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Date: December 7, 2025

To: All Caribou Utilities District Water Customers

Subject: Notice of Proposed Water Rate Change – Anticipated Effective Date January 22, 2026

Dear Customer,

The Caribou Utilities District (CUD) is providing this notice to inform you that the District has submitted a proposed tariff revision to the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with an anticipated effective date of January 22, 2026. The filing proposes a 1.5% increase to all metered water rates as well as a 1.5% adjustment to public and private fire protection charges.

At this time, the filing is pending review and approval by the PUC. Until the Commission issues its final decision, the current rates, approved under PUC Docket No. 2024-00130 and effective November 1, 2024, will remain in effect.

Why a 1.5% Adjustment?

This proposed across-the-board 1.5% increase ensures the District can continue to maintain critical water infrastructure, comply with regulatory requirements, and provide reliable, safe drinking water to the Caribou community. Incremental adjustments such as this help maintain financial stability and reduce the likelihood of larger increases in the future.

When Will the Change Appear on My Bill?

We anticipate the rate change will go into effect on January 22, 2026, and be reflected on your bill received in early March 2026, pending PUC approval.

Where to Review the Proposed Tariff

A complete copy of the proposed tariff, including all rate schedules and meter-size charges, is available for review at the CUD office and will be posted on our website. Printed copies are available upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed increase or the PUC approval process, please contact our office at (207) 496-0911.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to maintain a safe, dependable public water supply.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Helstrom, General Manager

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CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT WATERWORKS DIVISION

MONTHLY RATES FOR METERED CUSTOMERS

Meter Sizes	Min. Charge Per Month	Monthly Allowance, CF	Consumption Rates		
			\$4.31/100 CF	\$3.55/100 CF	\$3.05/100 CF
5/8"	\$ 22.84	300	2,700	4,000	In excess of 7,000
3/4"	\$ 31.67	400	2,600	4,000	In excess of 7,000
1"	\$ 59.07	700	2,300	4,000	In excess of 7,000
1-1/2"	\$ 104.04	1,600	1,400	4,000	In excess of 7,000
2"	\$ 162.60	2,900	100	4,000	In excess of 7,000
3"	\$ 349.83	6,700		300	In excess of 7,000
4"	\$ 627.64	12,100			In excess of 12,100
6"	\$ 1,440.47	27,600			In excess of 27,600
8"	\$ 4,115.62	124,200			In excess of 124,200
10"	\$ 8,231.24	397,400			In excess of 397,400
12"	\$12,346.87	834,500			In excess of 834,500

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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CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT WATERWORKS DIVISION

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

AVAILABLE:

To the City of Caribou for municipal fire protection.

RATE:

For the existing hydrants as installed on December 31, 2025, a total of
\$ 357,629.16

Rates for hydrants installed after December 31, 2025, shall be determined in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Chapter 69.

All public fire hydrants now existing or to be installed will be cared for and maintained in good working order by the District. Once any fire hydrant is actually installed and in operation, the total annual fire protection service charge then in effect will not be reduced should the municipality served order one or more hydrants discontinued.

Should the city order any hydrant or hydrants moved to a different location, the city served shall pay to the District all costs of moving said hydrant or hydrants.

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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CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT WATERWORKS DIVISION

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:

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

Private Fire Protection

Diameter, inches	Monthly	Annual
3/4"	\$ 10.96	\$ 131.54
1"	\$ 14.62	\$ 175.39
1-1/2"	\$ 21.90	\$ 262.84
2"	\$ 29.21	\$ 350.54
3"	\$ 43.82	\$ 525.81
4"	\$ 58.42	\$ 701.08
6"	\$ 87.62	\$ 1,051.50
8"	\$ 116.83	\$ 1,401.92
10"	\$ 146.02	\$ 1,752.21
12"	\$ 175.21	\$ 2,102.51

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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