

CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT
WATER WORKS DIVISION
CARIBOU, MAINE 04736

INFORMATIONAL RATE FILING

EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

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STATE OF MAINE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF RATES
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NO SUPPLEMENT WILL BE ISSUED
CHANGES WILL BE MADE BY REVISED
OR ADDITIONAL SHEETS

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CUSTOMER NOTICE
COPY OF LEGAL AD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING DATED: _____
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APPENDIX

DRAFT LEGAL NOTICE

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

TARIFF SHEETS 1-3

**Caribou Utilities District
Legal Notice**

The Caribou Utilities District Waterworks Division gives notice to the public that on Wednesday, **June 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at the Caribou Utilities District Office at 176 Limestone St., Caribou, Maine**, the Trustees of the Caribou Utilities District will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase.

Effective on September 1, 2016

	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential	4.00%	\$19,579
Commercial	4.00%	\$ 4777
Governmental	4.00%	\$ 2244
Industrial	4.00%	\$ 1196
Private Fire Protection	4.00%	\$ 1513
Public Fire Protection*	3.50%	\$10,870
Non Metered Revenues	6.41%	<u>\$ 1733</u>
		\$41,912

**Fire Protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 690 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules.*

The last approved water rate increase was filed in 2014. Since that time, the District will be subject to increases in costs incurred for construction of a new water mains on North and South Main Street and other operating expenses.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the District's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before **July 15, 2016**, 253 of the District's customers (15% of customers or 1000 customers, whichever is less) file with the District's General Manager, at 176 Limestone St., Caribou, ME and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the Caribou City Hall for inspection on and after **May 25, 2016**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call Alan Hitchcock, General Manager at (207)-496-0911, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207)-287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207)-287-2445.

Board of Trustees
Caribou Utilities District

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**Caribou Utilities District
Proposed Schedule**

File rate case information locally, with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Public Advocate (30 days before Public Hearing)	5/13/2016
Publish notice of the Public Hearing (notify customers, PUC, Public Advocate (at least 14 days before Public Hearing)	5/25/2016
Public Hearing	6/15/2016
File final rate case information with the PUC on or after hearing: (at least 10 days after Public Hearing but not later than 30 days)	6/30/2016 No later than: 7/15/2016
Effective date for new rates (at least 30 days, but not more than Nine months after final filing with PUC.	9/1/2016

CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT

WATERWORKS DIVISION

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Quarterly and Monthly rates for water
to metered customers

Quarterly Rate:

For the first	900 cubic feet	\$62.55 minimum
For the next	8100 cubic feet	\$ 3.82 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	12,000 cubic feet	\$ 3.07 per 100 cubic feet
For all in excess of	21,000 cubic feet	\$ 1.90 per 100 cubic feet

Monthly Rate:

For the first	300 cubic feet	\$20.85 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	2700 cubic feet	\$ 3.82 per 100 cubic feet
For the next	4000 cubic feet	\$ 3.07 per 100 cubic feet
For all in excess of	7000 cubic feet	\$ 1.90 per 100 cubic feet

SIZE OF METER	MINIMUM CHARGE		ALLOWANCE CUBIC FEET	
	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly
5/8"	\$62.55	\$20.85	900	300
3/4"	\$85.59	\$28.53	1500	500
1"	\$131.44	\$43.81	2700	900
1-1/2"	\$234.62	\$78.21	5400	1800
2"	\$372.10	\$124.04	9000	3000
3"	\$688.78	\$229.59	18,000	6000
4"	\$908.36	\$302.79	27,000	9000
6"	\$1370.71	\$456.90	54,000	18,000

Conditions of Service under this rate:

The Customer shall pay the minimum charge only when application for the meter rates to the quantity of water consumed results in an amount less than the said minimum charge.

Terms of Payment:

Billing may be either monthly or quarterly at the option of the District.

Minimum Charges as well as excess used over the minimum charge allowance are both billed in arrears.

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PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

AVAILABLE:

To the City of Caribou for municipal fire protection.

RATE:

For the existing hydrants as installed on September 1, 2016, a total of
\$ 321,433.00

Rates for hydrants installed after September 1, 2016, shall be determined in accordance with
the
Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Chapter 690.

The hydrant charge shall not be reduced, should the City order one or more hydrants
discontinued.

Terms of Payment:

Bills under these rates will be billed and payable monthly or quarterly in arrears at the option of
the District.

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RATES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

Available:

For customers using the District's services for private fire protection and having separate lines for this service. The following rates apply to fire protection only, and include no allowance for water for other than fire fighting purposes.

Rate:

Service charge per inch of service pipe diameter, per year: \$ 153.68

There will be no additional charge for sprinkler heads or private hydrants.

Terms of Payment:

Charges of private fire protection shall be billed and payable monthly or quarterly in arrears, at the option of the District.

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