

RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 4
Douglas County, Kansas

POLICY NO. 6

TITLE: Consumer Charges

Rationale:

RWD No. 4 is a nonprofit organization which has the responsibility to:

- Provide an immediate and consistent supply of water to its consumers;
- Make a commitment to long range development of the physical water facility; and
- Do both in a way to reasonably ensure fiscal solvency.

The Board therefore shall assess the water rates and service charges which allow the District to function within those guidelines. Both rates and service charges are subject to change, by action of the Board, from time to time.

Rates:

1. The Board shall set and amend rates as necessary for the payment of operating costs, emergency repairs, debt service, long range development and improvements, maintenance of a reasonable reserve and other related costs.
2. Water meters will be read in the middle of each month and statements will be sent to consumers during the first week of the following month.
3. Water users shall remit payments for water and debt service not later than the 20th day of each month, as set forth in the water rate schedule. Water not paid for by the 20th of the month shall be subject to a late charge to be uniformly established by the Board for all delinquent members. The late charge may take into account the time spent by the District to deal with delinquent accounts.
4. Failure to pay for water, after it is used, by the first day of the month following the month in which the payment is due shall result in discontinuation of the service at the direction of the Board. Notification of intended shutoff will be posted on the property.
5. The reconnection charge for restoration of service after each suspension of service because of delinquent payment or other infraction of District policy, shall be the unpaid amount charged to date against the consumer's Benefit Unit, plus a six percent (6%) penalty, and a \$100 reconnection charge.
6. The District, through its Board of Directors, may make specific water service contracts with the Federal Government, the State of Kansas or agencies thereof, school districts and/or municipal corporations, differing from stipulations set out in the rate schedule and rules.

7. Should the RWD No.4 service operator be requested to make repeated service calls the calls will be billed at the rate of \$25.00 per hour with a minimum charge of one hour for each call.

Cost of Benefit Units and Other Services:

1. Benefit Unit – The cost of a Benefit Unit shall be determined annually by the Board. Such costs shall be adjusted when necessary to reflect costs of expansion, all improvements, main replacements, inflation, financing, construction and other costs.
2. Main Extension – If it is necessary to extend a water main to serve an applicant, the Board shall request the applicant to pay all costs of the line extension, in addition to the cost of the Benefit Unit prior to meter installation. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Board
3. Line Extension – Line extensions must meet the line specifications that hve been approved by the Board

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