

Resolution 23-127

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY USER CHARGE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, as amended by the Clean Water Act and consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation of Settlement between the City of Jersey City and the participants dated July 30, 1971, and the Service Contracts between the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA) and its member municipalities and customers in December 1981 the RVRSA prepared, through its Consulting Engineer, Elson T. Killam Associates, Inc., a report entitled Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, Morris County, New Jersey, USER CHARGE SYSTEM, dated December, 1981, which has been revised and amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to amend a portion of the USER CHARGE SYSTEM to modify the basis for preparing annual estimates for submission to the participants and customers by updating Schedules "A" and "B", and Appendix "A" and "F": of the User Charge System as follows:

Schedule A

1. Upon installation of meter M:RM, the UCS formula for Picatinny shall be updated to eliminate the designation of an unmetered area in Rockaway Township (RT-P-1) which is located near Richard Mine Road in Rockaway Township. In 2024, a new flow meter will be installed within an existing manhole located in front of 322 Richard Mine Road and measure the flow from RT-P-1 directly thereby eliminating the need to estimate the flow using EU counts. The new meter is named M:RM. **Upon installation and confirmation of meter M:RM accuracy, RVRSA shall commence billing on this basis.**
2. Upon installation of meter M:RM, the UCS formula for Rockaway Township shall be updated to reflect the change described in the bullet point #1 above such that M:RM is used to add flow into the Rockaway Township formula and remove the unmetered area RT-P-1 as a part of the formula. **Upon installation and confirmation of meter M:RM accuracy, RVRSA shall commence billing on this basis.**

3. The UCS formula for Rockaway Borough will be updated to ultimately deduct 81 EUs as a result of the new development in Denville (Enclave at Denville). On a monthly basis, the user charge formula will be updated to include the new units that have come online since the prior month until all 81 are connected. **Rockaway Borough will be billed on this basis.**
4. The UCS formula for Denville Township will be updated to reflect the change described in bullet point #3 above such that the additional 81 EUs from the Enclave at Denville will be used to add flow into the Denville Township formula. On a monthly basis, the user charge formula will be updated to include the new units that have come online since the prior month until all 81 are connected. **Denville Township will be billed on this basis.**
5. The UCS formula for Randolph Township has been updated to include Mine Hill meter M:MH5.

Schedule B

1. Mine Hill meter M:MH5 and the Rockaway Township meter M:RM are now described on this worksheet.

Schedule C

1. No change has been made to Schedule C at this time and our recommendations made to review and update the Schedule in the prior December 2021 UCS update remain.

Appendix A

1. Our recommendation made in the prior December 2021 UCS update to review and maintain a regular schedule of updates for review and if necessary, adjustments to water consumption data used for the unmetered areas remains.
2. The Picatinny Arsenal formula detail has been updated to eliminate the designation of an unmetered area in Rockaway Township (RT-P-1) which is located near Richard Mine Road in Rockaway Township. In 2024, a new flow meter will be installed within an existing manhole located in front of 322 Richard Mine Road and measure the flow from RT-P-1 directly thereby eliminating the need to estimate the flow using EU counts. The new meter is named M:RM. M:RM is to be used to deduct flow from the Picatinny Arsenal formula in lieu of the unmetered area RT-P-1.

3. The Rockaway Township formula detail has been updated to eliminate the designation of an unmetered area in Rockaway Township (RT-P-1) which is located near Richard Mine Road in Rockaway Township along with the EU detailed count described for RT-P-1. In 2024, a new flow meter will be installed within an existing manhole located in front of 322 Richard Mine Road and measure the flow from RT-P-1 directly thereby eliminating the need to estimate the flow using EU counts. The new meter is named M:RM. M:RM is to be used to add flow into the Rockaway Township formula in lieu of unmetered area RT-P-1. The Net EUs were adjusted accordingly.
4. The UCS formula for Rockaway Borough has been updated to deduct an additional 81 EUs as a result of the new development in Denville (Enclave at Denville). On a monthly basis, the user charge formula will be updated to include the new units that have come online since the prior month until all 81 are connected. The Net EUs were adjusted accordingly.
5. The UCS formula for Denville Township has been updated to reflect the change described in bullet point #3 above such that the additional 81 EUs from the Enclave at Denville will be used to add flow into the Denville Township formula. On a monthly basis, the user charge formula will be updated to include the new units that have come online since the prior month until all 81 are connected. The Net EUs were adjusted accordingly.
6. The UCS formula for Randolph Township has been updated to include Mine Hill meter M:MH5.

Appendix F

1. RVRSA has provided an updated list of unmetered areas in Mine Hill Township. We have placed the updated list in Appendix F and have also updated the descriptive text to reflect M:MH5 and TWA 19-0136.
2. Added a value for Mine Hill Unmetered Flow and the reference to Appendix F.

A copy of the proposed revisions is attached hereto and made a part hereof. A report entitled, *User Charge Study Updates* prepared by Nancy C. Wohlleb P.E., C.M.E., Env Sp., Vice-President, Mott McDonald, dated October 16, 2023, is available at the offices of the RVRSA; and

WHEREAS, the RVRSA sought comments from the member municipalities, customers, and users of its System upon said USER CHARGE SYSTEM Amendments during a public comment period which closed on December 7, 2023. No comments were submitted.; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing, prior to adoption of the aforementioned amendments to the RVRSA User Charge System, was held on November 9, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

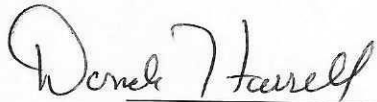
1. The attached amendments to the USER CHARGE SYSTEM, and subject to the administrative revision of all the calculations, if necessary, are hereby adopted.
2. The RVRSA Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to notify the RVRSA's Participants and Customers, in writing, and notify the general public by publication of a Notice in the RVRSA's designated newspapers, that the RVRSA has adopted amendments to its User Charge System.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority held on December 14, 2023:

On motion of: Commissioner Farrell
Second by: Commissioner Howarth
and a Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yeas (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.



Donald Farrell
Board Secretary