary connection and pipeline and will pay the Utility the appropriate Charges for a regular service.

H. RESTRICTED WATER SYSTEM DESIGNS

Pressurized water systems or hydro-pneumatic water systems are not allowed. Private water systems are not allowed.

I. RESTRICTED SEWER SYSTEM DESIGNS

Grinder pump or low-pressure sewer systems are not allowed. Private sewer collection systems are not allowed.

SECTION IX DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

The Utility shall have the right, with notice to the Customer, to discontinue the Water Service and/or Sewer Service and to apply any of the Customer's Water Service Guarantee or Deposit to amounts owed the Utility for non-payment of service Charges; for the excessive waste of water; for failure to comply with the mandatory water conservation ordinance for the City of El Paso; for violation of any provision of Rules and Regulations No. 9 (Pretreatment Regulations) for the violation of any of the City of El Paso's Plumbing Code; for the piping of service along or across streets, alleys, or to the property of others without the prior written consent of the Utility; for using a service without applying for and signing the proper service contract; for supplying service to property other than that which was identified by the owner or applicant for service at the time such service was initially provided; for violation of the provisions relating to service outside of the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso, Texas as set out in Rules and Regulations No. 11; for furnishing false or erroneous information in any application for service; when any existing Water Service and/or Sewer Service shall become inactive; for the failure to install a mechanical Backflow prevention device when required; or for the violation of any provision of these Rules and Regulations No. 1 or any other lawful rule or regulation of the Utility or the City of El Paso or for any other action which interferes with the water service of other Customers or which creates a danger of contamination to the water system. Provided, however, the Utility shall have the authority to immediately discontinue the Customer's meter or Sewer Service without notice should any violation of these rules and regulations cause an immediate threat to the public health or safety or the environment. Such service shall remain discontinued until all errors are rectified and/or violations have ceased.

SECTION X SAVINGS

These rules and regulations are a part of the other rules and regulations of the PSB and, save and except as amended hereby, the remaining provisions of the PSB's rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION XI EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules and regulations shall be and become effective from and after their adoption hereby and shall remain in effect until amended or changed by the PSB.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 1992, by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTIONS I(B), II(A)(5), II(A)(6), V(A), V(B), V(C), VII(C), VII(G), VII(K), VIII(A), and VIII(B), ADDED or MODIFIED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 1996.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VII(C), REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 1997.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VII(E), REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 1999.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTIONS I(B), II(A), V, and VII(K), ADDED, DELETED, or MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2002.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION V(D), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25TH day of January 2006, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION V(A), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17TH day of December 2009, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VIII (H) and (I), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8TH day of September 2010, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION V (B), (C), (D)22, SECTION VII (B), (C), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11TH day of December 2013, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION V (B), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December 2014, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso,

Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VII (B), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2019, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VII (F), ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2020, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION IX, ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2021, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION I (A, B), SECTION II (A, B), SECTION III, SECTION IV, SECTION V (A, B, C, D, E, F, G), SECTION VI, SECTION VII (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J), SECTION VIII (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I), SECTION IX, SECTION X, SECTION XI ADDED, MODIFIED, REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2022, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION I (B), SECTION II (A)(4)(e), VII (B), REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2024, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 1, SECTION VII (F, J), SECTION VIII (B)(3), REVISED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2026, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

~~Charlie Intebi~~Stefanie Block, Secretary-Treasurer

Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7

RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING VARIOUS DEPOSITS AND CHARGES FOR FURNISHING OF WATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND/OR SEWER SERVICE BY THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD BY VIRTUE OF ARTICLES 1111-1118M, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS, AND ORDINANCE 752, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS ON MAY 22, 1952; AS AMENDED, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, THAT THE FOLLOWING DEPOSITS AND CHARGES FOR WATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND/OR SEWER SERVICE ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL DEPOSITS AND CHARGES PREVIOUSLY SET: (KNOWN AS RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7).

SECTION I GENERAL

Notwithstanding anything in this Rule to the contrary, this Rule shall not be construed to affect voluntary annexation agreements made pursuant to the laws of the state of Texas.

A. TABLE OF CONTENTS

The headings or captions on the following page are adopted as the Table of Contents for Public Service Board Rules and Regulations No. 7.

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B. DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules and regulations the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Backflow:

The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable supply of water from any sources other than its intended source.

Backflow Prevention Assembly(ies):

An assembly that has been manufactured in full compliance with the American Water Works Association ("AWWA") Standards C510 and C511 and is listed by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California. Approved assemblies shall include an air gap, a reduced pressure assembly, a reduced pressure principle detector assembly, a double check assembly, and a pressure vacuum breaker, each of which is designed for a specific application, and any of which serve to protect the public water supply from contamination originating at the Customer's premises.

Back Siphonage:

Back Siphonage is the conditions where negative pressure in a Potable Water pipe induces Backflow through a Cross Connection.

Boundary lines:

A water or sewer pipeline located in a dedicated public right of way which fronts on property held by different ownership on opposite sides of the right of way.

Charges:

As applied herein, the fees charged for services by the Utility are not included in the monthly connection charge and commodity charge.

Commercial:

Any property that is not Residential and not classified as Industrial. This may include, but not limited to: Apartment complexes, mobile home parks, offices, buildings intended to accommodate commerce, services and places of employment, construction accounts, etc.

Construction Water:

Water supplied by the Utility through a temporary metered service.

Cross Connection:

Any connection or arrangement, physical or otherwise, between a Potable Water supply or device, through which it may be possible for non-potable, used, unclean, polluted, or contaminated water or other substances, to enter into any part of such Potable Water system under any condition, including reduced or negative pressure.

CCN:

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to a Utility or water supply and/or Sewer Service corporation, as those terms are defined in the Texas Water Code, as to prerequisite to render retail water and/or Sewer Service directly to the public.

Customer(s):

An individual water and/or sewer user or users who are included in the Utility billing files.

Deposit:

A one-time payment made at the time of application for service to be held without interest to guarantee payment of charges.

Developer: a person, entity, or governmental entity undertaking the platting, division, or improvement of land that require the provision of water and sewer services. The term "Developer" is intended to include the terms "subdivider".

EPWater: See the definition of Utility below.

EPWU: See the definition of Utility below.

Friction Loss:

Water pressure (or flow generating energy) lost by water flowing in a conduit (pipe) as the result of drag producing disturbances between the moving water molecules and the pipe walls.

Frontage:

The length of the boundary of a parcel of land, a lot, or a site which abuts a dedicated street.

Industrial:

Any property used for manufacturing, assembling, production of goods, data centers, etc.

Line Extension:

The water, Reclaimed water, and/or sewer line which is required to be connected to the existing water/Reclaimed water/sewer water/reclaimed water/sewer service to a property, including pipeage installed in a right-of-way which is contiguous or noncontiguous to a property.

Outside City Customers:

All Customers of the Utility whose property to be served is outside of the corporate limits of the City of El Paso.

Out-of-City Service Policies (Policies):

Policies governing extension of Water Service and Sewer Service outside the corporate limits of the City of El Paso but both within El Paso County, and Hudspeth County: A written policy adopted by the Public Service Board by their Resolution on August 28, 1991.

Panhandle Lot(s):

A lot, because of inherent limitation, lacking Frontage except for access provided by way of a narrow projection of the lot to the street.

Potable Water:

Water satisfactory for drinking, culinary and domestic purposes and meeting the regulatory requirements of applicable public health authorities as supplied through the EPWU water system.

PSB:

Public Service Board. The Board of Trustees created by Ordinance 752, which is the governing body of and has the complete authority and control of management and operation of the EPWU (Utility).

Reclaimed Water:

Wastewater which has been highly treated to a condition suitable for irrigation, industrial uses and for other non-potable use and which meets the regulatory requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Reclaimed Water Master Plan:

A facilities plan developed by the Utility that identifies properties to be economically served with Reclaimed Water.

Reclaimed Water Service:

A property is deemed to have Reclaimed Water Service available if a qualifying Reclaimed Water main is in place in the public right-of-way adjacent and contiguous to the property. Reclaimed Water Service is subject to availability and an application for Reclaimed Water Service may be denied based on lack of available Reclaimed Water and competing demand by existing Customers.

Reclaimed Water Service Connection:

The pipes, fittings and appurtenances connected to the Utility's Reclaimed Water line and extending to or beyond the property line of a Customer. The installation of all Reclaimed Water Service connections will be performed by the Utility or at the direction of the Utility and all such connections shall be inspected and approved by qualified Utility personnel.

Reclaimed Water Service Connection Charge:

A non-refundable payment to the Utility for costs associated with installation of a service line, meter and appurtenances.

Refund(s):

Monies to be paid by the Utility to a Customer who has advanced payment for capital facilities in accordance with conditions stated in these Rules and Regulations No. 7.

Refund Rate:

Cost per foot of an 8-inch water or sewer main applied to refunds on main lines larger to 8-inch in diameter with conditions stated in Sections II (G) and Section III (E).

Residential:

Any property that is solely used as single-family, duplex or triplex residence.

Sewer Service Connection Charge:

A non-refundable payment to the Utility for costs associated with installation of a service line and appurtenances.

Sewer Service:

A property is deemed to have sewer service available if a qualifying sewer collector line is in place in the public rights-of-way, PSB or utility easements adjacent and contiguous to the property.

Sewer Service Lateral(s) - Customer:

The pipes, fittings and appurtenances within the property connected to the Sewer Service Lateral – EPWU or to the Utility's sewer collector lines located within PSB or utility easement. This Lateral allows the Customer's Wastewater (sewage) to drain (or be pumped, if necessary) from the Sewer Service Lateral – Customer into the Sewer Service Lateral – EPWU or into the Utility's Wastewater collection and treatment (sewer) system.

Sewer Service Lateral(s) - EPWU:

The pipes, fittings and appurtenances connected to the Utility's sewer collector line and extending within the public Dedicated Rights-of-Way up to the clean out or property line. This lateral allows the Customer's Wastewater (sewage) from the Sewer Service Lateral-Customer to drain (or be pumped, if necessary) into the Utility's Wastewater collection and treatment (sewer) system.

Sewer Service Tap:

The connection point at which the Sewer Service Lateral-Customer or Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU connects to the public main line.

Standby Fire Protection Service Charge:

A charge to be established by contract with the Utility for a service connection to a property for fire suppression purposes only, in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Regulations No. 5.

Subdivision(s):

Subdivision(s) shall be defined in the City of El Paso Municipal Code.

Time Payment Contract:

A promissory note executed between a Customer and the Utility governing payment of Charges associated with Rules & Regulations No 7.

TCEQ:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TXDOT:

Texas Department of Transportation

Utility:

EPWU, EPWater or El Paso Water Utilities, as used herein means El Paso Water Utilities, the City of El Paso's publicly owned water and sewer agency located in and serving the people of El Paso County, Texas.

Water:

Water satisfactory for drinking, culinary and domestic purposes and meeting health regulatory requirements of applicable public health authorities as supplied through the EPWU water system.

Water Service(s):

A property is deemed to have water service available if a qualifying water main is in place in the public rights-of-way, PSB or utility easement adjacent and contiguous to the property.

Water Service Lateral - Customer:

That point in the Customer's water supply system beyond the sanitary control of the El Paso Water Utilities, generally considered to be the outlet end of the water meter box or the bonnet box (Fire lines).

Water Service Lateral -EPWU:

The pipes, fittings, valves, meters and appurtenances which are connected to the water main in the street and extending to, or beyond, the property line of a Customer. The installation of all Water Service Laterals - EPWU will be performed by the Utility or at the direction of the Utility and all such connections shall be inspected by qualified Utility personnel.

Water Service Connection Charge(s):

A non-refundable payment of the Utility for costs associated with installation of a service line, meter and appurtenances.

Yard Meter:

A meter that is used solely for irrigation purposes.

C. NEUTRAL GENDER

When the context requires, all nouns and pronouns in the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender.

SECTION II WATER SERVICE DEPOSITS AND CHARGES

A. MONTHLY CHARGES AND COMMODITY CHARGES

Monthly charges and commodity charges for Water Service shall be in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 5.

B. WATER BILL DEPOSIT

1. Amount of Deposit

A Deposit shall be collected from all users of the Utility's water lines and systems of the as a condition of service at the time of the user's application for Water Service from the Utility, as follows:

a.	Single-family residence	\$75.00
b.	Duplex residence	\$150.00
c.	Triplex residence	\$225.00
d.	Commercial establishment	\$150.00
e.	Industrial	\$500.00
f.	Construction account	\$300.00

2. Conditions of Deposit

If a Customer's credit history is unfavorable, the Utility may require a deposit in excess of the scheduled amount, based on the total of the two highest monthly bills on file. The bill Deposit will be applied to the final bill. Any excess Deposit will be refunded at the end of service. Deposits do not earn interest, and no Customer shall be entitled to interest on Deposits.

C. WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

1. Description and Amount of Charges

The Water Service Connection Charge is a non-refundable payment to the Utility for tapping the street main, installing a service line from the street main to a location behind the curb (if the service is located on a paved street), or to some safe and suitable location (if not on a paved street), and installing a meter box and appropriate fittings. The service connection shall be limited to one-half the diameter of the street main when the main is supplied from only one direction, except that connections for fire line services may be the full size of the street main. No service connections shall be made to street mains having a nominal diameter greater than 12 inches. The Water Service Connection Charge shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Domestic Meter	Yard Meter
Less than 1"	\$4,380	\$4,800
1"*	\$10,735	\$6,045
1-1/2"	\$16,430	\$11,640
2"	\$16,738	\$13,410
3"	\$28,940	\$26,993
4"	\$29,855	\$27,750
6"	\$31,555	\$25,010
8"	\$34,430	\$30,110

Water Services 1-1/2" and larger require a bypass; the cost for the bypass is included in the Water Service Connection Charge noted on the above table.

Fireline Services	
Meter Size	Fee
2 1/2"	\$12,610
**3"	\$18,070
4"	\$11,705
6"	\$13,640
8"	\$15,835
10"	\$23,273

**These services are installed with 4" diameter pipe. Customer may install reducer. Vaults are not required for fire line services, except for DCDA's if approved by the Cross-Connection Control Manager. Fire line services shall have a meter installed by the Customer on the bypass. EPWater must be allowed access to all meters on a monthly basis to obtain readings for billing purposes.

Standpipe Services	
Meter Size	Connection Fee
1-1/2"	\$17,900
2"	\$18,040
3"	\$22,370
4"	\$22,340
6"	\$24,030
8"	\$26,140

Minimum air gap separation equal to twice the diameter of the pipe with a 1" minimum is required for all standpipe services.

Water Service installations that require horizontal boring across a Dedicated Right-of-Way, as defined in Rules and Regulations No.1, will be required to pay boring fees in addition to the Water Service Connection Charge.

Boring Fees	
Meter Size	Boring Fee
3/4"	\$15,000
1"	\$15,000
1-1/2"	\$15,000
2"	\$15,000
3"	\$20,000
4"	\$20,000
6"	\$25,000
8"	\$25,000
10"	\$25,000

Water Service Connection Charges for properties located outside of the corporate limits of the City of El Paso and outside the corporate limits of the Village of Vinton will carry an additional cost to cover the El Paso County Road Cut Fee as follows:

- A. Road Inspection 7 Maintenance Fees (RIM)-All road cuts in County Rights-of-Way (ROW):
 - 1. Unpaved ROW \$100.00
 - 2. Pothole (Each) \$150.00
 - 3. Paved ROW (75 ft.² or less) \$250.00
 - 4. Paved ROW (over 75 ft.²) \$400.00
- B. Road Entry & Access Permit Fees (REAP)-Road cuts that disturb more than 300 square feet:
 - 1. Unpaved ROW (Per yd.²) \$1.93
 - 2. Asphaltic Pavement Cost (Per yd.²)
 - a. Residential & Collector Streets
 - i. 100 yd.² or less \$6.50
 - ii. over 100 yd.² \$5.20
 - b. Arterial & Other Streets

- i. 100 yd.² or less \$7.65
 - ii. Over 100 yd² \$6.12
 - 3. Concrete pavement Cost (Per Yd.²)
 - a. Concrete Road Pavement
 - i. 100 yd.² \$11.51
 - ii. Over 100 yd.² \$9.21
 - b. Concrete Driveways & Sidewalks \$5.68

Water Service Connection Charges for properties located outside of the corporate limits of the City of El Paso and within the corporate limits of the Village of Vinton will carry an additional cost to cover the Village of Vinton's Streets and Maintenance Fee as follows:

- 1. Temporary Traffic Control – Duration less than 3 days \$17
- 2. Temporary Traffic Control – Duration 3-15 days \$50
- 3. Temporary Traffic Control – Duration 16-30 days \$160
- 4. Temporary Traffic Control – For each month after first 30 days \$90
- 5. Temporary Traffic Control – Lane/sidewalk rental (After expiration permit) \$100
- 6. Paving Cut Permit \$69

2. Limits of Water Service Connection

Payment of the Water Service Connection Charge and other applicable charges provided herein entitles the applicant to service at the meter. The Customer shall be solely responsible for the payment of all costs related to extending service from the meter to the property to be served, including without limitation construction and maintenance costs.

3. Requirements for Customer Service Extension

The separation between a Water Service Laterals-EPWU and a sanitary Sewer Service Laterals-EPWU from the property line to the water or sanitary sewer mains shall be as outlined in the City of El Paso's Plumbing Code. Customer service Line Extensions (by the applicant) for Water Service from the property line to the building or project of use shall conform to the City of El Paso Plumbing Code and any requirements promulgated by the City of El Paso Health Department. Water Service Laterals-EPWU are not allowed to be constructed parallel to public Dedicated Rights-of-Way or easements; only perpendicular extensions to public Dedicated Rights- of-Way or easements are allowed. Extension shall be made only on the property on which the service application has been made and the appropriate Charges paid. Absent written approval by EPWU, no Water Service and/or sanitary Sewer Service shall extend through property owned or intended to be sold to different individuals or entities than those listed on the service application.

4. EPWU Inspection Fee: An inspection fee of \$100 shall be charged to the Customer for the initial acceptance test performed by the Utility on containment Cross Connection control assemblies. Inspections by the Utility shall be scheduled between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

D. STANDBY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

1. Private Fire Lines and Hydrants:

Fire hydrants needed to provide standby fire protection for new development or redevelopment directed by the City of El Paso Fire Department shall be paid by the applicant. Standby Fire Protection Service shall be available to property when the following conditions have been satisfied: (1) all other Water Service Charges and deposits required for the property have been paid; (2) the fire protection system is completely separated from the system providing domestic or other water to the property; (3) the total cost of the connection to the Utility's main, including valves, lines, detector checks, boxes and paving repair has been paid; (4) the Customer has executed a contract with EPWU agreeing to pay a monthly Standby Fire Service Charge pursuant to Rules and Regulations No. 5, Section II; and (5) no extension of a main is required to provide service other than that required for domestic service.

Standby Fire Protection Service will be disconnected by the Utility when the detector check indicates a consistent use of water in the standby fire system.

2. Public Fire Hydrants:

Costs related to public fire hydrants required to provide Standby Fire Protection Service for new development or redevelopment shall be paid by the applicant after approval by the Utility. The applicant must also to enter into a Development Agreement or Limited Scope Development Agreement with EPWU. EPWU will pay costs related to public fire hydrants required to provide Standby Fire Protection Service to existing developments inside the City limits found to be inadequately protected based on applicable studies by the City of El Paso Fire Department and not due to redevelopment.

E. CONSTRUCTION WATER SERVICE

1. Construction Water Service

Construction Water service may be furnished by the Utility through a metered temporary Water Service to fill water tank wagons or other construction vehicles such as street sweepers, where, in the opinion of the Utility, it is not practical at the time of installation to furnish permanent services and where, in the opinion of the Utility, an appropriate location for a standpipe and an adequate water supply exists. A positive air gap or other approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies shall be maintained at all times of operation. The Customer will pay the estimated costs for the installation and removal of the connection in advance and will also pay for the water used in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 5, as well as all costs related to repairs or maintenance of the connection. The connection may be removed by the Utility: (1) at the end of ninety (90) days; (2) when the construction is complete; or (3) at any time the connection is operated in such a fashion as to require removal at the discretion of the Utility. The Utility may limit or prohibit the use of water by a construction service when necessary to maintain adequate pressure in the system or as may be required due to a water emergency declared under the mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance located in Chapter 15 of the City of El Paso Municipal Code.

2. Fire Hydrant Meters

- a. Customers will be charged for Construction Water drawn through fire hydrant meters and must pay for the water used in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 5.
- b. Fire hydrant meters, which have a locking device and built-in Backflow prevention, will be installed and removed by Utility personnel.
- c. The fire hydrant meter deposit is \$2,000. There will be one deposit fee per meter. Only one fire hydrant meter will be allowed within a 2,000-foot radius. Deposits and fees may not be transferred from one project to another.
- d. A water loss fee of \$1,000 will be charged to the Customer for each occurrence where unmetered water is taken from a fire hydrant, where the Customer tampers with the meter or fire hydrant valve, or where the fire hydrant meter is removed and/or relocated by other than Utility personnel. A \$2,000 fee will be charged for each occurrence thereafter.
- e. Readings will be taken monthly from the fire hydrant meter. Consumption will be billed monthly.
- f. All other unbilled water and charges will be deducted from the deposited amount. Charges in excess of the deposit must be paid before the project will be accepted into the Utility system. Any excess deposit amounts will be promptly refunded to the Customer.
- g. The Utility's Planning and Development Section will issue the forms and procedures necessary to implement these charges, rates, rules, and regulations.

h. Costs to replace damaged, stolen, or lost fire hydrant meters will be charged to the Customer of record for the meter. The charge will be the replacement cost of the fire hydrant meter.

- i. Fire hydrant meters shall only be installed by EPWater solely for construction-related activities, including but not limited to, dust control, compaction, and similar non-potable uses. The use of the fire hydrant meters to haul or dispense water for human consumption or domestic use is prohibited.

F. LINE EXTENSION CHARGES

1. Line Extension Charges for Small Tracts
 - a. A Customer or Customers desiring Water Service to a small tract must pay the cost of the lines required to reach their property.
 - b. When the property to be served is not adjacent to an existing line from which service lines can be extended, the Customer shall pay the total cost of the off-site or approach main required to reach the property to be served and may be eligible for Refunds in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II (G).
2. Line Extension Charges for Other Areas
 - a. The Line Extension charge for Water Service to new Subdivisions and all other areas shall be the total cost of the lines, appurtenances and permits required to serve the property as determined by the Utility. This cost shall include furnishing and installing all lines, valves, manholes, paving repair and other required appurtenances. Additionally, lines in all Dedicated Rights-of-Way to the property, including boundary streets, shall be included as part of the cost. Off-Site Facilities, as defined in Rules and Regulations No.1, or approach mains that are necessary to provide service shall also be included as part of the cost. The Customer or Developer may also be required to pay to construct reservoirs, pumping stations, and other facilities that are required to adequately serve the area. Payment and Refunds for such costs will be as provided for in Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II (G) and (H). No street shall be approved to be paved until lines required in that street have been installed by the adjacent owner who desires the paving. If the required pipe size to service the proposed development is larger than 8-inches, the Utility may participate in the cost of the pipe as provided for in Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(G)(1).
 - b. Payment of all of the charges provided for herein shall be made prior to making any expenditures of Utility funds or making any connection to the system.

G. REFUNDS

The Customer or Developer shall be entitled to a Refund if he/she is required to construct or pay to construct water lines larger than 8-inches in size. Contracts providing for Refunds must be executed between the Utility and the Customer or Developer due the Refund prior to the construction of the facilities. No refund shall be made unless such contract has been duly and timely executed. The amount to be refunded to the Customer or Developer shall be determined as provided for below:

1. Refunds on Lines Larger Than 8 inches in Diameter

The Refunds on lines that are larger than 8-inches in size shall be based on the difference between the cost of an 8-inch line and the actual cost of the line installed. The price of the 8-inch line shall be the length of the pipe installed multiplied by the current Refund Rate of \$80.62. Refunds will be paid by the Utility upon completion of facilities constructed by the Customer or Developer and final acceptance by the Utility.

H. SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR OFF-SITE EXPANSION FACILITIES

1. Deposit Amounts

The Customer or Developer shall be responsible for paying the total cost of design and construction of any water facilities that are not within his/her area of service if such facilities are required to provide adequate service to his/her property. Improvements of this type are referred to as Off-Site Facilities as defined Rules and Regulations No.1. Facilities of this type shall be constructed with the capacity deemed necessary by the Utility to support future development. If the funds have not been appropriated in the current or previous years' budgets for the specific facilities that are required for service to the property, then the total cost of these facilities shall be paid by the Customer or Developer who first requested the service, as an up-front infrastructure improvements deposit (Special Deposit). In addition, the requested area must be contiguous to existing development and water infrastructure.

2. Refund Amounts

A refund amount shall be established by the Utility such that the Customer or Developer will have paid costs of infrastructure improvements roughly proportionate to the proposed development in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.904. A refund contract will be executed between the Customer or Developer and the Utility, which will provide for the refund of either a portion or all of the costs reflected in the Special Deposit.

No interest will be paid on Special Deposit. In no instance shall the Utility refund more than the original cost of the facilities constructed and paid for by the Customer or Developer.

I. CONSTRUCTION BY CUSTOMER

1. Conditions of Construction by Customer

To satisfy the provisions of Rules and Regulations No. 7, Section II (F) a Customer or Developer may construct, or contract with others to construct, water mains required to serve his/her Subdivision or area in accordance with the plans and specifications reviewed and approved by the Utility, provided all of the following conditions are fully satisfied:

- a. The Developer or Customer shall post an acceptable Performance Bond with the Utility, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.073, to ensure completion of the project on all such projects where the Utility's contribution exceeds \$100,000 or the amount under Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.073, as it may be amended, setting the dollar amount at which performance bonds are required on municipal contracts; and
- b. The total cost of constructing all lines and appurtenances within and adjacent to the Subdivision or area to be served is paid by the Customer or Developer without requesting Refunds or Utility participation in the cost related to lines smaller than 8-inches. This cost does not include fire hydrants and service connections; and
- c. The Developer or Customer executes an agreement with the Utility which states (1) the actual cost by each item of the work being done; (2) who will perform the work; and (3) that the firm doing the work is an independent contractor and will hold the City of El Paso, the PSB and the Utility harmless from any and all damages or claims, which arise from the performance of the work and will purchase adequate insurance to cover this indemnity. Proof of insurance coverage to fully protect the Utility shall be furnished to the Utility by the Developer or his agent in amounts required on similar Utility contracts; and
- d. The Developer and/or the Developer's Surety on a required Performance Bond accept(s) the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the facilities which are installed under the Developer Agreement for a period of 365 days after acceptance by the Utility.

2. Final Acceptance by the Utility

Upon completion, the Developer shall provide the Utility with a letter stating that the mains have been completed, that all related bills have been fully paid, and requesting the Utility to assume ownership. No permanent services will be connected until a final acceptance letter has been provided

by the Utility.

Upon completion of the work in accordance with the plans and specifications and the above conditions, the Utility, through its Chief Technical Officer, shall provide a letter of final acceptance to the Developer.

J. CONSTRUCTION WITHIN EASEMENTS

It is the Utility's intent to construct water mains in public Dedicated Rights-of-Way. Water mains will not be constructed within easements except when the Utility specifically requests or authorizes such construction. Utility easements shall be of sufficient width, accessible and of proper topography to permit construction and maintenance. The Utility shall not be required to accept easements for service which do not meet the above-mentioned requirements. No building or permanent structure shall be constructed except for paving or landscaping and other similar facilities determined by the Utility to be acceptable in the PSB or utility easement.

When service is desired for more than six (6) water meters to one (1) tract of land not separated by Dedicated Right-of-Way, and when the actual buildings to be served are more than 100 feet from a Dedicated Right-of-Way, service may be obtained at a closer location to the buildings on the Customer's property, provided that the Customer: (1) furnishes the Utility with a valid easement for the lines necessary to provide service at the desired location; (2) agrees to hold the Utility, the PSB and the City of El Paso harmless from damages which may be caused by the existence of lines in said easement; and (3) the Customer pays the total cost of the lines required in said easement plus the normal Line Extension Charges for lines constructed or to be constructed in the Dedicated Rights-of-Way adjacent to the property.

Where the Utility determines that the location or design of the development creates more danger of damage to the lines or facilities than the usual development of this type, the Customer shall only be provided with service if he/she agrees to hold the Utility, the PSB and the City of El Paso harmless from any such damages which may occur.

K. ENGINEERING

1. Developer/Customer Engineered Water Plans

The Developer or Customer's engineered water plans must meet TCEQ and EPWU requirements and the plans must be submitted to EPWU for written approval prior to commencing any work. Water Line Extensions shall be designed from the point of connection to an existing EPWU owned water main to the farthest property line from the point of connection, so that the proposed main extends along the entire Frontage of the property to be served. The water main shall be sized (minimum 8-inch diameter) with sufficient capacity that will enable future service to properties located upstream/downstream of the property to be served. Water mains shall be designed and constructed with the intent of avoiding the creation of dead end mains by looping the water system. Developers/Customers shall submit one complete set of Subdivision improvement plans for approval, including boundaries, grading plans, street profiles and topography which have been approved by the City of El Paso and/or County of El Paso. The Developer shall submit a hard copy and/or electronic media compatible with the Utility's Computer-Aided Design (CAD) system. The Utility will use these as a basis for the design of other extensions and other facility installations.

The Developer or Customer is not required and shall not submit their own plans if any capital improvement infrastructure, master plan land studies, or any on-site oversized facilities are required to serve any areas adjacent to the Subdivision.

The Utility will provide review of design drawings prepared by consulting engineers on behalf of Developers/Customers. The applicant/Developer/Customer will be charged a fee equal to two percent (2%) of the total estimated construction costs for these services, and full payment of this amount shall be due at the time of execution of the Development Agreement. The Utility will determine the total construction costs for the services based on the average of all of the construction costs submitted by all Developers for water and sewer main extensions from projects related to Development Agreements

executed in the previous calendar years.

Limited scope development agreements for new fire hydrants and/or fire hydrant relocations will be charged a design review fee of \$500.00. The full payment of this amount shall be due at the time of execution of the limited scope development agreement.

2. Field Surveys and Inspections

Field engineering services by the Utility shall consist only of staking out the water and sewer mains and appurtenances, and inspection of related construction work to assure compliance with Utility standards.

3. Conditions for Construction

The Developer shall have the streets graded to within 6-inches of subgrade with curbs installed before water and sewer main construction begins. If, by prior agreement, no curbs are installed, then the Developer must have an adequate number of street centerline or off-set stakes or markers placed so that field stakeout for the water and sewer mains can be conveniently made.

The Developer must respond timely to and to bear the cost of correcting any subsequent problem which may arise due to delayed installation of curbs and gutters or changes in grade. This shall apply to the Developer regardless of whether lots are subsequently sold to other parties.

L. BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY VIOLATIONS

1. The following shall be grounds for discontinuation of Water Service to a Customer's property: Willful removal or bypassing of any Backflow Prevention Assembly or dual check valve; falsification of test reports (or known submittal of falsified test reports or allowing falsified test reports to be submitted by others); obtaining water from a fire hydrant in violation of Cross Connection control requirements; allowing uncontrolled Cross Connections to exist; connection of a fire protection system to a normal water service; or failure to cooperate in the installation, maintenance, testing or inspection of Backflow Prevention Assemblies as required by the Utility's Cross Connection Control Program and/or these Rules and Regulations. The Utility may require the installation of an air gap separation from the public water supply as a condition precedent to reconnection/reinstatement of Water Service. Water Service shall not be restored until such conditions are corrected to the satisfaction of the Utility.
2. Discontinuation of Water Service may be summary, immediate, and without written notice whenever, in the judgment of the Utility, such action is necessary to protect the public water supply or the safety of the public.

M. PREMISES WITH PRIVATE WELLS

Customers with premises having private wells who wish to connect to the public water supply shall have the following two options:

1. Agree to permanently abandon use of the private wells by plugging the well, prior to connecting to the public water supply, in accordance with Utility procedures and TCEQ requirements; or
2. Agree to completely and permanently sever the private well from the premises water supply system in accordance with Utility procedures, prior to connecting to the public water supply and Customer shall install an approved Backflow prevention assembly at the Water Service connection.

N. FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

In the event that the Utility is requested to test a fire hydrant, for the design of fire suppression systems or other reasons, in accordance with AWWA standards, the charge shall be as follows: Effective March 1, 2009, that rate shall be \$1,500.

O. TIME PAYMENT OF CHARGES (PROMISSORY NOTE)

Charges associated with Rules & Regulations No. 7, Section II (C) (1, 4) and Water Service Connection

Charges with the installation of service required for individually-owned single family Residential property, that are adjacent to an existing main line or new proposed main line from which service can be provided, may be paid in monthly installments over a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months under a Promissory Note granted by the Utility at a simple interest rate of six percent (6%) per annum, on a 360 day basis. The note will be filed as a lien against the property. The interest rate, duration of months, any other fees required and/or associated with the installation of service and/or payment terms may be adjusted at the discretion of the Utility before or subsequent to the effective date of these Rules. Should the maker of the Promissory Note be found in default of the Promissory Note, the Utility shall issue a notice of default and all principal, accrued interest and filing charges shall be declared immediately due. An amended lien, if necessary, may be filed against the property for these additional amounts should the maker of the Note fail to pay this full amount after notice of default. The Utility may use any other means available to it under the law or in equity to collect the delinquent Charge(s) and/or other costs incurred as a result of the default, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

A processing charge of \$60.00 per Promissory Note shall be added to the cost of all Promissory Notes for the handling of the payments in the manner prescribed herein, which includes the cost of filing a Time Payment Contract and the subsequent lien release in the El Paso County Clerk's office. The processing charge may not be financed as part of the Promissory Note but, rather, will be paid in full at the time application thereof is made.

Any one person or applicant shall be entitled to only one such Time Payment Contract.

Monthly payments will begin 30 calendar days after the effective date of the Time and Payment Contract. Monthly payments under this arrangement shall be made simultaneously with the payment of the water bill, and payment of the water usage Charge shall not be accepted unless the Promissory Note payment is also made. Failure to pay the monthly payment to the Promissory Note shall result in the discontinuance of the Water Service in the same manner and at the same time as failure to pay the water usage charge.

SECTION III SEWER SERVICE DEPOSITS AND CHARGES

A. MONTHLY CHARGES

Monthly Charges for Sewer Service shall be in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 6.

B. SEWER BILL DEPOSIT

1. Amount of Deposit

A Deposit shall be collected from all users of the Utility sewer lines and systems as a condition of service at the time of application for Sewer Service from the Utility, as follows:

a. Single-family residence	\$75.00
b. Duplex residence	\$150.00
c. Triplex residence	\$225.00
d. Commercial establishment	\$150.00
e. Industrial	\$500.00
f. Construction account	\$300.00

2. Conditions of Deposit

If a Customer's credit history is unfavorable, the Utility may require a Deposit in excess of the scheduled amount, based on the total of the two highest monthly bills on file. The bill Deposit will be applied to the final bill. Any excess Deposit will be refunded at the end of the service. Deposits do not earn interest and no Customer shall be entitled to interest in Deposits.

C. SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

1. General Description

The Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU shall extend (or be caused to extend) and connect to the outlet in the public line when one has been provided. If no connecting outlet was provided in the public line, the Utility will connect the Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU to the public line. In either case, the

Customer shall be responsible for all work and costs required to excavate and uncover the public line, backfill and compact the trench, and repave the surface. No Charge will be made by the Utility for this connection when the Customer has provided the service line. The separation between a Water Service Lateral-EPWU and a Sanitary Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU from the property line to the water or sanitary sewer mains shall be as outlined in the City of El Paso's Plumbing Code. Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU are not allowed to be constructed parallel to public Dedicated Rights-of-Way or easements; only perpendicular extensions to the public Dedicated Rights-of-Way or easements of Sewer Services are allowed. No connection shall be made to a sewer interceptor line of a diameter 18-inches or greater. Absent written approval by EPWU, no Water Service and/or sanitary Sewer Service shall extend through property owned or intended to be sold to different individuals or entities than those listed on the service application.

2. Amount of Sewer Connection Charge

When the Utility has provided a Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU from the sewer main to the pavement edge, a Sewer Service Connection Charge will be made. This Charge is a non-refundable payment to the Utility for tapping the main, installing the Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU from the main to a location behind the curb or edge of the pavement, and repaving the street. The Sewer Service Connection Charge shall be \$890.00. The Sewer Service Lateral-EPWU shall be installed in accordance with the City of El Paso Plumbing Code and located at the center of the property lot, unless otherwise requested by the Customer.

D. LINE EXTENSION CHARGES

1. Line Extension Charges for Small Tracts

- a. A Customer or Customers desiring sanitary Sewer Service must pay for all costs related to extending the lines required to reach their property.
- b. When the property to be served is not adjacent to an existing line from which service lines can be extended, the Customer shall pay for the total cost of the off-site or approach main required to reach the property to be served. The Customer may be eligible for Refunds in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 7, Section III(E).

2. Line Extension Charges for Other Areas

- a. The Line Extension Charge for Sewer Service to new Subdivisions and all other areas shall be the total cost of the lines, appurtenances, and permits required to serve the property as determined by the Utility. This cost shall include furnishing all lines, manholes, paving repair, and other required appurtenances. Additionally, lines in all dedicated streets that are adjacent to the property, including boundary streets, shall be included as part of the cost. Off-site Facilities, as defined in Rules and Regulations No.1, or approach mains that are necessary to provide service shall also be included as part of the cost. The Customer or Developer may also be required to pay to construct lift stations, force mains, and other facilities that are required to adequately serve the area. Payment and Refunds for such facilities will be as provided for in Rules and Regulations No.7, Sections III (E) and (F). No street shall be approved for paving until the lines required in that street have been installed by the adjacent owner who desires the paving. The Utility may participate in the cost of lines larger than 8-inches in size. If the required pipe size to service the proposed development is larger than 8-inches, the Utility may participate in the cost of the pipe as provided for in Rules and Regulations No.7, Section III (E) herein.
- b. Payment of all of the Charges provided for herein shall be made prior to making any expenditures of Utility funds or making any connection to the system.

E. REFUNDS

1. General

The Customer or Developer shall be entitled to a refund if he/she is required to construct or pay to construct sewer lines larger than 8-inches in size. Contracts providing for Refunds must be executed between the Utility and the Customer or Developer due the refund prior to the

construction of the facilities. No refund shall be made unless such contract has been duly executed. The amount to be refunded to the Customer or Developer shall be determined as provided below in Section 2.

2. Refunds for Lines Larger Than 8 inches in Diameter

The Refunds on lines that are larger than 8-inches in size shall be based on the difference between the cost of an 8-inch line and the actual cost of the line installed. The price of the 8-inch line shall be the length of the pipe installed multiplied by the current Refunds Rate of \$59.92. Refunds will be paid by the Utility upon completion of facilities constructed by the Customer and final acceptance by the Utility.

F. SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR OFF-SITE FACILITIES

1. Deposit Amounts

The Customer or Developer shall be responsible for paying the total cost of design and construction of any sewer facilities that are not within his/her area of service if such facilities are required to provide adequate service to his/her property. Improvements of this type are referred to as Off-Site Facilities as defined in Rules and Regulations No.1. Facilities of this type shall be constructed with the capacity deemed necessary by the Utility to support future development. If the funds have not been appropriated in the current or previous year's budgets for the specific facilities that are required for service to the property, then the total cost of these facilities shall be paid by the Customer or Developer who first requested the service, as an up-front infrastructure improvements deposit (Special Deposit). In addition, the requested area must be contiguous to existing development and sewer infrastructure.

2. Refund Amounts

A refund amount shall be established by the Utility such that the Customer or Developer will have paid costs of infrastructure improvements roughly proportionate to the proposed development in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.904. A refund contract will be executed with the Customer or Developer which will provide for the refund of a portion, or all of the costs reflected in the Special Deposit.

No interest will be paid on Special Deposit. In no instance shall the Utility refund more than the original cost of the facilities constructed and paid for by the owner or Developer.

G. CONSTRUCTION BY CUSTOMER

1. Conditions of Construction by the Customer

To satisfy the provisions of Rules and Regulations No.7, Section III(D) a Customer or Developer may construct or contract with others to construct sewer mains required to serve his Subdivision or area in accordance with the plans and specifications reviewed and approved by the Utility, provided all of the following conditions are fully satisfied:

- a. The Developer or Customer shall post an acceptable Performance Bond with the Utility in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.073, to ensure completion of the project on all such projects where the Utility's contribution exceeds \$100,000 or the amount, Texas Local Government Code, Section 212.073 as it may be amended, above which performance bonds are required on such municipal contracts.
- b. The total cost of constructing all lines and appurtenances within and adjacent to the Subdivision or area to be served is paid by the Customer or Developer without requesting Utility participation or Refunds.
- c. The Developer or Customer executes an agreement with the Utility which states the actual cost by item of the work being done, who will perform the work and that

the firm doing the work is an independent contractor and will hold the City of El Paso, the PSB and the Utility harmless from any and all damages or claims which may arise from the performance of the work and will purchase adequate insurance to cover this indemnity. Proof of insurance coverage to fully protect the Utility shall be furnished by the Customer or Developer or his agent in amounts required on similar Utility contracts.

- d. The Customer or Developer and/or the Customer's Surety or Developer's Surety on the Performance Bond accept the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the facilities which are installed under a Developer Agreement for a period of 365 days after acceptance by the Utility.

2. Final Acceptance by the Utility

Upon completion, the Developer shall provide the Utility with a letter stating that the lines have been completed and all bills paid and request the Utility to assume ownership. No permanent services will be connected until the final acceptance letter has been provided by the Utility.

Upon completion of the work in accordance with the plans and specifications and the above conditions, the Utility, through its Chief Technical Officer, shall provide a letter of final acceptance to the Developer.

H. CONSTRUCTION WITHIN EASEMENTS

It is the Utilities intent to construct sewer mains in public Dedicated Rights-of-Way. Sanitary sewer mains will not be constructed within easements except when the Utility specifically requests and authorizes such construction. Utility easements shall be of sufficient width, accessible, and of proper topography to permit construction and maintenance. The Utility shall not be required to accept easements for service which do not meet the above-mentioned requirements. No building or permanent structure shall be constructed, except for paving or landscaping and other similar facilities determined by the Utility to be acceptable in the PSB or utility easement.

When service is desired for more than six (6) separate sewer connections on one (1) tract of land not separated by public Dedicated Rights-of-Way and when the actual buildings to be served are more than 100 feet from a public Dedicated Rights-of-Way, service may be obtained at a closer location to the buildings on the Customer's property provided that the Customer: (1) furnishes the Utility with a valid easement for the lines necessary to provide service at the desired location; (2) agrees to hold the Utility, PSB and the City of El Paso harmless from damages which may be caused by the existence of lines in said easement; and (3) the Customer pays the total cost of the lines required in said easement plus the normal Line Extension Charges for lines constructed or to be constructed in the streets adjacent to the property.

Where the Utility determines that the location or design of the development creates more danger of damage to the lines or other facilities than the usual development of this type, the Customer shall only be provided with service if he/she agrees to hold the Utility, the PSB and the City of El Paso harmless from any such damage which may occur.

I. ENGINEERING

1. Developer/Customer Engineered Sanitary Sewer Plans

Developer or Customer's engineered sanitary sewer plans must meet TCEQ and EPWU requirements, and the plans must be submitted to EPWU for written approval prior to commencing any work. Sanitary sewer main extensions shall be designed from the point of connection to an existing EPWU-owned sanitary sewer manhole or to a proposed manhole on an existing sanitary sewer main to the farthest property line from the point of connection so that the proposed main extends along the entire Frontage of the property to be served. The sewer main shall be designed with sufficient depth, size (minimum 8-inch diameter) and slope ready for future extensions of the main that will enable service to properties located upstream of the property to be served. If a proposed sewer main crosses an existing or proposed water main and TCEQ

requirements or EPWU's design standards require that the sewer main be upgraded to a higher pressure rating the pipe shall extend from manhole to manhole. Developers/Customers shall submit one complete set of Subdivision improvement plans for approval, including boundaries, grading plans, street profiles, and topography which have been approved by the City of El Paso and/or El Paso County. The Developer or Customer shall submit a hard paper copy and/or electronic media compatible with the EPWU's Computer-Aided Design (CAD) system. EPWU will use these as a basis for the design of other extensions and other facility installations.

Developer or Customer is not required and shall not submit their own plans if any capital improvement infrastructure, master plan land studies, or any on-site oversized facilities are required to serve any areas adjacent to the Subdivision.

The Utility will provide a review of design drawings prepared by consulting engineers on behalf of a Developer/Customer. The applicant/Developer/Customer will be charged a fee equal to two percent (2%) of the total estimated construction costs for these services, and full payment of this amount shall be due at the time of execution of the development agreement.

Limited scope development agreements for new manholes and/or manhole services connection will be charged a design review fee of \$500.00. The full payment of this amount shall be due at the time of execution of the limited scope development agreement.

2. Field Surveys and Inspections

Field engineering services by the Utility shall consist only of staking out the water and sewer mains and appurtenances and inspection of related construction work to assure compliance with Utility standards.

3. Conditions for Construction

The Developer/Customer shall have the Dedicated Right-of-Way graded to within 6 inches of subgrade with curbs installed before water and sewer main construction begins. If, by prior agreement, no curbs are installed, then the Developer/Customer must have an adequate number of street centerline of off-set stakes or markers placed so that field stakeout for the water and sewer mains can be conveniently made.

The Developer/Customer must respond timely to and to bear the cost of correcting any subsequent problem which may arise due to delayed installation of curbs and gutters or changes in grade. This will apply to the Developer/Customer regardless of whether lots are subsequently sold to other parties.

J. TIME PAYMENT OF CHARGES (PROMISSORY NOTE)

Charges associated with Rules & Regulations No. 7, Section III C (2) and Sewer Service Connection Charges with the installation of service required for individually-owned single-family residential properties that are adjacent to an existing main line or new proposed main line from which service can be provided, may be paid in monthly installments over a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months under a Promissory Note granted by the Utility at a simple interest rate of six percent (6%) per annum, on a 360-day basis. The Promissory Note will be filed as a lien against the property. The interest rate, duration of months, any other fees required and/or associated with the installation of service and/or payment terms may be adjusted at the discretion of the Utility before or subsequent to the effective date of these rules, accrued interest, and filing charges, shall be declared immediately due. An amended lien, if necessary, may be filed against the property for these additional amounts should the maker of the Promissory Note fail to pay this full amount after notice of default. The Utility may use any other means available to it under the law to collect the delinquent charge(s) or other costs incurred as a result of the default, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

A processing charge of \$60.00 per Promissory Note shall be added for handling payment in the manner prescribed herein, which includes the cost of filing a Time Payment Contract and the subsequent lien release in the County Clerk's office. The processing charge may not be financed as part of the Promissory Note but,

rather, will be paid at the time application thereof is made.

Anyone person or applicant shall be entitled to only one such Time Payment Contract.

Monthly payments will begin 30 calendar days after effective date of the Time Payment Contract. Monthly payments under this arrangement shall be made simultaneously with the payment of the water bill, and payment of the water usage charge shall not be accepted unless the Note payment is also made. Failure to pay the monthly payment to the Promissory Note shall result in the discontinuance of the Water Service in the same manner and at the same time as failure to pay the water usage charge.

SECTION IV RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE DEPOSITS AND CHARGES

A. MONTHLY CHARGES AND COMMODITY CHARGES

Monthly Charges and Commodity Charges for Reclaimed Water Service shall be in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 6.

B. RECLAIMED WATER BILL DEPOSIT

1. Amount of Deposit

A Deposit shall be collected from all users of the Utility's Reclaimed Water lines and systems as a condition of service at the time of the user's application for Reclaimed Water Service from the Utility, as follows:

a. Single family residence	\$ 75.00
b. Duplex residence	\$150.00
c. Triplex residence	\$225.00
d. Commercial establishment	\$150.00
e. Industrial	\$500.00
f. Construction account	\$300.00

2. Conditions of Deposit

If a Customer's credit history is unfavorable, the Utility may require a Deposit in excess of the scheduled amount, based on the total of the two highest monthly water bills on file. The bill Deposit will be applied to the final bill. Any excess Deposit will be refunded at the end of the service. Deposits do not earn interest, and no Customer is entitled to interest on Deposits.

C. RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

1. Description and Amount of Charges

The Reclaimed Water Service Connection Charge is a non-refundable payment to the Utility for tapping the street main, installing a service line from the street main to a location behind the curb (if the service is located on a paved street), or to some safe and suitable location (if not on a paved street) and installing a meter box and appropriate fittings. For users identified in a Reclaimed Water Master Plan with existing Yard Meter(s), the Reclaimed Water Service Connection Charge will be waived based on a "one Reclaimed Water meter for one Yard Meter of equal size" basis. If a Reclaimed Water meter larger than the existing Yard Meter is installed, the user will pay the connection charge price difference between the Yard Meter and the larger Reclaimed Water meter. Properties not identified in a Reclaimed Water Master Plan will be charged according to Section II C (1).

2. Limits of Reclaimed Water Service Connection

Payment of the Reclaimed Water Service Connection Charge and other applicable Charges provided herein entitles the applicant to service at the meter. The extension into the property to be served shall be entirely at the Customer's expense for construction and maintenance in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.12.

3. Requirements for Customer Service Extension

The property related to the Customer requested service extension (by the applicant) of lines for Reclaimed Water Service from the property line to the building or project of use, shall conform to the City of El Paso Plumbing Code, City of El Paso, and the County of El Paso requirements, PSB Rules and Regulations No. 12, and TCEQ regulations. Extension shall be made only on the property on which the service application has been made and the appropriate Charges paid.

D. CONSTRUCTION RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE

Construction Reclaimed Water service may be furnished by the Utility through a metered temporary Water Service to fill water tank wagons for construction purposes where, in the opinion of the Utility, it is not practical at the time of installation to furnish permanent services and where, in the opinion of the Utility, an appropriate location for a standpipe and an adequate Reclaimed Water supply exist. A positive air gap or other approved Backflow Prevention Assembly shall be maintained always of operation. The Customer will pay the estimated cost of installation and removal of the facility in advance and will agree to pay for the Reclaimed Water used in accordance with Rules and Regulations No. 6, Section X, plus all costs of any necessary repairs or maintenance of the facility. The connection may be removed by the Utility at the end of 90 days or at any time the facility is operated in such a fashion as to become, in the opinion of the Utility, a nuisance or when the construction is complete. In accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules, once Reclaimed Water has been carried in a vessel, it may never be used for Potable Water carriage again. Each distribution vehicle and facility using Reclaimed Water shall meet identification and posting requirements in Rules and Regulations No. 12. The Customer will be responsible for preventing runoff of Reclaimed Water from the site.

E. REFUNDS

Refunds will be made in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(G) and Section III(E).

F. SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR OFF-SITE EXPANSION FACILITIES

Special deposits will be made in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(H) and Section III(F).

G. CONSTRUCTION BY CUSTOMER

To be made in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(I) and Section III(G).

H. CONSTRUCTION IN EASEMENTS

To be made in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(J) and Section III(H).

I. ENGINEERING

Will be done in accordance with Rules and Regulations No.7, Section II(K) and Section III(I).

SECTION V SEVERABILITY

These Rules and Regulations are part of the other Rules and Regulations of the PSB, and persons accepting service agree to comply with the appropriate provisions and conditions of all of the Rules and Regulations. If any provision, paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these Rules and Regulations No. 7 or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of these Rules and Regulations No. 7. The remaining provisions, paragraphs, words or sections shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI SAVINGS

These Rules and Regulations are a part of the other Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Board and, save and except as amended hereby, the remaining provisions of the PSB's rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules and Regulations No. 7 shall be and become effective from and after their adoption hereby and shall

remain in effect until amended or changed by the PSB. Changes to any fees or rates resulting from approval of the budget are effective on the 1st day of March and shall remain in effect until amended or changed by the Public Service Board.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of December 1992, by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7, SECTIONS II(C)1, II(C)2, II(F)2, II(G), II(G)4, II(K)1, III(C)2, 111(0)2 AND 111(1)1, REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of February 1993.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION III(H), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September 1993.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION IV ADDED, SECTIONS IV, V, and VI RENUMBERED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of March 1996.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7, SECTIONS II(8)(1), II(C)(1), II(C)(2), II(C)(S), II(K)(1), II(L)(1), II(L)(2), II(M)(1), II(M)(2), 11~8(1), III(C)(2), and II I(1)(1) ADDED or MODIFIED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 1996.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of July 1999, with substantial changes, by the Public Service Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7, SECTION II(E), SECTION III(1)(1), AND SECTION III(1)(2) REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of April 2000.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II (C)(1a), II(F)(2), II(K), SECTION III(0)(2), AND SECTION III (1) (1) REVISED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2006.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION I (General) ADDED; SECTION I(A) TABLE OF CONTENTS: SECTION II-(F)(2) REVISED; SECTION I(B)(Definitions) REVISED; SECTION II (B)(2), II(C), II(E) (1), II(H)(1) & (2), SECTION III(F)(1) & (2), AND SECTION IV(D), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2008.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II (C)(1a), II(C)(2), II(C)(S), II(K)(2), II(K)(3), II(K)(4), II(K)(S), II(N), SECTION II(C)(2), AND SECTION III(1)(3), ADDED. REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2009.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II (C)(5), (F)(4d), II(K)(1), II(K)(2), II(K)(3), III(D)(4d), III(1)(1), III(1)(2), III(1)(3), SECTION II(C)(2), AND SECTION III(1)(3), ADDED, REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of December 2009.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7, SECTION II (B), II(C)(1a), II(C)(2), II(C)(3), II(C)(4), II(F)(1), II(F)(2), II(F)(2c), II(F)(2d), II(F)(2e), II(F)(2f), II(F)(2g), II(F)(3a), II(F)(3b), II(F)(4a), II(F)(4b), II(F)(4d), II(G), II(G)(1), II(G)(2), II(G)(3), II(1)(1c), II(K)(1), II(K)(2), II(K)(3), III(8)(1), III(0)(1), III(0)(2), III(D)(2c), III(D)(2d), III(D)(2e), III(D)(2f), III(D)(2g), III(D)(3a), III(D)(3b), III(D)(4a), III(D)(4b), III(D)(4d), III(E)(2), III(E)(3), III(E)(4), III(1)(1), III(1)(2), III(1)(3), III(1)(4), III(1)(5), IV(B)(1), ADDED, REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2010.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II (E)(2c), II(E)(2d), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2011.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II (C)(1b), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2012.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II(C)(1a), II(C)(1b), (6), II(F)(5), II(K)(3), SECTION III (C), III (1)(3), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this December 11th, 2013.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION IIC(1a), II(C)(2), II(C)(4), II (F)(2), SECTION III (C)(2), III (D)(2), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2014.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.7, SECTION II C (1,3), D, G(2,3), K(3), SECTION III C(1), REVISED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this December 10th, 2014.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION II C(1),F(2,5), K(1,2), SECTION III C(2), I(1,2), REVISED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this January 10, 2018.

RULES AND REGUALTIONS NO. 7 SECTION II C(1), REVISED, APPROVED ADOPTED this October 10, 2018.

RULES AND REGUALTIONS NO. 7 SECTION II C(1), E(2)(e), I(2), SECTION III E(2), ADDED. REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2019.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (A, B), SECTION II B(1f), C(1), E(2 e,f,g,h,i), F(2,5), K(1) and SECTION III B(1f), C(2), D(1,2), I(1), SECTIONS IV B(1f) ADDED. REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2020, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (A, B), SECTION II, B (2), C (2, 3, 4), D (1,2), E (1), (2)(c,d,e,f,g,h), F (1)(a,b,c), (2) (a,b,c), G(1. 2), H (1,2), I(1) (a, b, c, d, e), (2), J, K (1, 2,3), L (1,2) M, O, SECTION III, B (2), C (1,2) D(1)(a,b), (2)(a,b,c), E(1,2, 3), F(2), G(1)(c) (2), H, I (1,2,3), J, SECTION IV, B (2), C(1,2), D, E, F, G, H , I, SECTION V, SECTION VI, SECTION VII ADDED. REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2021, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (A, B, C), SECTION II (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O), SECTION III (A, B, C, D, E,F, G, H, I, J), SECTION IV (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I), SECTION V, SECTION VI, SECTION VII ADDED. REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2022, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (A, B), SECTION II (C(1), E(1, 2) F, G(1), H(1), I(1), K(1), M, N, O), SECTION III (D(2), E, F, G, I, J), SECTION IV (C, E, F, G, H, I), SECTION V, SECTION VI, SECTION VIIADDED, REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2023, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION II (C(1), F (1)(c), F (2)(b), G(1), I(1), K(1), SECTION III (D(c), (D)(2)(b), E (2), G (1)(c), I (1), REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2024, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (B), SECTION II (K)(1), SECTION III (I)(1) REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2024, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (B), SECTION II (B, C, G), SECTION III (B, C, D, E, I, J), SECTION IV (C, D), SECTION V, REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2025, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION II (C, G(1)), SECTION III (E(2)), REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2026, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 7 SECTION I (B), SECTION II (E)(2), (K), REVISED, APPROVED, ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2026, by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas.

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