

TO: RURAL WATER CUSTOMERS

Washington RWD #1, Washington RWD #2, Nowata RW&S #1, Osage RWD #1

FROM: Your Board of Directors

RE: Water Conservation Resolution

As you may know, on April 9th, the city of Bartlesville implemented emergency water conservation measures. This is to try and mitigate the water shortage in the city's water supply. Their four (4) stage plan implements restrictions in usage, penalties for not following their conservation plan, and increased rates for customers using varying amounts of water. As of April 24th, Bartlesville has announced they are moving to Stage 3 of their plan. As a contracted customer with the City of Bartlesville, the District must also follow their plan as best as possible.

To this end, the District has implemented the following four (4) stage conservation plan (to cover just the added cost of water to the district) and will mirror the Stages to that of our supplier:

Stage One: If the water supply is between 79% and 70% the public will be informed of the water supply status and voluntary usage reduction shall be requested. Notice will be posted on the company's website at www.umcco.com.

Stage Two: If the water supply is between 69% and 60%, the following water restrictions shall be implemented:

1. Non-essential operational uses of water by the District crews will be suspended. Examples include but are not limited to: flushing of water lines and hydrants, and non-essential training of fire fighters using potable water.
2. Outdoor water shall be restricted to two days per week. Even number properties may use water outdoors only on Mondays and Thursdays and odd number properties may use water only on Tuesdays and Fridays
3. Stage Two Emergency Water Rate Adjustment
 - a. Minimum Users (0-1000 gallons) – 100% of current rates
 - b. 1001 gallons to 8000 gallons - 100% of current rates
 - c. 8001 gallons to 15,000 gallons - 105% of current rates
 - d. 15,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons- 110% of current rates
 - e. Greater than 25,000 gallons- 115% of current rates

Stage Three: If the water supply is between 59% and 50% the following water restrictions shall be implemented:

1. Outdoor water use shall be restricted to one day per week. Even number properties may use water outdoors only on Thursdays and odd number properties may use water outdoors only on Fridays.
2. Water pressure will be reduced within the distribution system to minimum levels allowed by state and federal regulations.

3. Stage Three Emergency Water Rate Adjustment
 - a. Minimum Users (0-1000 gallons) – 100% of current rates
 - b. 1001 gallons to 8000 gallons - 110% of current rates
 - c. 8001 gallons to 15,000 gallons - 115% of current rates
 - d. 15,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons- 125% of current rates
 - e. Greater than 25,000 gallons- 130% of current rates

Stage Four: If the water supply is below 50%, the Board of Directors shall declare an emergency and the following restrictions shall be implemented:

1. A total ban on outdoor water use.
2. Stage four Emergency Water Rate Adjustment
 - a. Minimum Users (0-1000 gallons) – 100% of current rates
 - b. 1001 gallons to 8000 gallons - 115% of current rates
 - c. 8001 gallons to 15,000 gallons - 125% of current rates
 - d. 15,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons- 135% of current rates
 - e. Greater than 25,000 gallons- 140% of current rates

Each Stage will remain in effect until the water supply reaches a level outside of the range indicated for the stage and there is an expectation that the water supply will remain above said threshold for a reasonable period of time.

Any person aggrieved by the terms of a resolution shall have the right to present the matter to the Board of Directors and the Board or its designee may exempt such aggrieved person, wholly or in part, from compliance with this resolution upon showing that adherence creates an immediate threat to a person health or safety, or creates an undue hardship for a business.

Any excess revenue received through the emergency rate adjustment shall be reserved for capital improvements to the distribution system.

This resolution will follow the City of Bartlesville’s conservation efforts and will mirror their current Stage. Once Bartlesville returns to normal operations and returns their rate structure and restrictions to the pre-emergency state, the Board of Directors will return the Districts rates to the pre-emergency state and remove all restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please direct them to Dr. Bob Mackey at Utility Management (UMCCO). The office number for Utility Management is 918-535-2302.

We apologize for the inconvenience this resolution creates and appreciate your cooperation as we face these drought conditions together.

Respectfully,

Your Board of Directors