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July 01, 2020

Ansord Hewitt  
Director General  
Office of Utilities Regulations  
36 Trafalgar Road  
Kingston 10

Dear Mr. Hewitt,

Re: Application for Potable Water and Sewerage Rate Increase for the Runaway Bay Water Company Ltd. (RBWC)

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The RBWC seeks your approval for an increase in its Water and Sewage Services rates charged to its customers, as provided for by its Water Supply and Sewerage Licence. This increase is needed to maintain and upgrade the company's facilities and it is hoped to come into effect by August 01, 2020.

Our current and proposed new rates are set out in the enclosed schedule, along with the National Water Commission's (NWC) old rates, their percentage increase and their new rates.

In considering our application we ask that you take account of the following factors:-

- i. The RBWC proposed rates were derived by applying the same percentage rate increase granted to the NWC in each category.
- ii. The RBWC has a non-exclusive Licence to supply potable water to the Runaway Bay area in St. Ann and to supply potable water and sewage services in the Caymanas area of St. Catherine.

**DIRECTORS**

Michael Shaw Chairman • David Allen • Norman Brown • Claudette Bryan • Sara Simpson • Chryseis Reynolds

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- iii. Increased rates were last granted by your office to the RBWC on August 31, 2015. Since then the costs of production, treatment, distribution and transmission of sewerage to the NWC Soapberry treatment plant have increased significantly.
  - iv. The NWC was granted increases January 2020 and the justification for these increases would also be applicable to the RBWC since our operations are similar even though on a smaller scale.
  - v. Although the RBWC supply the NWC with Potable water via contract, the Commission still ask that any rate adjustment be granted through the OUR. As a result:
    - a. The RBWC proposed a service charge increase of 80% because we both purchase these water meters from the same suppliers and their prices have increased notably. This would make the service charge for 4 inch and 6 inch meters 67% below that charged by the NWC to their customers. The RBWC service charge to the NWC are still less than our proposed charge to our customers.
    - b. The proposed water rates charged to the NWC would increase by 16% making the RBWC rates just 10.63% of the NWC commercial rates (to whom most of the water purchased is sold) and 40.63% of the lowest domestic rate and 12.28% of their highest domestic rate. We ask that the Office give this request favorable consideration because it is needed to maintain and improve plant, machinery and equipment and maintain quality in the production of Potable water.
  - vi. Copies of the Water Abstraction Licences issued by the Water Resources Authority for our wells at Cardiff Hall, Mt. Edgecombe and Caymanas are enclosed.
  - vii. The RBWC has provided (and continues to provide) an adequate and reliable water supply service to its customers, consistent with the water quality and supply service standards required by the OUR licence at all locations.
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- viii. The continuance of the arrangement to charge monthly the OUR approved Price Adjustment Mechanism (PAM) on our customers monthly bills. This PAM rate so applied should continue to be the NWC's previous month's PAM rate.
- ix. We are also relying on the OUR policy that would allow a rate increase to small utility providers as long as it would not put these rates higher than those charged by the NWC, nor the rate increase greater than those granted to the NWC.

We trust that we have provided the information necessary to allow an early decision on our application but stand ready to provide any additional information that may be required.

Yours faithfully,  
**RUNAWAY BAY WATER COMPANY LTD.**



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Collie Wallace  
Manager

CW/dad

COPY: Heather Pinnock - General Manager - Urban Development Corporation (UDC)  
Lisa Golding - DGM Subsidiaries Management & Revenue Generation - UDC  
Dena Chatrue - Business Development Manager (UDC)  
Blossetta Colthirst - Accounting Manager (RBWC)  
Nadine Johnson-Dunkley - Project Coordinator/Executive Assistant (OUR)



**RBWC REQUESTED WATER RATES INCREASE FROM THE OUR 2020**

SERVICE CHARGE	RBWC RATES	Per/ge increase	PROPOSED NEW RATES
5/8 inch/15mm	670.23	3.00	690.34
1 inch / 25mm	1,798.99	10.00	1,978.89
2 inch/ 50mm	4,797.26	10.00	5,276.99
3 inch / 75 mm	8,712.61	10.00	9,583.87
4 inch / 100mm	14,074.43	10.00	15,481.87
4 inch / 100mm (NWC by contract)	7,113.19	80.00	12,803.73
8 inch / 200mm (NWC by contract)	10,836.19	80.00	19,505.15
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE/1000 GAL</b>			
Commercial For up to 2,000	1,432.84	7.00	1,533.14
Commercial Over 2,000		58.29	893.67
Condominiums	710.77	7.00	760.53
Bulk Supply Rate for each'000 Gals (NWC by Contract)	173.43	16.00	201.18
<b>DOMESTIC</b>			
00 to 03	382.10	5.00	401.63
03 to 06	673.65	6.00	714.28
06 to 09	727.36	7.00	778.71
over 09	928.39	43.00	1,327.04
12 to 20	1,156.23		
20 & above	1,488.11		
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE/1000 litres</b>			
Commercial For up to 9,100	315.06	7.00	337.12
Commercial Over 9,100		58.29	196.51
Condominiums	156.27	7.00	167.21
Bulk Supply Rate for each'000 litres (NWC by Contract)	38.15	16.00	44.25
<b>DOMESTIC</b>			
00 to 14	84.00	5.00	88.30
14 to 27	148.11	6.00	157.04
27 to 41	159.97	7.00	171.26
over 41	204.20	43.00	291.88
55-91	254.25		
91 & above	327.29		

**NWC OUR APPROVED WATER RATES AS OF JANUARY 2020**

SERVICE CHARGE	NWC OLD RATES	Per/ge increase	NWC NEW RATES
5/8 inch/15mm	830.00	3.00	854.90
1 inch / 25mm	2,220.00	10.00	2,442.00
2 inch/ 50mm	5,920.00	10.00	6,512.00
3 inch / 75 mm	10,750.00	10.00	11,825.00
4 inch / 100mm	17,370.00	10.00	19,107.00
6 inch / 150mm	26,460.00	10.00	29,106.00
8 inch / 200mm			
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE/1000 GAL</b>			
Commercial For up to 2,000	1,768.00	7.00	1,891.76
Commercial Over 2,000		58.29	1,102.68
Condominiums	877.00	7.00	938.43
<b>DOMESTIC</b>			
00 to 03	471.49	5.00	495.06
03 to 06	831.21	6.00	881.08
06 to 09	897.49	7.00	960.51
over 09	1,145.55	43.00	1,638.11
12 to 20	1,427.00		
20 & above	1,836.00		
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE/1000 litres</b>			
Commercial For up to 9,100	388.75	7.05	416.14
Commercial Over 9,100		58.29	242.56
Condominiums	192.83	7.05	206.43
<b>DOMESTIC</b>			
00 to 14	103.67	5.04	108.90
14 to 27	182.80	6.02	193.81
27 to 41	197.38	7.02	211.24
over 41	251.93	43.03	360.33
55-91	313.71		
91 & above	403.83		

**RBWC REQUESTED SEWERAGE RATES INCREASE FROM THE OUR 2020**

SEWERAGE CHARGE	RBWC RATES	Per/ge increase	PROPOSED NEW RATES
<b>CHARGE/1000 GAL</b>			
Commercial For up to 2,000	1,311.41	36.17	1,785.75
Commercial Over 2,000		58.29	1,040.91
Condominiums	650.54	36.17	885.84
<b>Domestic</b>			
00 to 03	349.72	33.63	467.23
03 to 06	616.56	34.97	826.75
06 to 09	665.72	36.17	905.98
over 90	849.71	81.99	1,545.88
12 to 20	1,058.24		
20 & above	1,361.99		
<b>CHARGE/1000 litres</b>			
Commercial For up to 9,100	288.36	36.17	392.66
Commercial Over 9,100		58.29	228.88
Condominiums	143.03	36.25	194.76
<b>Domestic</b>			
00 to 14	76.89	33.68	102.72
14 to 27	135.56	34.93	181.77
27 to 41	146.41	36.20	199.25
over 41	186.89	82.03	340.02
55-91	232.70		
91 & above	299.55		

**NWC OUR APPROVED SEWERAGE RATES AS OF JANUARY 2020**

SEWERAGE CHARGE	NWC RATES	Per/ge increase	NWC NEW RATES
<b>CHARGE/1000 GAL</b>			
Commercial For up to 2,000	1,604.58	36.17	2,184.99
Commercial Over 2,000		58.29	1,273.60
Condominiums	795.96	36.17	1,083.89
<b>Domestic</b>			
00 to 03	427.91	33.63	571.80
03 to 06	754.00	34.97	1,017.65
06 to 09	814.53	36.17	1,109.17
over 9	1,039.64	81.99	1,892.02
12 to 20	1,294.80		
20 & above	1,666.55		
<b>CHARGE/1000 litres</b>			
Commercial For up to 9,100	352.81	36.23	480.64
Commercial Over 9,100		58.29	280.16
Condominiums	174.99	36.25	238.42
<b>Domestic</b>			
00 to 14	94.09	33.68	125.78
14 to 27	165.90	34.93	223.85
27 to 41	179.13	36.20	243.98
over 41	228.64	82.03	416.19
55-91	284.71		
91 & above	366.51		

Licence No. A2013/97

**THE WATER RESOURCES ACT, 1995 – SECTION 19(1)  
LICENCE TO ABSTRACT AND USE WATER**

*Runaway Bay Water Company Limited*

*Name of Licensee*

*1036A Ricketts Drive, Cardiff Hall, Runaway Bay P.O. 146, St Ann*

*Address of Licensee*

is hereby granted a licence to abstract and use water, subject to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and Regulations made there-under and to the terms and conditions herein specified.

*Terms and Conditions of Licence*

1. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence only from

Cardiff Hall # 2 Well

(source)

located at Southern Cardiff Hall, Runaway Bay, St. Ann

such abstraction to be at a rate not exceeding 4,545 cubic metres per day.

2. Water abstracted pursuant to this licence may be used for the following purposes only:

For Domestic Purpose

3. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence in the following manner only:

By using a Vertical Turbine/Submersible Pump

4. Within thirty (30) days of the installation of the pump by which water is to be abstracted the licensee shall install on the supply line leading from such pump, a full flow meter (of a type approved by the Authority) for the purpose of measuring the water abstracted.
5. The licensee shall make a monthly return to the Authority of the amount of water abstracted.
6. The licence becomes null and void if within twelve months from the date of the issue thereof, no water is abstracted or used from the approved source pursuant to such licence.
7. The licence shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of the issue thereof, subject to the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder relating to its revocation, suspension and variation.

*Additional Terms and Conditions (if any)*

- i) Amount of water abstracted should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month
- ii) Access for water levels measurement including a stilling tube must be installed.
- iii) Pumping water level must be at least 1m above sea level.
- iv) Chloride concentration must not exceed 250mg/l
- v) Water quality to be sampled twice yearly (April and November) and submitted to the WRA for the following parameters: sodium, pH, total dissolved solids, chloride, nitrate, alkalinity and hardness, sulphate, total and faecal coliform.
- vi) The Cardiff Hall wells # 1 and # 2 are not to run concurrently. One is to be a duty well and one a standby
- vii) Application for renewal must be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the expiry date
- viii) The WRA reserves the right to access the property to monitor the source

*Issue date: 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018*

*Commencement date: 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018*

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Secretary,  
Water Resources Authority

Licence No. A2013/98

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*Address of Licensee*

is hereby granted a licence to abstract and use water, subject to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and Regulations made there-under and to the terms and conditions herein specified.

*Terms and Conditions of Licence*

1. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence only from

*Mt. Edgcombe #1 Well*

(source)

located at *Mt. Edgcombe, Runaway Bay, St. Ann*

such abstraction to be at a rate not exceeding *4,119* cubic metres per day.

2. Water abstracted pursuant to this licence may be used for the following purposes only:

*For Domestic Purpose*

3. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence in the following manner only:

*By using a Vertical Turbine/Submersible Pump*

4. Within thirty (30) days of the installation of the pump by which water is to be abstracted the licensee shall install on the supply line leading from such pump, a full flow meter (of a type approved by the Authority) for the purpose of measuring the water abstracted.

5. The licensee shall make a monthly return to the Authority of the amount of water abstracted.

6. The licence becomes null and void if within twelve months from the date of the issue thereof, no water is abstracted or used from the approved source pursuant to such licence.

7. The licence shall be valid for a period of *5 years* from the date of the issue thereof, subject to the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder relating to its revocation, suspension and variation.

*Additional Terms and Conditions (if any)*

- i) Amount of water abstracted should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month
- ii) Access for water levels measurement including a stilling tube must be installed.
- iii) Pumping water level must be at least 1m above sea level.
- iv) Chloride concentration must not exceed 250mg/l
- v) Water quality to be sampled twice yearly (April and November) and submitted to the WRA for the following parameters: sodium, pH, conductivity, calcium, total dissolved solids, chloride, nitrate, magnesium, sulphate, total and faecal coliform, biochemical oxygen demand
- vi) Application for renewal must be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the expiry date
- vii) The WRA reserves the right to access the property to monitor the source

*Issue date: 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018*

*Commencement date: 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018*

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Secretary,  
Water Resources Authority

Licence No. A2013/96

**THE WATER RESOURCES ACT, 1995 – SECTION 19(1)**  
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*Name of Licensee*

*1036A Ricketts Drive, Cardiff Hall, Runaway Bay P.O. 146, St Ann*

*Address of Licensee*

is hereby granted a licence to abstract and use water, subject to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and Regulations made there-under and to the terms and conditions herein specified.

*Terms and Conditions of Licence*

1. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence only from

Cardiff Hall # 1 Well

(source)

located at Southern Cardiff Hall, Runaway Bay, St. Ann

such abstraction to be at a rate not exceeding 4,545 cubic metres per day.

2. Water abstracted pursuant to this licence may be used for the following purposes only:

For Domestic Purpose

3. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence in the following manner only:

By using a Vertical Turbine/Submersible Pump

4. Within thirty (30) days of the installation of the pump by which water is to be abstracted the licensee shall install on the supply line leading from such pump, a full flow meter (of a type approved by the Authority) for the purpose of measuring the water abstracted.
5. The licensee shall make a monthly return to the Authority of the amount of water abstracted.
6. The licence becomes null and void if within twelve months from the date of the issue thereof, no water is abstracted or used from the approved source pursuant to such licence.
7. The licence shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of the issue thereof, subject to the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder relating to its revocation, suspension and variation.

*Additional Terms and Conditions (if any)*

- i) Amount of water abstracted should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month
- ii) Access for water levels measurement including a stilling tube must be installed.
- iii) Pumping water level must be at least 1m above sea level.
- iv) Chloride concentration must not exceed 250mg/l
- v) Water quality to be sampled twice yearly (April and November) and submitted to the WRA for the following parameters: sodium, pH, total dissolved solids, chloride, nitrate, alkalinity and hardness, sulphate, total and faecal coliform.
- vi) The Cardiff Hall wells # 1 and # 2 are not to be run concurrently. One is to be a duty well and one a standby
- vii) Application for renewal must be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the expiry date
- viii) The WRA reserves the right to access the property to monitor the source

*Issue date: 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018*

Commencement date: 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018

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Secretary,  
Water Resources Authority

Licence No. A2020/04

THE WATER RESOURCES ACT, 1995 – SECTION 19(1)  
LICENCE TO ABSTRACT AND USE WATER

Urban Development Corporation

*Name of Licensee*

12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston Mall, Kingston

*Address of Licensee*

is hereby granted a licence to abstract and use water, subject to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and Regulations made there-under and to the terms and conditions herein specified.

*Terms and Conditions of Licence*

1. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence only from

Top Ellis Domestic Well

(source)

located at Caymanas Estate, St. Catherine

such abstraction to be at a rate not exceeding 1,432 cubic metres per day.

2. Water abstracted pursuant to this licence may be used for the following purposes only:

For Irrigation and Domestic Purposes

3. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence in the following manner only:

By Pumping using a vertical line shaft pump

4. Within thirty (30) days of the installation of the pump by which water is to be abstracted the licensee shall install on the supply line leading from such pump, a full flow meter (of a type approved by the Authority) for the purpose of measuring the water abstracted.

5. The licensee shall make a monthly return to the Authority of the amount of water abstracted.

6. The licence becomes null and void if within twelve months from the date of the issue thereof, no water is abstracted or used from the approved source pursuant to such licence.

7. The licence shall be valid for a period of 1 year from the date of the issue thereof, subject to the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder relating to its revocation, suspension and variation.

*Additional Terms and Conditions (if any)*

- ii) Amount of water abstracted should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month
- iii) Access for water levels measurement including a stilling tube must be installed.
- iv) Pumping water level must be at least 1m above sea level.
- v) Chloride concentration must not exceed 250mg/l
- vi) Raw water quality to be sampled twice yearly (April and November) and submitted to the WRA for the following parameters: pH, Conductivity, Nitrate, Chloride, Sulphate, Sodium, Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, TDS, Total and Faecal Coliform
- vii) A Volume Based Fee on your licenced abstraction amount will be charged per annum at a rate of 0.0253/m<sup>3</sup> for domestic usage
- viii) Application for renewal must be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the expiry date
- ix) The name of the source (as licensed) should be displayed clearly for easy identification by the WRA
- x) The WRA reserves the right to access the property to monitor the source

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020

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Secretary,  
Water Resources Authority



Licence No. A2020/05

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LICENCE TO ABSTRACT AND USE WATER**

Urban Development Corporation

*Name of Licensee*

12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston Mail, Kingston

*Address of Licensee*

is hereby granted a licence to abstract and use water, subject to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and Regulations made there-under and to the terms and conditions herein specified.

*Terms and Conditions of Licence*

1. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence only from

Ellis Golf Club Replacement Well

(source)

located at Caymanas Estate, St. Catherine

such abstraction to be at a rate not exceeding 3,056 cubic metres per day.

2. Water abstracted pursuant to this licence may be used for the following purposes only:

For Agricultural (Irrigation) and Domestic Purposes

3. Water may be abstracted pursuant to this licence in the following manner only:

By Using a Vertical Turbine or Submersible Pump

4. Within thirty (30) days of the installation of the pump by which water is to be abstracted the licensee shall install on the supply line leading from such pump, a full flow meter (of a type approved by the Authority) for the purpose of measuring the water abstracted.

5. The licensee shall make a monthly return to the Authority of the amount of water abstracted.

6. The licence becomes null and void if within twelve months from the date of the issue thereof, no water is abstracted or used from the approved source pursuant to such licence.

7. The licence shall be valid for a period of 1 year from the date of the issue thereof, subject to the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder relating to its revocation, suspension and variation.

*Additional Terms and Conditions (if any)*

- ii) Amount of water abstracted should be submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the following month
- iii) Access for water levels measurement including a stilling tube must be installed.
- iv) Pumping water level must be at least 1m above sea level.
- v) Chloride concentration must not exceed 250mg/l
- vi) Raw water quality to be sampled twice yearly (April and November) and submitted to the WRA for the following parameters: pH, Calcium, Sodium, Potassium, Chloride, Total Nitrogen, Hardness, Nitrate, TDS, Sulphate, Magnesium, Total and Faecal Coliform
- vii) A Volume Based Fee on your licenced abstraction amount will be charged per annum at a rate of 0.0379/m<sup>3</sup> for agricultural usage
- viii) Application for renewal must be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the expiry date
- ix) The name of the source (as licensed) should be displayed clearly for easy identification by the WRA
- x) The WRA reserves the right to access the property to monitor the source

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020

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