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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
Water and Wastewater Division
101 W Washington St Ste 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Stefanie Krenada and Carol Sparks Drake,

Per your inquiry filed March 6, 2020 regarding cause number 45311U petition of J.B. Waterworks, Inc. for a new schedule of rates and charges, I am providing the following responses to your request for information.

1. December 31, 2019: \$6,339
February 15, 2020: \$2,516
As of the date: \$3,759
2. The meters are not radio read meters. The meters are remote read meters and must be physically read each month. We currently have 18 meters on hand to replace meters in service. JB Waterworks, Inc. is planning on purchasing the additional meters starting in 2020. The source of funds to be utilized to purchase the meters will be cash flows from net operating income and recovery of depreciation expense. Additional funds will be from capital contributions by the shareholder if and when necessary to make meter purchases.
3. Excluding the 50 meters currently proposed to be replaced, there are 32 meters that have been in service over 20 years and that must also be replaced. These meters are part of the overall 82 meters that will be replaced by December 2022.
4. Attached is a recently obtained written quote for the cost of the meters to be purchased.
5. No meters have been tested and returned to service. Approximately 10 meters were replaced during this 10 year time frame.

6. JB Waterworks, Inc. has a map of the water system. The map is included with this correspondence.
7. Leaks have been identified through the flushing process. Several of the risers are full of water because the main has leaking valves. These valves have been identified and inspected by the OUCC.

Service lines have been repaired as follows: Service line replaced by D&M Excavating at a cost of \$875.00 on May 12, 2018.

5852 West Skyline Dr. – Service line replaced by Pavey Excavating at a cost of \$783.00 on August 21, 2018.

8. J.B. Waterworks has not employed leak detection technology or conducted a leak survey, but plans on looking into this in the future.

If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark Jongkind
President

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Subject: Re: request for quote**Date:** Wed, 11 Mar 2020 12:06:39 +0000 (UTC)**From:** Jeff Kovich <tjj454@aol.com>**To:** jbww10@gmail.com

METER & REMOTE = \$ 90.00
METER COUPLING & GASKET = \$8.50
THANKS FOR CALLING
DELIVERY IS 1 WEEK

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Jongkind <jbww10@gmail.com>**To:** tjj454 <tjj454@aol.com>; Gunners Meters <gunnersmeters@ameritech.net>**Sent:** Tue, Mar 10, 2020 1:33 pm**Subject:** request for quote

Please give cost of 35 Badger 25 5/8 X 3/4 with remote in us gallons.

Thank You

Mark Jongkind

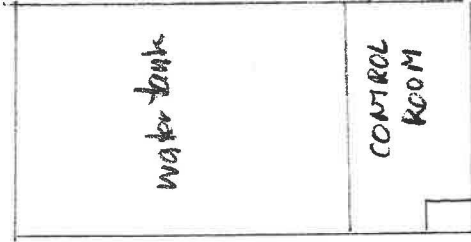
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VAN 604H Trail

DOUGLASS PK RD

well #1

well #3

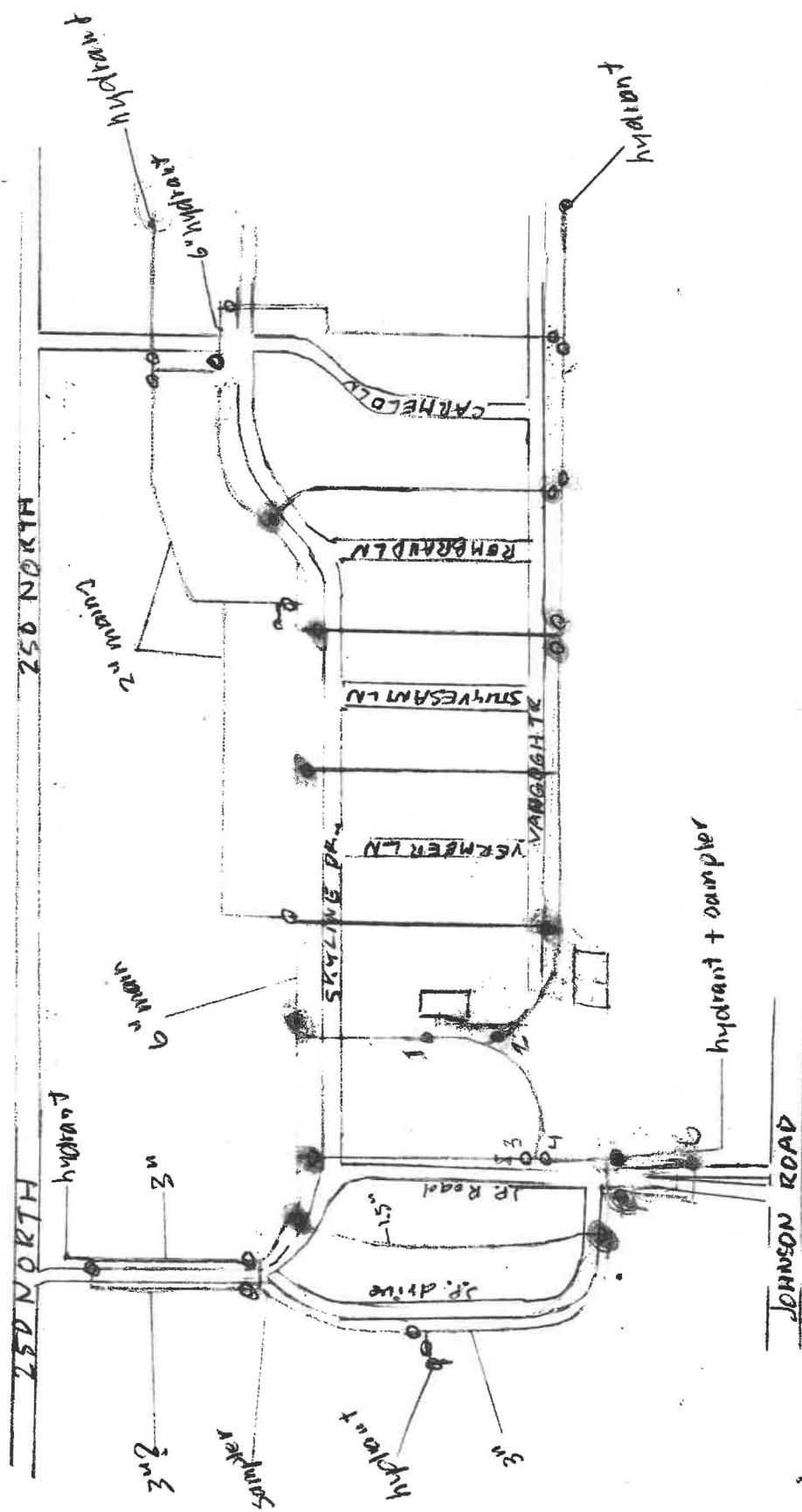


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chlorine and phosphate treatment
taps for each well in control room

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
J.B. WATERWORKS, INC. FOR A NEW) CAUSE NO. 45311 U
SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES.)

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

On October 23, 2019, J.B. Waterworks, Inc. ("JBW") filed an application for a rate change under the above-captioned Cause utilizing the small utility filing procedure found in 170 IAC 14. On January 21, 2020, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") prefiled its testimony in this matter, and on February 3, 2020, JBW's President filed correspondence agreeing with the OUCC's proposed rate changes. After reviewing the parties' filings, the Presiding Officers request that JBW file written responses to Questions 1 through 8 below and the OUCC respond to Questions 9 through 12 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020:

1. Please identify the total amount of cash JBW had on hand as of: (a) December 31, 2019; (b) February 15, 2020; and (c) as of the date JBW responds to this Docket Entry.

\$6330.00
\$2516.00
\$3759.00

2. In its application, JBW initially requested \$8,750 in operations and maintenance ("O&M") expense to purchase 50 radio read meters in bulk. The OUCC removed this proposed capital cost from O&M expense and, based on JBW's agreement with the OUCC's revenue requirement, JBW is to annually recover depreciation expense of \$2,314 and net operating income of \$1,304 that can be used for capital projects such as meters. Please state whether JBW will still be able to purchase the 50 radio read meters in bulk at or near the price of \$175 each. (CNS-3, p. 6) If yes, please explain how JBW plans to finance this bulk purchase and when.

3. Excluding the 50 meters JBW is currently proposing to replace, of the remaining meters in JBW's system, please confirm:

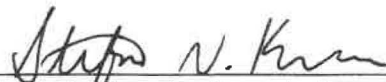
(a) how many of these meters (not counting the 50 to be replaced) have been in service in excess of 20 years; and

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11. In follow up to the testimony of OUCC witness Richard Corey, since JBW has agreed to the OUCC's pro-forma adjustments, does the OUCC continue to believe JBW will be able to purchase the 50 planned meters, in bulk, at or near \$175 each? (CNS-3, p. 6) If yes, please explain the timing and financing for this purchase.

12. If the OUCC's response to Question 10 above is no, evidencing the OUCC does not believe these meters can be purchased in bulk at or near \$175 each, please provide the OUCC's position upon allowing JBW to include the replacement cost of 50 or more radio read meters in rate base after their installation, without JBW filing another Small Utility Rate application to do so, such as a Phase II rate increase under the current Cause. If the OUCC has concerns or disagrees with this prospective inclusion in rate base, please explain these concerns and any alternative approach the OUCC recommends.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Stefanie Krevda, Commissioner


Carol Sparks Drake, Senior Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 19, 2020