

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 25/13  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) March 20, 2013

REVISED MARCH 28, 2013

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Acting Chair  
Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Member

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER  
COMMUNITY OF GROSSE ISLE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM  
AND  
ROSSER RURAL REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM  
AND  
ROCKWOOD ROSSER WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON WASTEWATER  
DISPOSAL VEHICLE TIPPING FEE  
  
DEFICIT APPROVAL  
AND  
REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES

**Summary**

The Public Utilities Board (Board) hereby varies the application made by the Rural Municipality of Rosser (RM) and approves revised rates for the Utility including water and sewer rates for the Community of Grosse Isle, water rates for the Rosser Rural Regional Water System and lagoon tipping fees for the Rockwood Rosser Wastewater Treatment Lagoon (Lagoon).

Revised rates will be effective April 1, 2013 with further increases to be effective January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015.

The current and revised water and sewer rates are noted below:

Commodity Rate	Current	April 1/13	Inc	January 1/14	Inc	January 1/15	Inc
\$/ cubic meter							
Water	\$2.49	\$2.91	17%	\$2.98	3%	\$3.06	3%
Sewer	\$1.12	\$3.35	199%	\$3.21	(4)%	\$3.21	0%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$16.30	\$21.34	31%	\$21.77	2%	\$22.34	3%
Minimum Quarterly Water & Sewer*	\$70.45	\$115.20	64%	\$114.67	0%	\$116.42	2%
Minimum Quarterly Water only*	\$53.65	\$64.93	21%	\$66.50	2%	\$68.24	3%
Reconnection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%
Hydrant Rental Charge (Annual)	\$150.00	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%
*Includes 15 m <sup>3</sup> per quarter							

Tipping Fees with respect to the lagoon will be as follows:

	Current	April 1/13	Inc	January 1/14	Inc	January 1/15	Inc
Wastewater disposal vehicle fees	\$2.50	\$6.50	160%	\$6.50	0%	\$6.50	0%
Initial access per truck	\$150.00	\$175.00	17%	\$175.00	0%	\$175.00	0%
Annual access per truck	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%
Replacement of remote control gate opener	\$100.00	\$150.00	50%	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%
Switch remote from one vehicle to another	\$0.00	\$125.00	New	\$125.00	0%	\$125.00	0%
Reactivation of remote control	\$0.00	\$125.00	New	\$125.00	0%	\$125.00	0%

The Board will also approve the Utility deficit of \$44,528 as reported in the audited financial statements for the year 2011.

Details of the rates may be found in the attached Schedule "A".

## **Introduction**

The RM applied on May 18, 2012 for revised rates to be effective for July 1, 2012 with further increases in each of 2013 and 2014. The RM's Utility rates were last revised in 2010.

A Public Notice of Application was issued in late June 2012 affording customers the opportunity to comment to both the Board and the Utility with respect to the proposed increases.

The Board has at its disposal two alternative processes to deal with rate applications. It may determine that an oral hearing is warranted or that a paper review process is sufficient. Based on customer response to the Public Notice (no comments were received), the Board concluded that a paper review process was in the best interest of all concerned.

Due to a variety of circumstances, the Board received the final responses to its queries on January 19, 2013. Only now is the Board in a position to make its final determinations with respect to the application.

## **Background**

The water and sewer Utility is jointly owned and operated by the Municipalities of Rosser and Rockwood. The RM of Rosser takes the lead administrative role insofar as rate setting is concerned. Rates approved for the RM of Rosser are expected to be implemented by the RM of Rockwood.

The RM of Rosser services 78 water and sewer customers, 89 water only customers and 8 water only rural customers, for a total of 175 customers. Only the rural customers are not metered. The

system also services 23 fire hydrants. There are six septic truck haulers who use the lagoon and are charged tipping fees.

#### Water system

Water is supplied to the Utility by the Cartier Regional Water System operated by the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB).

The water distribution system is new and was put into operation at the end of 2009. An engineering assessment will be completed with respect to the rural regional distribution lines by December 1, 2014 and with respect to the re-chlorination reservoir and water distribution lines by March 1, 2015. The Municipality is in the process of completing a compliance plan for the regional water system.

To date there have been no reported water quality concerns with respect to color or taste.

Water losses, based on readings taken in 2012, show a factor of 17%, well above the industry standard of 10%. Investigations into these water losses have revealed concerns with respect to the accuracy of the readings and the MWSB continues to monitor these, as does the Municipality.

#### Sewer system

The sewer system is also new and was also put into operation at the end of 2009.

The lagoon was sized to service a total equivalent population of 559 people with a piped wastewater collection system; in addition to a rural residential population of 1,474 contributing

by trucked septic. The discharge from the lagoon is sent to Colony Creek.

Utility operators are provided by the RM of Rockwood who bill the Utility for their services. The Utility has two operators both of whom meet the requirements for operation of the system; one has attained level II and the other is in process of receiving level III certification.

### **Application**

The RM submitted its application on May 18, 2012 accompanied by a Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study prepared by the administrative staff of the RM of Rosser. Also included was By-law No. 3-12 read for the first time on April 4, 2012.

The rates initially proposed were based on expenditure projections developed in early 2012. Subsequently, the RM revised its expenditure projections, primarily to reflect the effects of a modified operator arrangement developed between the RM of Rosser and the RM of Rockwood. The revised projections were as follows:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Administration</b>	7,600.00	7,828.00	8,062.84	8,304.73
Billing and collection	4,600.00	4,738.00	4,880.14	5,026.54
Equity surcharge (1% of annual expenses)		2,974.00	2,896.00	2,908.00
Less: Penalties	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
<b>Net revenue requirement-general</b>	<b>11,600.00</b>	<b>14,940.00</b>	<b>15,238.98</b>	<b>15,639.27</b>
<b>Water</b>				
Staffing	34,000.00	21,012.00	21,642.36	22,291.63
Purification and treatment	400.00	412.00	424.36	437.09
Water purchases	58,199.00	59,945.00	61,743.35	63,595.65
Other Water Supply Costs	1,500.00	1,545.00	1,591.35	1,639.09
Amortization/ depreciation	51,635.00	51,635.00	51,635.00	51,635.00
Interest on long term debt	4,608.00	7,349.00	6,998.00	6,626.00
Reserves	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Contingency	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Sub-total- water expenses	157,242.00	148,798.00	150,934.42	153,124.46
<i>Revenue:</i>				
Hydrant rentals	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,450.00
Amortization of capital grants	49,544.00	49,544.00	49,544.00	49,544.00
Taxation revenues	7,891.00	13,151.00	13,151.00	13,151.00
Other revenue	962.00	962.00	962.00	962.00
Total non-rate revenue - water	61,847.00	67,107.00	67,107.00	67,107.00
<b>Net rate revenue requirement - water</b>	<b>95,395.00</b>	<b>81,691.00</b>	<b>83,827.42</b>	<b>86,017.46</b>
<b>Sewer</b>				
Staffing	13,600.00	14,008.00	14,428.24	14,861.09
Sewage Collection System	7,600.00	4,788.00	4,931.64	5,079.59
Sewage Lift Station	3,925.00	4,043.00	4,164.29	4,289.22
Sewage Treatment and Disposal	27,175.00	20,097.00	19,099.00	14,242.00
Other Sewage Collection & Disposal Costs	2,660.00	2,740.00	2,822.00	2,907.00
Amortization/ depreciation	52,894.00	52,894.00	52,894.00	52,894.00
Interest on long term debt	26,113.00	22,049.00	20,996.00	19,878.00
Reserves	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Contingency	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total sewer expenses	141,567.00	128,219.00	126,935.17	121,750.90
<i>Revenue</i>				
Lagoon Tipping Fees	37,318.00	30,000.00	30,000	3,000
Amortization of capital grants	24,135.00	24,135.00	24,135.00	24,135.00
Taxation revenues	44,716.00	39,455.00	39,455.00	39,455.00
Other Revenue	2,244.00	2,244.00	2,310.00	2,380.00
Total non-rate revenue- sewer	108,413.00	95,834.00	95,900.00	95,970.00
<b>Net rate revenue requirement - sewer</b>	<b>33,154</b>	<b>32,385</b>	<b>31,035</b>	<b>52,780</b>

The rates were based on the revised 2012 expenditure projections and proposed to be as follows:

Commodity Rate	Current	July-1/12	Inc	July-1/13	Inc	July-1/14	Inc
\$/ cubic meter							
Water	\$2.49	\$2.94	18%	\$3.39	15%	\$3.39	0%
Sewer	\$1.12	\$1.89	69%	\$2.66	41%	\$3.43	29%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$16.30	\$16.60	2%	\$16.60	0%	\$16.60	0%
Minimum Quarterly water & sewer*	\$70.45	\$89.05	26%	\$107.35	21%	\$118.90	11%
Minimum Quarterly water only	\$53.65	\$60.70	13%	\$67.45	11%	\$67.45	0%
Reconnection fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%
Hydrant Rental Charge (Annual)	\$150.00	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%
*Includes 15 m <sup>3</sup> per quarter							

Wastewater Disposal Tipping Fees							
	Current	July 1/12	Inc	July 1/13	Inc	July 1/14	Inc
Wastewater disposal vehicle fees	\$2.50	\$4.50	80%	\$6.50	44%	\$8.50	31%
Initial access fee per truck	\$150.00	\$175.00	17%	\$175.00	0%	\$175.00	0%
Annual access fee per truck	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00	0%
Replacement of remote control gate opener	\$100.00	\$150.00	50%	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0%
Switch remote from one vehicle to another	\$0.00	\$125.00	New	\$125.00	0%	\$125.00	0%
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The Council has requested that the rates be phased in due to the significant increase.

The submission makes reference to an allocation plan for shared costs but does not specifically delineate the details of neither that plan nor the calculations underlying any allocations which may have been made.

The RM submitted a request for approval of their 2010 deficit by letter dated May 16, 2012. At that time, the deficit was expected to be \$38,132. The proposal was to draw down the required amount from the accumulated cash surplus account of the Utility.

## **Board Findings**

### Rates

The Board will accept the revised expenditure projections reflecting the new operator arrangements, as shown in the application section of this Order, except for the Sewage Treatment and Disposal expenses and the Tipping Fees for 2015. Treatment and Disposal expenses have been restated from \$14,242 to \$19,500; this is more in line with historical results. The tipping fee revenue has been adjusted from \$3,000 to \$30,000 to be consistent with the detailed projections contained in the rate study. These revised projections will form the basis for the rates now being approved.

The Board has taken under advisement Council's desire to phase-in the required rates in order to avoid rate shock. While the Board is sympathetic, it also has a responsibility to ensure the continued viability of the Utility by establishing rates sufficient to support the ongoing operations of the Utility. In accordance with *the Municipal Act*, utilities are precluded from incurring operating deficits without Board approval.

The Board will occasionally approve a phasing in of rates where the affected Utility has sufficient financial resources to absorb deficits which are likely to occur until the full rate requirement has been achieved. However, in the case of this Utility, those financial resources are not present. In fact, the Utility has a significant working capital deficiency.



The following was extrapolated from the latest audited financial statements for the RM of Rosser dated December 31, 2011.

	Rosser	Rockwood*	Total Utility
Utility Fund surplus	\$3,130,145	\$3,130,145	\$6,260,290
Deduct Tangible capital assets	3,605,878	3,605,878	7,211,756
sub-total	(475,733)	(475,733)	(951,466)
Add long-term debt	174,637	174,637	349,274
Less current portion of long term debt	(31,668)	(31,668)	(63,336)
Working capital surplus (deficit)	(332,764)	(332,764)	(665,528)

\*Assumed

In addition to these numbers, the Board has received confirmation from the administration that, although the financial projections include a modest amount to begin building a reserve, there are currently no reserve funds for the Utility. This has been confirmed by a review of the financial statements. This is rare for Manitoba utilities. Board guidelines strongly recommend that such reserves be in place to handle unexpected expenditures.

Phasing in rates in such circumstances would only exacerbate the already troublesome financial situation that the Utility finds itself in. Therefore, the Board cannot agree with the proposal for phasing in rates.

Readers will note that in the financial projections there is an item denoted as an "equity surcharge". This is an amount intended to assist the Utility in its efforts to achieve a positive working capital balance.

Given the amount of the working capital deficit, this provision is minimal and represents the lowest provision recommended in

the Board's guidelines. Nonetheless, the Board understands the concern over rate shock and will not impose a higher provision at this time.

The Board also notes that unaccounted for water is in excess of the industry standard of 10% and is pleased to see that both the Municipality and the MWSB continue to monitor the situation. Water losses not only put added pressure on rates but also are of concern from a conservation perspective.

The Board will accept the financial projections (as adjusted) despite the fact that the shared cost allocation methodology has not been clearly delineated. The Board will direct that the Utility, through both involved municipalities, develop and submit an appropriate shared cost allocation methodology for approval. The Board continues to be of the view that the Utility should bear its fair share of costs being incurred by the municipalities involved. Only in this way can the "user pay" objective be achieved.

#### Deficits

*The Municipal Act* requires that any deficits incurred by a Utility be approved by the Board.

Board Order No. 93/09 sets out the accounting standards to be used for rate setting purposes.

The Board requires that generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as set out by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), be modified for the treatment of capital contributions and grants; while PSAB requires the latter to be treated as revenue in the year received, the Board requires that these be capitalized and amortized over the life of the underlying asset for which these funds were received. This variance can lead to situations whereby the audited financial statements of a utility, which by law are required to be prepared using the PSAB standards, may report deficits or surpluses which may be negated when amended in accordance with Board Order No. 93/09. Such is the case with this Utility.

When the Utility submitted its proposal to have a deficit approved for 2010, it had calculated that the surplus of \$2,050,732 extrapolated from the audited financial statements would result in a deficit when adjusted to Board ordered accounting policies. On further examination however, the adjustments do not result in a deficit in 2010. Approval was therefore not required for 2010.

The following is a recap of the 2010 and 2011 audited financial results extrapolated from the RM of Rosser's financial statements, with the required adjustments to conform to Board policies.

		Rosser		Utility*	
		2010	2011	2010	2011
Surplus (Deficit) Per Audited Statements		\$1,025,366	(\$22,264)	\$2,050,732	(\$44,528)
Adjustments To PUB Policies					
Less	Capital Grants	\$779,672	\$0	\$1,559,344	\$0
	Connections- Advance payments	\$305,592	\$0	\$611,184	\$0
Subtotal					
Add	Amortization Of Capital Grants And Contributions	\$67,322	\$67,322	\$134,644	\$134,644
Surplus Per PUB Directive		\$7,424	\$45,058	\$14,848	\$90,116

\*Extrapolated

This chart, however, reveals that the Utility did experience a deficit of \$44,528 in 2011 in accordance with PSAB standards. The Board will approve this deficit to be absorbed within the Utility Fund Surplus.

The Utility has also put the Board on notice of a potential revenue deficit in 2012. The Board will direct the RM to file an application for approval of the 2011 deficit once audited financial statements have been finalized.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The water and sewer rates for the Rural Municipality of Rosser for the Grosse Isle Water and Sewer System, the Rosser Rural Regional Water System and the Rockwood Rosser Wastewater Treatment Lagoon fees as set out in Schedule "A" to this Order, BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED with revised rates to be effective April 1, 2013 with further rate increases January 1 of each of the years 2014 and 2015.
2. The Rural Municipality of Rosser revise its water and sewer rate By-law to be consistent with the attached Schedule and submit a copy to the Board once it has received third and final reading.
3. The Rural Municipality of Rosser, in collaboration with the Rural Municipality of Rockwood, develop a shared cost allocation methodology for shared services and equipment on or before September 30, 2013 and submit same for approval by the Board.
4. The Utility deficit for the fiscal year 2011 of \$44,528 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED to be absorbed by the Utility Fund Surplus.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$500.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."  
Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CMA"  
Acting Secretary

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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**TO BOARD ORDER NO. 25/13**  
**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSSER**  
**COMMUNITY OF GROSSE ISLE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**ROSSER RURAL REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**ROCKWOOD ROSSER WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON WASTEWATER**  
**DISPOSAL VEHICLE TIPPING FEE**

**PART I- SEWER AND WATER RATES**

1. **Quarterly service charge and commodity rates per cubic metre:**

**Effective April 1, 2013**

Quarterly service charge	\$21.34
Volumetric charge for water	\$2.91
Volumetric charge for sewer	\$3.35

**Effective January 1, 2014**

Quarterly service charge	\$21.77
Volumetric charge for water	\$2.98
Volumetric charge for sewer	\$3.21

**Effective January 1, 2015**

Quarterly service charge	\$22.34
Volumetric charge for water	\$3.06
Volumetric charge for sewer	\$3.21

2. **MINIMUM QUARTERLY RATES:**

**Basic Quarterly Charge**

**Rural Regional Water (Effective April 1, 2013)**

Based on the meter size; the minimum amount of water times \$0.90, plus the Customer Service Charge as noted in the Quarterly Service Charge.

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below which will include the water allowances indicated.

a) **Water & sewer customers:**

**April 1, 2013:**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	15	\$21.34	\$43.59	\$50.27	\$115.20	\$64.93
3/4	2	30	\$21.34	\$87.18	\$100.53	\$209.05	\$108.52
1	4	60	\$21.34	\$174.35	\$201.07	\$396.76	\$195.70
1 1/2	10	120	\$21.34	\$348.71	\$402.13	\$772.18	\$370.05
2	25	240	\$21.34	\$697.42	\$804.26	\$1,523.02	\$718.76

**January 1, 2014:**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	15	\$21.77	\$44.73	\$48.17	\$114.67	\$66.50
3/4	2	30	\$21.77	\$89.46	\$96.34	\$207.57	\$111.23
1	4	60	\$21.77	\$178.91	\$192.69	\$393.37	\$200.68
1 1/2	10	120	\$21.77	\$357.83	\$385.37	\$764.97	\$379.60
2	25	240	\$21.77	\$715.66	\$770.74	\$1,508.17	\$737.43

**January 1, 2015:**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	15	\$22.34	\$45.90	\$48.18	\$116.42	\$68.24
3/4	2	30	\$22.34	\$91.79	\$96.35	\$210.49	\$114.14
1	4	60	\$22.34	\$183.59	\$192.71	\$398.64	\$205.93
1 1/2	10	120	\$22.34	\$367.18	\$385.42	\$774.94	\$389.52
2	25	240	\$22.34	\$734.36	\$770.83	\$1,527.53	\$756.70

b) **Water only customers:**

The minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown above but the Sewer Commodity Charge will be excluded.

3. **SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY:**

The Council of the RM of the Municipality may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Municipality. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the Schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by Resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes, and special taxes for the Utility purposes in effect at the time or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within municipal boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.

4. **BILLINGS AND PENALTIES:**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly based on water used and the due date shall be at least 20 days after the mailing of the bills.

A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

5. **DISCONNECTION:**

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the RM with respect to disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to The Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's Office.

6. **RECONNECTION:**

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties, and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

7. **REQUEST FOR DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION – FEE:**

Any customer requesting a service disconnection shall pay a fee of \$50 and if the customer requests a reconnection that occurs at another date or time, a reconnection fee of \$50 will apply.



8. **HYDRANT RENTALS:**

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood and the Rural Municipality of Rosser shall pay to the Utility an annual hydrant rental charge of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the System.

9. **OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer services, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

10. **WATER ALLOWANCE DUE TO FREEZING**

Where, at the request of the Council, the customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the Billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant is changed.

11. **SEWER SURCHARGES:**

- a) There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by Resolution of Council.
- b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial waste.

11. **METER TESTING**

Any customer wishing to have a meter tested for accuracy will pay in advance a fee of \$50, plus any applicable meter testing costs. In the event that the meter tests prove that the meter is recording water flows in excess of actual flows, the meter testing fee and associated costs will be refunded to the customer, and the customer's account will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

**PART II-WASTEWATER DISPOSAL VEHICLE FEES**

1. Volumetric Charge Per Kilolitre For Wastewater Disposal Vehicle Tipping Fee:

Disposal fee – effective April 1, 2013, \$6.50 per kiloliter until further notice.

The fee is based on 85% of volume capacity of the wastewater disposal vehicle tank. For example, if the wastewater disposal vehicle holds 11,365 L or 2500 gallons, they will be deemed to have deposited 85% of the 11,365 L each time they deposit into the lagoon:

2. Remote-Controlled Gate Opener:

- a. Initial Access Fee-\$175.00 for each septic truck;
- b. Annual Access Fee-\$50.00 for each septic truck. The Wastewater Disposal Vehicle License must be renewed by paying the Annual Access Fee for each registered septic truck which is due and payable on the first business day in January of each year;
- c. Replacement of Remote Control Gate Opener-\$150.00;
- d. Switch Remote from one Vehicle to another Vehicle-\$125.00

3. Billings:

The due date will be 30 days from the date of the issuance of the invoice.

4. Reactivation of Remote Control Gate Opener:

Any deactivation of the Remote Control Gate Opener due to the suspension or cancellation of the Wastewater Disposal Vehicle License due to nonpayment of account, failure to submit the monthly Record of Wastewater Pickup and Disposal report by the 15th day of the following month, or any infraction under current Lagoon Licensing Bylaw, shall not be reactivated until all reports are submitted, and arrears and a reconnection fee of \$125.00 has been paid.