



Docket UW22308
Order UW09-03

IN THE MATTER of an
application by the Montague Sewage and Water
Collection and Treatment Corporation for an
increase in its schedule of sewer and water rates
and charges.

**BEFORE THE
COMMISSION**

on Thursday, the 7th day of May, 2009.

Maurice Rodgerson, Chair
Brian McKenna, Vice-Chair
John Broderick, Commissioner
Chester MacNeill, Commissioner

Order

Compared and Certified a True Copy

(Sgd) *Mark Lanigan*

Technical and Regulatory Services

IN THE MATTER of an application by the Montague Sewage and Water Collection and Treatment Corporation for an increase in its schedule of sewer and water rates and charges.

Order

WHEREAS the Montague Sewage and Water Collection and Treatment Corporation (the “Utility”), by application filed on February 5, 2009, has applied for approval to increase its annual sewer and water rates and charges;

AND WHEREAS the Utility proposes to implement the increases over a three-year period, commencing July 1, 2009;

AND WHEREAS by notice published in local newspapers following receipt of the said application, the Commission invited written comments on the Utility’s proposed rates;

AND WHEREAS the Commission subsequently received three written submissions in response to the public notice;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Utility’s submission, as well as the responses to the public notice;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has, based on a thorough analysis of the application, concluded that:

- expenditures associated with the Utility’s share of infrastructure program investments for both sewer and water services have resulted in significant increases in operating costs;

- increased expenditures associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the water and pollution treatment facilities, including the Utility's requirement to comply with expanding environmental regulations, have also impacted the Utility's overall operating costs; and
- the Utility's forecasted operating expenses are reasonable in relation to the services provided;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Commission that the phasing in of sewer and water rate increases over a three-year period is fair and reasonable:

AND WHEREAS it further appears to the Commission that the Tariffs of Rates and Charges approved herein are necessary and equitable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the *Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act* and the *Water and Sewerage Act*

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The existing Tariff for water and wastewater services of the Montague Sewage and Water Collection and Treatment Corporation is revoked and the Tariffs appended to, and forming part of, this Order are substituted therefore; and
2. The appended Tariffs are approved and declared effective on July 1, 2009, July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2011 respectively, and shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 7th day of May, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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(Sgd) Brian McKenna

Brian McKenna, Vice-Chair

(Sgd) John Broderick

John Broderick, Commissioner

(Sgd) Chester MacNeill

Chester MacNeill, Commissioner

NOTICE

Section 12 of the *Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act* reads as follows:

12. The Commission may, in its absolute discretion, review, rescind or vary any order or decision made by it or rehear any application before deciding it.

Parties to this proceeding seeking a review of the Commission's decision or order in this matter may do so by filing with the Commission, at the earliest date, a written Request for Review, which clearly states the reasons for the review and the nature of the relief sought.

Sections 13.(1), 13(2), 13(3), and 13(4) of the *Act* provide as follows:

13.(1) An appeal lies from a decision or order of the Commission to the Court of Appeal upon a question of law or jurisdiction.

(2) The appeal shall be made by filing a notice of appeal in the Court of Appeal within twenty days after the decision or order appealed from and the rules of court respecting appeals apply with the necessary changes.

(3) The Commission shall be deemed to be a party to the appeal.

(4) No costs shall be payable by any party to an appeal under this section unless the Court of Appeal, in its discretion, for special reasons, so orders

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Metered Rates

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Water & Sewer Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
Meter Size	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$18.45	\$55.35	\$0.73 per cubic metre
3/4 inch	\$23.54	\$70.62	
1 inch	\$33.72	\$101.16	
1 1/2 inch	\$59.17	\$177.51	
2 inch	\$89.71	\$269.13	
3 inch	\$160.96	\$482.88	
4 inch	\$262.76	\$788.28	
6 inch	\$517.25	\$1,551.75	

Water Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
Meter Size	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$12.15	\$36.45	\$0.30 per cubic metre
3/4 inch	\$15.89	\$47.67	
1 inch	\$23.39	\$70.17	
1 1/2 inch	\$42.12	\$126.36	
2 inch	\$64.60	\$193.80	
3 inch	\$117.04	\$351.12	
4 inch	\$191.97	\$575.91	
6 inch	\$379.28	\$1,137.84	

Minimum Bill:

The minimum bill is the Demand Charge.

Unmetered Rates

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Flat Rates:

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Single-Family Dwellings

Water & Sewer Service:

Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
\$33.36	\$100.07	\$400.28

Sewer Service:

Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
\$14.93	\$44.80	\$179.18

Non-Single-Family Dwellings

Sewer Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
(Equiv. Water Service Meter Size)	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$5.94	\$17.82	\$0.44 per cubic metre based on estimated water consumption
3/4 inch	\$7.11	\$21.33	
1 inch	\$9.45	\$28.35	
1 1/2 inch	\$15.30	\$45.90	
2 inch	\$22.32	\$66.96	
3 inch	\$38.69	\$116.07	
4 inch	\$62.09	\$186.27	
6 inch	\$120.59	\$361.77	

Special Flat Rates:

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Rates for Water Supplied from Fire Hydrants:

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Municipal Service Rates

Fire Protection Charge:

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Surcharge:

In cents per 1,000 imperial gallons -

$$\frac{\text{SS(ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 5.3 + \frac{\text{GR(ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 5.3$$

In cents per cubic metre -

$$\frac{\text{SS(ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 1.166 + \frac{\text{GR(ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 1.166$$

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Water & Sewer Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
Meter Size	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$22.19	\$66.57	\$0.88 per cubic metre
3/4 inch	\$28.31	\$84.93	
1 inch	\$40.56	\$121.68	
1 1/2 inch	\$71.17	\$213.51	
2 inch	\$107.91	\$323.73	
3 inch	\$161.09	\$483.27	
4 inch	\$262.76	\$788.28	
6 inch	\$622.23	\$1,866.69	

Water Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
Meter Size	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$13.88	\$41.64	\$0.35 per cubic metre
3/4 inch	\$18.16	\$54.48	
1 inch	\$26.73	\$80.19	
1 1/2 inch	\$48.14	\$144.42	
2 inch	\$73.82	\$221.46	
3 inch	\$133.76	\$401.28	
4 inch	\$219.39	\$658.17	
6 inch	\$433.47	\$1,300.41	

Minimum Bill:

The minimum bill is the Demand Charge.

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Single-Family Dwellings

Water & Sewer Service:

Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
\$40.13	\$120.38	\$481.52

Sewer Service:

Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
\$19.07	\$57.21	\$228.84

Non-Single-Family Dwellings

Sewer Service:

Demand Charge			Commodity Charge
(Equiv. Water Service Meter Size)	Monthly	Quarterly	
5/8 inch	\$7.58	\$22.74	\$0.57 per cubic metre based on estimated water consumption
3/4 inch	\$9.08	\$27.24	
1 inch	\$12.06	\$36.18	
1 1/2 inch	\$19.53	\$58.59	
2 inch	\$28.50	\$85.50	
3 inch	\$49.42	\$148.26	
4 inch	\$79.30	\$237.90	
6 inch	\$154.01	\$462.03	

Special Flat Rates:

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Surcharge:

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3/4 inch	\$33.09	\$99.27
1 inch	\$47.40	\$142.20
1 1/2 inch	\$83.18	\$249.54
2 inch	\$126.12	\$378.36
3 inch	\$193.75	\$581.25
4 inch	\$316.09	\$948.27
6 inch	\$622.23	\$1,866.69

Commodity Charge
\$1.02 per cubic metre

Water Service:

Demand Charge		
Meter Size	Monthly	Quarterly
5/8 inch	\$15.62	\$46.86
3/4 inch	\$20.43	\$61.29
1 inch	\$30.07	\$90.21
1 1/2 inch	\$54.15	\$162.45
2 inch	\$83.05	\$249.15
3 inch	\$150.48	\$451.44
4 inch	\$246.82	\$740.46
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\$0.39 per cubic metre

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\$46.90	\$140.69	\$562.76

Sewer Service:

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\$23.21	\$69.62	\$278.49

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5/8 inch	\$9.23	\$27.69	\$0.69 per cubic metre based on estimated water consumption
3/4 inch	\$11.05	\$33.15	
1 inch	\$14.68	\$44.04	
1 1/2 inch	\$23.77	\$71.31	
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