

Order No. 5/2006

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**In the matter of an application by
Guyana Water Inc. for fixed and
ancilliary charges.**

PRESENT:

Public Utilities Commission

Justice Prem Persaud	-	Chairman
Mr Badrie Persaud	-	Commissioner
Mr John Caesar	-	Commissioner
Mr Maurice Solomon	-	Commissioner
Mr Vidiahar Persaud	-	Secretary
Mr Moorsalene Sankar	-	Financial Analyst

Guyana Water Inc.

Mr Michael Clark	-	Managing Director
Mr Lancelot Mc Caskey	-	Director Customer Relations & Consumer Services
Mr Alistair Sutherland	-	Billing Mentor

Consumers

Mr George Seales	-	Consumers Movement of Guyana
Mr Wilfred Eleazer	-	Consumers Movement of Guyana
Mr James Straker	-	Consumers Movement of Guyana
Ms Eileen Cox	-	Guyana Consumers Advisory Bureau
Mr Patrick Dial	-	Guyana Consumers Association

1. On **12th October, 2005**, this Commission made an Order (No. 3 of 2005) fixing rates on an application by Guyana Water Inc.

2. On **22nd May, 2006** the Commission approved an amendment to the Order with respect to Metered Commercial consumers. The Commission had agreed that Metered consumers will pay an increase of 5% and unmetered consumers will pay an increase of 10%. The Commission approved the schedule submitted by GWI but for categories 20-23 which are unmetered consumers, the schedule showed an increase of 5%. We accordingly amended the schedule to reflect an increase of 10%.

3. We received complaints from some consumers that GWI was imposing a minimum charge on consumers who use 10m³ or less.

4. The Commission had made no order with respect to minimum or ancillary charges, and we accordingly held this hearing with officials of GWI. GWI explained that they inherited the classifications and charges and they are not seeking to impose any

additional rates on consumers. What they request are change of name from minimum charge to fixed charge, and ancillary charges.

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5. The Commission considered the representation made by all parties. The Consumers' Associations offered no objection. The Commission felt the requests are reasonable and in the circumstances grants the necessary approval with respect to **fixed charge for consumption of water, and Ancillary charges, as follows:-**

1) For **domestic metered consumers** who consume 10m³ or less water, there will be a monthly **fixed charge only**, as follows:

- Rateable bands 1 and 2	\$ 600:-
- Rateable band 2	\$ 900:-
- Rateable bands 4 – 5	\$ 1100:-

For those consumers who use more than 10m³ will not pay a fixed charge but will be billed for the volume of water consumed.

2) **Non domestic metered consumers**

- Those who consume 15m³ or less will be billed a monthly **Fixed charge only** of \$ 1500:-

For those consumers who use more than 15m³ will not pay a fixed charge, but will be billed for the volume of water consumed.

Ancillary Charges

- Domestic connection fee: \$ 1000:-
- Domestic reconnection fee: \$ 6000:-
- Domestic tamper fee \$25000:-
- Non domestic connection fee (for ¾" connection) \$ 1000:-
- Non-domestic connection fee (for more than a

3/4" connection)

... priced according to costs incurred and quoted by GWI.

- Non domestic re-connection fee ... \$13000:
- Non-domestic tamper fee ... \$50000:

Dated this 13th day of November, 2006.

Prem Persaud

Prem Persaud, CCH

Chairman

Badrie Persaud

Badrie Persaud

Commissioner

John Caesar

John Caesar

Commissioner

Maatrice Solomon

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Commissioner



Former supplier		2003 tariff	Increase	2005 tariff	Proposed 2005 tariff
	Water Supply	\$	%	\$	\$
Guywa	Domestic unmetered customers				
Guywa	Rural	\$8,160	10%	\$8,976	\$8,900
Guywa	Urban (Low rateable value)	\$8,160	10%	\$8,976	\$8,900
Guywa	Urban (Medium rateable value)	\$12,600	10%	\$13,860	\$13,800
Guywa	Urban (High rateable value)	\$14,600	10%	\$16,060	\$16,000
Guywa	Non-Domestic unmetered customers				
Guywa	Domestic combined	\$9,840	10%	\$10,824	\$10,800
Guywa	Small commercial	\$14,965	10%	\$16,462	\$16,400
Guywa	Medium commercial	\$35,910	10%	\$39,501	\$39,500
Guywa	Large commercial	\$119,700	10%	\$131,670	\$131,600
Guywa	Small institutions	\$14,965	10%	\$16,462	\$16,400
Guywa	Medium institutions	\$35,910	10%	\$39,501	\$39,500
Guywa	Large institutions	\$119,700	10%	\$131,670	\$131,600
Guywa	Small industrial	\$29,925	10%	\$32,918	\$32,900
Guywa	Medium industrial	\$59,850	10%	\$65,835	\$65,800
Guywa	Large industrial	\$199,500	10%	\$219,450	\$219,400
Guywa	Domestic Metered customers (Volume charge per cbm*)				
Guywa	Rural	\$58	5%	\$60.90	\$60.90
Guywa	Urban (Low rateable value)	\$58	5%	\$60.90	\$60.90
Guywa	Urban (Medium rateable value)	\$58	5%	\$60.90	\$60.90
Guywa	Urban (High rateable value)	\$90	5%	\$94.50	\$94.50
Guywa	Minimum monthly charge	\$580		Replaced by fixed charge	
Guywa	Fixed monthly charge (charged if it exceeds the consumption charge)		5%	\$609	\$600
Guywa	Non-Domestic metered customers (Volume charge per cbm*)				
	<i>a all categories</i>	\$92	5%	\$96.60	\$96.60

Price of max

*8976
8976
13800
15840*

*10824
16462
39501
131670
16462
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32918
65835
219400*

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✓

Guywa	Minimum monthly charge	\$1,380	5%	<i>Replaced by fixed charge</i>	
Guywa	Fixed monthly charge (charged if it exceeds the consumption charge)		5%	\$1,449	\$1,450
* cbm = cubic metre = 1,000 litres					
GS & WC	Domestic unmetered customers				
GS & WC	Rateable band 1 & 2	\$10,800	10%	\$11,880	\$11,800
GS & WC	Rateable band 3	\$16,800	10%	\$18,480	\$18,400
GS & WC	Rateable band 4 & 5	\$19,200	10%	\$21,120	\$21,100
GS & WC	Non-Domestic unmetered customers				
GS & WC	All categories	\$30,000	10%	\$33,000	\$33,000
GS & WC	Domestic Metered (Volume charge per cbm*)				
GS & WC	Rateable band 1 & 2	\$60	5%	\$63.00	\$63.00
GS & WC	Rateable band 3	\$90	5%	\$94.50	\$94.00
GS & WC	Rateable band 4 & 5	\$107	5%	\$112.35	\$112.00
GS & WC	Minimum monthly charge of 10 cbm	10			
GS & WC	Rateable band 1 & 2	\$600	5%	<i>Replaced by fixed charge</i>	
GS & WC	Rateable band 3	\$900	5%	<i>Replaced by fixed charge</i>	
GS & WC	Rateable band 4 & 5	\$1,070	5%	<i>Replaced by fixed charge</i>	
GS & WC	Fixed monthly charge				
GS & WC	Rateable band 1 & 2		5%	\$630	\$630
GS & WC	Rateable band 3		5%	\$945	\$940
GS & WC	Rateable band 4 & 5		5%	\$1,124	\$1,120
GS & WC	Non-Domestic metered customers (Volume charge per cbm*)				
GS & WC	All categories	\$96	5%	\$100.80	\$100.80
GS & WC	Minimum monthly charge	\$1,440	5%	<i>Replaced by fixed charge</i>	
GS & WC	Fixed monthly charge (charged if it exceeds the consumption charge)		5%	\$1,512	\$1,500
* cbm = cubic metre = 1,000 litres					

Sewerage					
	All domestic customers	\$4,800	5%	\$5,040	5000

11,340
17,640
20,130

31,500

112.35

5000

	Non-domestic unmetered customers	\$24,000	10%	\$26,400	\$26,400	✓
	Non-domestic metered customers	\$24,000	5%	\$25,200	\$25,200	✓
	Consumption less than 70cbm per month*					
	Non-domestic metered customers	\$36,000	10%	\$39,600	\$39,600	?
	Consumption more than 70cbm per month*					
	* cbm = cubic metre = 1,000 litres					

Ancillary charges	
Domestic connection fee	\$1,000
Domestic re-connection fee	\$6,000
Domestic tamper fee	\$25,000
Non-domestic connection fee (for 3/4" connection)	\$1,000
Non-domestic connection fee (for more than a 3/4" connection)	Priced according to costs incurred and quoted by GWI
Non-domestic re-connection fee	\$13,000
Non-domestic tamper fee	\$50,000