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April 17, 2024

Mr. John Stufflebean, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (WS-5)

May I please request your Department's assistance in clarifying certain fees found in Appendix B to Bill 60 (2024), the Schedule of Fees, Rates, Assessments and Taxes for FY 2025, pages 49 through 61, in the Ramseyered version, and in supplementing Appendix B, if appropriate.

1. Is there any reason to maintain the water service rates for usage through December 31, 2023, found on page 49? If so, please explain. If not, they will be deleted.
2. At the top of page 50, water service rate categories have been created for "Commercial" and "Multi-Family." These categories are listed under "Water service charges to All Other General Water Consumers (Monthly)."
 - a. Please explain whether these two categories adequately cover all other general water consumers and how the categories are defined. Please also provide a citation for the new categories.
 - b. Is there a reason to differentiate the way these rates are displayed, with an "All Usage" heading, from the way "Water Shortage Rates" are displayed (Commercial All Usage and Multi-Family All Usage)?

3. At the bottom of page 52, charges are shown for “Tie-in” and “Cut-in.” Please clarify whether the word “Charge” should be moved from the column heading of “Sizes Charge” to instead follow “Minimum.” The extraneous reference to “Deposit” on the right will be removed.
4. On page 54, please confirm that these charges, similar to those charges found at the bottom of page 53, are also hourly and that a “Per Hour” heading should be placed at the top of the page over the listing of fees.
5. In the tables labeled “Materials Unit Cost,” several costs are changing to “0.00.” Please confirm that these materials will be free in FY 2025 or whether this is an error. If the costs should be corrected, please note the corrected costs in a mark-up.
6. Section 14.07.100(A)(3), Maui County Code, provides that, “The schedule of water system development fee credits shall be set forth in the annual budget.” May I please request you identify where the schedule is placed in the Budget. If it is not embedded in the Budget, please provide the schedule in a form that can be inserted into Appendix B.
7. Please advise if the Department supports inserting language relating to the discounted fee for additional meters under Section 14.07.070, Maui County Code, and water system development fee exemptions under Section 14.07.080, Maui County Code, in Appendix B. If so, please provide your preferred language.

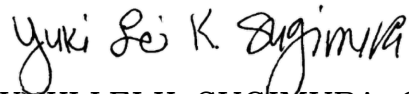
Finally, if any other citations for your Department’s fees require updates, please include that information in your response.

May I further request your written response by **April 22, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Mr. John Stufflebean
April 17, 2024
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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Acting Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 8:45 PM
To: John Stufflebean
Cc: BFED Committee; James Landgraf; Linda Kimura; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED 1) (WS 5); reply by 04/22/2024
Attachments: (WS-5) Correspondence to Water Supply 04-17-2024.pdf

Mr. Stufflebean: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 17, 2024. Please respond by **April 22, 2024**

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Ms. Milner: FYI

Thank you,
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Secretary
BFED Committee

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April 22, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL


Mayor 4-22-24
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (WS-5)

In response to your letter dated April 17, 2024, Department of Water Supply provides the following:

1. Is there any reason to maintain the water service rates for usage through December 31, 2023, found on page 49? If so, please explain. If not, they will be deleted.

Response:

No reason. Please see attached for the revision.

2. At the top of page 50, water service rate categories have been created for "Commercial" and "Multi-Family." These categories are listed under "Water service charges to All Other General Water Consumers (Monthly)."

"By Water All Things Find Life"

- a. Please explain whether these two categories adequately cover all other general water consumers and how the categories are defined. Please also provide a citation for the new categories.

Response:

These two categories do not cover all other general water consumers. Therefore, the department proposes to separate just the Multi-Family from the other general water consumers. See attached revised list for Appendix B, page 50.

Section 19.04.040, Maui County Code provides the following definition in pertinent parts:

"Multifamily dwelling unit" means a building or portion thereof which consists of three or more dwelling units and which is designed for occupancy by three or more families living independently of each other.

- b. Is there a reason to differentiate the way these rates are displayed, with an "All Usage" heading, from the way "Water Shortage Rates" are displayed (Commercial All Usage and Multi-Family All Usage)?

Response:

No reason. "All Usage" on both categories can be deleted. See attached revised list for Appendix B, page 50.

3. At the bottom of page 52, charges are shown for "Tie-in" and "Cut-in." Please clarify whether the word "Charge" should be moved from the column heading of "Sizes Charge" to instead follow "Minimum." The extraneous reference to "Deposit" on the right will be removed.

Response:

The word "Charge" should follow "Minimum":

Tie-in

Sizes	Deposit	Minimum Charge
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Cut-in

Sizes	Deposit	Minimum Charge
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We need to keep the "Deposit", it is required and will be use to cover the cost of the job for nonpayment.

4. On page 54, please confirm that these charges, similar to those charges found at the bottom of page 53, are also hourly and that a "Per Hour" heading should be placed at the top of the page over the listing of fees.

Response:

The charges listed on the page 54 are per hour. "Per Hour" heading is already in place on page 54.

5. In the tables labeled "Materials Unit Cost," several costs are changing to "0.00." Please confirm that these materials will be free in FY 2025 or whether this is an error. If the costs should be corrected, please note the corrected costs in a mark-up.

Response:

Materials with zero cost were either obsolete or out of stock. The unit cost of those out of stock materials will be updated once the items are ordered and/or received.

6. Section 14.07.100(A)(3), Maui County Code, provides that, "The schedule of water system development fee credits shall be set forth in the annual budget." May I please request you identify where the schedule is placed in the Budget. If it is not embedded in the Budget, please provide the schedule in a form that can be inserted into Appendix B.

Response:

Maui County Code Section 14.07.100 allows developers to obtain water system development fee (WSDF) credits for new water meters via agreements when they construct wells, tanks, and/or transmission lines, and then dedicate ownership over to the County. The schedule of water system development fees comprised of source, storage, and transmission components per meter size is already located in Appendix B, and any applicable monetary credits for new meters shall correspond to the WSDF amounts as outlined. There is no other separate schedule for credits.

7. Please advise if the Department supports inserting language relating to the discounted fee for additional meters under Section 14.07.070, Maui County Code, and water system development fee exemptions under Section 14.07.080, Maui County Code, in Appendix B. If so, please provide your preferred language.

Response:

Yes.

In accordance with Section 14.07.070, Maui County Code, additional meter(s) for existing accessory dwellings may be requested at premises

presently provided water service and, if granted, shall be subject to one half of the water system development fee set forth in the annual budget.

In accordance with Section 14.07.080 Exemptions, Maui County Code:

- A. Any applicant for a building permit for an accessory dwelling shall pay one half of the water system development fee for the size meter required to be installed.

If the accessory dwelling is later subdivided from the premises, the applicant for subdivision shall pay the balance of the water system development fee in effect at the time of subdivision upon proof of the initial one-half payment and, upon the director's request, shall be required to relocate the meter.
- B. Any applicant for a building permit for any structure shall be exempted from paying the water system development fee, upon proof presented, that the structure or the premises on which the structure is located does not require water service or additional water service from the department's system, or that the applicant or the applicant's predecessor in interest had already paid the required water system development fee.
- C. Any temporary meter shall be exempt from the water system development fee.
- D. Any application for water service within thirty-six months after removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this title shall be exempt from the water system development fee.
- E. In addition to the above, any applicant for a water meter may be exempt from paying the full amount of the water system development fee if specifically set forth in the annual budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject matter. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.
Director

ATTACHMENT

Item #1 – Appendix B, page 49

Water service charges to properties classified for real property tax purposes as hotel and resort in accordance with Section 3.48.305, Maui County Code (Monthly):

Per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.56
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	Water Shortage Rates		
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.56	\$15.80	\$18.46

Item 2a – Appendix B, page 50

Multi-Family

Per 1,000 Gallons	\$4.63
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Item 2b – Appendix B, page 50

Other General Water Consumers

Per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.58
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	Water Shortage Rates		
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.56	\$15.80	\$18.46
	\$7.58	\$9.46	\$11.34

BFED Committee

From: Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:53 PM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Lesley Milner
Subject: (BFED-1)(WS-5)
Attachments: (BFED-1)(WS-5).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence from Department of Water Supply.

Thank you,

Janina Agapay

County of Maui

Budget Office

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