

RUNAWAY BAY WATER COMPANY'S (RBWC) WATER AND SEWERAGE RATE APPLICATION

On 2020 July 1, the Runaway Bay Water Company Ltd (RBWC) applied to the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) for an increase in its water and sewerage rates as provided for by its Water Supply and Sewerage Service Provider Licences. The utility provider says it intends to use the increased revenues to maintain and upgrade its facilities.

Although the application was made in July, on examination, the application had some areas of deficiencies, which prevented an immediate review. In light of this, the OUR requested critical supporting information and data, which RBWC submitted on 2020 October 9.

RBWC's tariff requests include an increase:

- In service charge of :
 - 3% for 5/8 inch meters;
 - 10% for 1 inch and above;
 - 80% for 4 inch and 8 inch (to accommodate contractual supply arrangements with NWC);
- In volumetric water rate ranging from 5% to 43% for residential customers;
- Of 7% in water rates for commercial customers;
- Of 16% for bulk water rate;
- Of 47% (average) for sewerage customers.

RBWC also applied for continuation of the monthly Price Adjustment Mechanism (PAM) rate adjustment.

RBWC is licensed to supply potable water in the Runaway Bay area of St. Ann and to supply potable water and sewerage services in the Caymanas area of St. Catherine.

You can examine the [details on RBWC's application](#) on the OUR's website: www.our.org.jm.