



Docket UW23307

Order UW15-02

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by the  
Victoria Water and Sewage Commission for  
approval to increase its sewer and water rates  
and charges.

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 2015.

J. Scott MacKenzie, QC, Chair  
M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair  
John Broderick, Commissioner

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(Sgd) *Heather Walker*

Technical and Regulatory Services

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**WHEREAS** the Victoria Water and Sewage Commission (the "Utility" or "Victoria") filed an application with the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission") for approval to increase annual water and sewer utility rates, effective October 1, 2015;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission posted details of the proposal on its website and published a notice in the local newspaper inviting written comments on Victoria's rate filing;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission did not receive any written submissions in response to the public notice;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has reviewed the Utility's application and financial statements for both water and sewer services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has concluded that additional revenues are necessary to offset the Utility's increased costs;

**AND WHEREAS**, based on current financial projections, the Commission has also concluded that further rate review will be required in two years;

**AND WHEREAS** it 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 sewer and water Tariffs of the Victoria Water and Sewage Commission are revoked and the Tariffs appended to, and forming part of, this Order, are substituted therefor;
2. The appended Tariffs are approved and declared effective on October 1, 2015 and shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission; and
3. The Utility shall file with the Commission, on or before August 15, 2017, an application for review of rates to be effective October 1, 2017.

**DATED** at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

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(Sgd) *Scott MacKenzie*

J. Scott MacKenzie, QC, Chair

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(Sgd) *Douglas Clow*

M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

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(Sgd) *John Broderick*

John Broderick, 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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**NOTE:** In accordance with IRAC's *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule*, the material contained in the official file regarding this matter will be retained by the Commission for a period of 5 years.