



Technical Memorandum

To: CWCWD
Attn: Stan Linker & CWCWD Board of Directors

From: Josh Cook, P.E.
Subject: 2009 Water Rates Letter

Date: 5/21/25
Project Number: 25-002.05

Dear Stan Linker and Central Weld County Water District Board of Directors,

On October 13, 2009, Thomas Ullmann, P.E., from The Engineering Company, wrote a letter on behalf of Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD) to the Town of Firestone explaining the new 2010 water rates following the official September 30, 2009, notice. I understand this letter has been referenced recently by the Town via an email from the town manager on May 3, 2025, and I wanted to take the opportunity to clarify a few things for the board of directors.

- In Mr. Ullmann's letter (on page 2), there is a table showing the proposed rates, which include monthly minimum charge calculations, monthly volume charge calculations, AND the total monthly charge. The total monthly charge is the summation of the monthly minimum charge PLUS the monthly volume charge. The total monthly charge is what the Town is billed each month.
- In the paragraph below the table, "The above formula still..." Mr. Ullmann explains how the above calculations are performed, clearly using the word "plus," which indicates the new 2010 billing rate will include both the monthly minimum charge and the monthly volume charge.
- The second-to-last paragraph states, "The \$674.20 (not \$647.20) is the monthly charge for 900,000 for a 3" meter. The current rate calculation for the volume charge subtracts 900,000 gallons for the monthly use then multiplies that times the \$0.66/1,000 gallons and adds the \$674.20. If that total is greater than the monthly minimum charge the town is billed that amount; if not, the Town is billed the minimum. I can only assume that this calculation is a carryover from the time the Town only had a single 3" meter." What is being explained in this paragraph was the current rate calculation and how things were structured in 2009, not the proposed rates for 2010. Mr. Ullmann explains how the historical water rates, which at the time of the writing of his letter, were calculated by using the maximum cost of the water volume charge OR the monthly minimum charge and the higher of those two charges was billed to the Town each month. However, that changed with the September 30, 2009, billing rate notice.

When you evaluate this letter in its entirety, it clearly walks through the then-current (as of 2009) and future calculations (in effect beginning 2010).

A single sentence from this letter is being taken out of context, creating a misleading narrative that distorts both the original intent of the letter and manipulates the message from Mr. Ullmann.

The way I interpret this letter is that Mr. Ullmann gave a clear explanation of the new water rates for the Town to explain the September 30, 2009, notice, as well as articulated how the monthly bills for the Town would be calculated beginning in 2010. Furthermore, it explains how the rates are similar for CWCWD's rural customers and explains how the Town receives a reduced price from the rural customers. I can confirm his calculations are correct and the District has been billing the Town properly.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Josh Cook, P.E., NoCo Engineering Company