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THE OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION ACT

THE OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION (RUNAWAY BAY
WATER COMPANY LIMITED (WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES
RATES AND CHARGES)) ORDER, 2022

WHEREAS by sections 4(4) and 11 of the Office of Utilities Regulation Act, the Office of Utilities Regulation may, by order published in the *Gazette*, prescribe the rates to be charged by a licensee in respect of its prescribed utility service.

AND WHEREAS the Office of Utilities Regulation, having reviewed an application by Runaway Bay Water Company Limited (RBWC) for an Annual Price Adjustment Mechanism (ANPAM) rate adjustment, issued the Determination Notice titled "Runaway Bay Water Company Limited Annual Price Adjustment Mechanism 2022 Rate Adjustment" (Document Number: 2022/WAS/003/DET.002) dated the 28th day of June, 2022.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Office of Utilities Regulation by section 11 of the Office of Utilities Regulation Act, and of every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Office of Utilities Regulation (Runaway Bay Water Company Limited (Water Supply and Sewerage Services Rates and Charges)) Order, 2022.
2. With effect from the 27th day of June, 2022, an occupier of property—
 - (a) Located in the service area for which Runaway Bay Water Company Limited (RBWC) is licensed to supply and distribute water or provide sewerage service, under the following licences:
 - (i) Runaway Bay Water Company Limited Water Supply Licence, 2004;
 - (ii) Runaway Bay Water Company Limited Water Licence Supply, 2014;
 - (iii) Runaway Bay Water Company Limited Sewerage Service Licence, 2017;
 - (b) Who receives any such water supply or sewerage services, shall pay to RBWC, the applicable rates and charges set out in the First Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Rates and Charges

Service Charge

Meter/Service Connection Size	Charge
5/8 inch/15mm	\$817.77
1 inch/25mm	\$2,344.15
2 inch/50mm	\$6,251.01
3 inch/75mm	\$11,352.84
4 inch/100mm	\$18,339.49
8 inch/200mm (NWC by Contract)	\$12,836.32

Volumetric Rate

Consumer Category	Water Rate	Sewerage Rate
Residential (Metric Metered)		
0 to 14,000 litres	\$104.60	\$121.67
14,001 to 27,000 litres	\$186.03	\$215.32
27,001 to 41,000 litres	\$202.87	\$236.02
41,001 and Over	\$345.76	\$402.78
Commercial (Metric Metered)		
0 to 9,100,000	\$399.35	\$465.14
Over 9,100,000	\$232.78	\$271.13
Condominiums	\$198.08	\$230.71

Miscellaneous Fees

Reconnection Fee	\$4,370.00
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Bulk Water Supply Rate (NWC
by Contract)

Charges

\$45.19

ANNUAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

The PAM normally allows for an adjustment of base rates by the rolling in of the PAM up to the anniversary date to reset the base values for the three (3) components in the mechanism; the consumer price index (CPI), foreign exchange rate (FE): the Jamaican dollar exchange rate relative to the United States dollar and electricity prices (kWh).

The mathematical computation of the PAM is:

$$\text{PAM} = (w_{fe} * \Delta FE + w_{cpi} * \Delta CPI + w_k w_h * \Delta kWh) * 100$$

Where;

ΔFE is the monthly percentage change in the JM\$/US\$ exchange rate,

ΔCPI is the monthly percentage change in the CPI,

ΔkWh is the monthly percentage in the kilowatt hour charge for electricity,

w_{fe} is the approved weight for the JM\$/US\$ exchange rate,

w_{cpi} is the approved weight for the CPI, and

$w_k w_h$ is the approved weight for the kilowatt hour charge for electricity.

The ANPAM normally allows for an adjustment of base rates and charges each year. This is achieved by the 'rolling-in' of the cumulative PAM rate from the time of last ANPAM adjustment into the base rates. The calculated ANPAM rate reflects the weighted change in the base values for the three (3) components in the mechanism since the last ANPAM adjustment.

Mathematically, the new base rates may be expressed as follows:

$$\text{New Base Rate} = \text{Current Base Rate} * (1 + \text{ANPAM adjustment rate}).$$

Dated this 28th day of June, 2022.

ANSORD E. HEWITT
Director-General
Office of Utilities Regulation.