

Notice is hereby given that Northside Water Service Ltd. has made application to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights for his/her consent to the filing under the provisions of the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act of rates and charges for service.

This increase is planned to become effective on **January 1, 2017**

A summary of the proposed rate for Residential customers is as follows:

<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
\$45.00 per month		
	January 1, 2017	\$64.00 per month

Reason for Increase

Notice is hereby given that Northside Water Service Ltd. (NWSL) has made application to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights (Comptroller) under the provisions of the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act requesting: (i) approval to proceed with detailed design and construction of an arsenic reduction system (ARS); (ii) a determination that the ARS is in the public interest; and (iii) approval of the future recovery of NWSL's costs for completing the detailed design and construction of the ARS.

The ARS is necessary for NWSL to meet the requirements of the Northern Health Authority's Drinking Water Safety initiatives. Specifically, the project is intended to improve the quality of drinking water supplied by NWSL such that it meets Northern Health's water quality requirements and Health Canada's Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality with respect to arsenic content. Potable water supplied by NWSL, although demonstrably safe, is currently not in compliance with the relevant requirements and guidelines.

The project will reduce the arsenic concentration in water supplied by NWSL from a current level of approximately 11 parts per billion (ppb) to less than an estimated 2 ppb. The project will also reduce the concentration of manganese in the water from a current level of approximately 200 ppb to less than 2 ppb, significantly reducing the staining of plumbing fixtures and laundry and improving taste for all customers.

The project will involve the purchase, installation and commissioning of a 240 gallon per minute (gpm) capacity greensand filtration system and associated piping and accessories. The greensand filtration system will be housed in a dedicated and secure structure on NWSL property.

The cost of the ARS project is estimated at \$450,000 which would be financed over 15 years through a rate increase. The expected monthly rate increase to the customer is estimated at **\$19 per residential unit** after the project is given approval by the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights.

In **September 2016** NWSL will file an application to increase water rates on **January 1, 2017**; this application will reflect NWSL's forecasted costs of providing water treatment.

Any person wishing further information regarding the ARS application may contact the utility by email at nswater@telus.net or through the customer service portal of NWSL's website at:

<http://northsidewater.myruralwater.com/customer-service>

Additional information is also available by contacting:

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By direction of the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights, objections to the application are to be forwarded to:

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Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights

Utility Regulation Section

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To be submitted on or before **October 30, 2016**

As all submissions to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights may be included as evidence, please ensure that a copy is provided to Northside Water Services Ltd.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at:

<http://northsidewater.myruralwater.com/customer-service>