

SUPERIOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

Providing Superior Wastewater Service to Tennessee

February 27, 2023

Ms. Michelle Mairs, Deputy Director
Utilities Division
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

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**Re: JOINT PETITION OF SUPERIOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, LLC, AND TPUC
STAFF (AS A PARTY) TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES.
DOCKET NO. 22-00087
TARIFF FILING**

Dear Ms. Mairs:

On February 27, 2023, in Docket 22-00087, the voting panel in this Docket approved an increase in base rates for Superior Wastewater Systems, LLC (SWS) to become effective on March 1, 2023. Attached are two copies of SWS's proposed tariff (clean and redline) with an effective date of March 1, 2023.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this filing. Should you have any questions, or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John Powell
President & General Manager

Cc: William H. Novak

SUPERIOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

DOCKET 22-00087 JOINT RATE CASE

**UNREDACTED (CLEAN) PROPOSED
TARIFF SHEETS**

Superior Wastewater Systems

Wastewater Service Tariff

TPUC #1 Residential Services

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Wastewater Service Billing Summary**

System	Monthly Charge
Ashby Communities – Sheet 2	\$50.10
Hill and Roberts Parcels – Sheet 3	54.34
Fox Parcel – Sheet 4	54.34
Taliaferro Road Parcel – Sheet 5	54.34

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Ashby Communities Billing Rates**

	Monthly Charge
Base Rate Charge	\$44.21
Escrow Charge	10.13
Bonding Charge **	-4.24
Total	\$50.10

Incidental Rates:

Late Payment	5% of Bill.
Disconnection	\$10.00
Reconnection	\$15.00
Returned Check	\$20.00

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Total Bonding Cost		
Amount of Bond	\$147,500	
Interest Rate	<u>7.95%</u>	(1% Letter of Credit + 6.95% Debt Funding)
Bond Pass-Thru Cost	\$11,726	
Less Prior Recovered Cost	<u>24,744</u>	
Total Surcharge/(Refund)	\$-13,018	
Projected Bills	<u>3,067</u>	(256 Customers * 12 Months)
Total	\$-4.24	

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Hill and Roberts Parcel Billing Rates**

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**Superior Wastewater Systems
Fox Parcel Billing Rates**

	Monthly Charge
Base Rate Charge	\$44.21
Escrow Charge	10.13
Bonding Charge **	0.00
Total	\$54.34

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**Superior Wastewater Systems
Taliaferro Road Parcel Billing Rates**

	Monthly Charge
Base Rate Charge	\$44.21
Escrow Charge	10.13
Bonding Charge **	0.00
Total	\$54.34

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DOCKET 22-00087 JOINT RATE CASE

REDLINE PROPOSED TARIFF SHEETS

Superior Wastewater Systems

Wastewater Service Tariff

TPUC #1

~~Cost of~~ Residential Services

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Wastewater Service Billing Summary**

System	Monthly Charge
Ashby Communities – Sheet 2	\$30.87 <u>50.10</u>
Hill and Roberts Parcels – Sheet 3	35.11 <u>54.34</u>
Fox Parcel – Sheet 4	35.11 <u>54.34</u>
Taliaferro Road Parcel – Sheet 5	35.11 <u>54.34</u>

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Ashby Communities Billing Rates**

	Monthly Charge
Base Rate Charge	\$24.98 44.21
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Total	\$30.8750.10

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**Superior Wastewater Systems
Fox Parcel Billing Rates**

	Monthly Charge
Base Rate Charge	\$24.98 44.21
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Bonding Charge **	0.00
Total	\$35.11 54.34

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**Superior Wastewater Systems
Taliaferro Road Parcel Billing Rates**

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Bonding Charge **	0.00
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Operation and Maintenance Costs

Collection Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
1	Collection System Tank Pumping	\$3.10	\$3.10
2	Collection System Equipment Replacement	3.25	3.25
3	Collection System Preventative Maintenance	1.10	0.00
4	Collection System Service Calls	1.50	0.00
	Total	\$8.95	\$6.35

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Treatment System Costs

Sand/Gravel Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
5	Treatment System Tank Pumping	\$2.53	\$0.00
6	Treatment System Equipment Replacement	0.80	0.00
7	Treatment System Preventative Maintenance	2.90	2.90
	Total	\$6.23	\$2.90

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Treatment System Costs

Lagoon Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
8	Treatment System Preventative Maintenance	\$1.10	\$0.00
9	Treatment System Trouble Calls	0.30	0.00
10	Treatment System Equipment Replacement	1.20	1.20
	Total	\$2.60	\$1.20

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Utility Costs

All Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
11	Utility Costs — Systems with Sand/Gravel Filter Treatment	\$0.80	\$0.00
12	Utility Costs — Systems with Lagoon Treatment	0.30	0.00
13	Utility Costs — Systems with Pump Stations	0.50	0.00
14	Utility Costs — Systems with Metering Stations	0.35	0.00

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Disposal System Costs

Drip Irrigation Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
15	Disposal Costs—Preventive Maintenance	\$0.45	\$0.00
16	Disposal Costs—Trouble Calls	0.20	0.00
17	Disposal Costs—Equipment Replacement Costs	0.88	0.88
	—Total	\$1.53	\$0.88

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Sampling, Testing and Reporting Costs

All Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
18	Sampling, Testing and Reporting Costs—Systems with Drip Irrigation Disposal	\$7.00	\$0.00
19	Sampling, Testing and Reporting Costs—Systems with Lagoon Disposal	9.20	0.00

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Billing and Collecting Costs

All Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
20	Billing and Collecting Costs All Systems	\$1.50	\$0.00

**Superior Wastewater Systems
Miscellaneous Costs**

All Systems

Tariff Item #	Description	Monthly Amount	Monthly Escrow
21	Miscellaneous Costs—Rate Regulatory Expense	\$0.40	\$0.00
22	Miscellaneous Costs—Environmental Regulatory Expense	0.52	0.00
23	Miscellaneous Costs—Bonding Cost Pass Through	**	0.00
24	Miscellaneous Costs—Bonding Cost Pass Through	**	0.00
25	Miscellaneous Costs—Franchise Taxes	0.52	0.00
26	Miscellaneous Costs—Excise Taxes	0.30	0.00
27	Miscellaneous Costs—Property Taxes	0.95	0.00
28	Miscellaneous Costs—Federal Taxes	1.11	0.00
29	Miscellaneous Costs—Local Management Fee	2.00	0.00
30	Miscellaneous Costs—Corporate Management Fee	2.80	0.00
31	Miscellaneous Costs—County/City imposed Treatment Cost Pass Through	**	0.00
	—Total	\$8.60	\$0.00

** These costs are passed through without markup to customers as charged by local taxing agencies.

~~Sewer System Access Fee~~

~~The owner of each property parcel which is provided a tap or the availability of a tap, when the sewer system is built, will be required to pay a sewer access fee of \$84.00 per year. This fee will be payable each year by December 15th, for owners of record, as of December 1st. As each customer attaches to the sewer and signs up for service, they will pay a pro-rated access fee for that year and thereafter the fee will not be charged.~~

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Collection System Operation and Maintenance (Tariff Items 1—4)	\$8.95	\$6.35
Treatment System Cost (Tariff Items 5—7)	6.23	2.90
Utility Cost (Tariff Items 11 and 13)	1.30	0.00
Disposal System Cost (Tariff Items 15—17)	1.53	0.88
Sampling and Testing Cost (Tariff Item 18)	7.00	0.00
Billing and Collection Cost (Tariff Item 20)	1.50	0.00
Miscellaneous Cost (Tariff Items 21—30 excluding Bonding)	8.60	0.00
Bonding Cost (Pass Through) **	-4.24	0.00
Total	\$30.87	\$10.13

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Hill and Roberts Parcel Billing Rates**

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Superior Wastewater Systems Fox Parcel Billing Rates

	Monthly Charge	Eserowed Amount
Collection System Operation and Maintenance (Tariff Items 1—4)	\$8.95	\$6.35
Treatment System Cost (Tariff Items 5—7)	6.23	2.90
Utility Cost (Tariff Items 11 and 13)	1.30	0.00
Disposal System Cost (Tariff Items 15—17)	1.53	0.88
Sampling and Testing Cost (Tariff Item 18)	7.00	0.00
Billing and Collection Cost (Tariff Item 20)	1.50	0.00
Miscellaneous Cost (Tariff Items 21—30 excluding Bonding)	8.60	0.00
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Total	\$35.11	\$10.13

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Superior Wastewater Systems Taliaferro Road Parcel Billing Rates

	Monthly Charge	Escrowed Amount
Collection System Operation and Maintenance (Tariff Items 1—4)	\$8.95	\$6.35
Treatment System Cost (Tariff Items 5—7)	6.23	2.90
Utility Cost (Tariff Items 11 and 13)	1.30	0.00
Disposal System Cost (Tariff Items 15—17)	1.53	0.88
Sampling and Testing Cost (Tariff Item 18)	7.00	0.00
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