



# Public Utilities Commission



## Press Release

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Water Industry Act, the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the **Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) 2022 Annual Review Proceedings Initial Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Initial Decision”).

On May 3, 2022, BWSL made a submission for an Annual Review Proceeding under Article 27 of SI 67 of 2002 citing that they faced Exceptional Circumstances in its execution of its Business Plan with the financial effects caused by COVID-19. In its Submission, the Company claimed that rising input prices and lower sales revenues had resulted in an accelerating in the Mean Water Rate (MWR), and therefore requested the Commission approve an increase in revenue yields of 5% by changing the tariff structure and adding a fixed charge to non-residential customers.

On June 2, 2022, the Commission made an Initial Decision, accepting the condition of Exceptional Circumstances as presented by BWSL, but made a determination that BWSL has scope to grow its business and lower its cost structure thereby maintaining the MWR below the currently approved \$17.49 per 1,000 gallons. Therefore, the Decision of the Commission is that the Tariffs, Fees and Charges levied by BWSL will remain unchanged for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025.

The Initial Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at #4 Princess Margret Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, or on the PUC website at [www.puc.bz](http://www.puc.bz).

The Licensee and Interested Parties representing users of at least 10% of the water supply by BWSL in the last calendar year may submit written comments, including objections, on the Initial Decision at the PUC’s office or by email to [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz) by Friday, June 17, 2022.

	April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2025			
Service Classification:	Water Only	Water and Sewer	Water and Sewer	Water Only
Branches:	Mainland	Belize, Belmopan	San Pedro	Caye Caulker
<b>Consumption Blocks:</b>				
0 - 1,000	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46
1,001 - 2,000	13.95	18.02	30.22	26.98
2,001 - 3,000	15.12	19.76	32.54	29.61
3,001 - 4,000	15.69	20.92	34.87	32.50
4,001 - 5,000	16.27	22.09	37.19	35.67
5,001 - 6,000	17.44	23.25	44.17	39.14
6,001 - 7,000	18.60	23.82	52.31	42.96
7,001 - 8,000	19.17	24.41	58.11	47.15
>8,000	19.76	24.99	63.93	51.75
Minimum Bill for Consumption less than 1,000 US Gallons	8.72	10.47	25.57	23.46