

February 2006 – Newsletter



GAS METER SAFETY – Over the past month, Sun Peaks has been lucky enough to receive a significant amount of snow. While this is great for snow sports, it is not so good for your gas meter.

Please remember to keep your gas meter clear of snow and ice. Don't forget overhead ice can fall off your roof and break the meter set causing uncontrolled release of gas. Be careful around your gas meter set. Do not bang the ice off your meter, there is no charge for the Utility to assist you in clearing the snow. *However, if the Utility's staff must clear your gas meter due to meter reading or other safety issues, you will be invoiced \$50 for the 1st time and \$100 for each additional time.*

WATER RATE APPLICATION – *Update on written rate application process*

A copy of all the rate application submissions, meeting minutes, questions from customers and the Utility's responses are available on our web site at http://www.sunpeaksutilities.com/water_rateapp.htm.

The Comptroller has set the following schedule for this written Rate Application process:

- ❖ Utility's Response to Customer Questions was due to the Comptroller & Registered Interested parties (Intervenors) by December 9, 2005; – **COMPLETED**
- ❖ Utility's recommendation for Fire Suppression Methodology was due to the Comptroller and Customers by December 16, 2005; – **COMPLETED**
- ❖ Registered Intervenors had an opportunity to request further clarification of the Utility by December 30, 2005; – **COMPLETED**
- ❖ Utility's response to the Intervenors was due to the Comptroller & Customers by January 13, 2006; – **COMPLETED**
- ❖ Final comments from Registered Intervenors was due to the Utility and Comptroller by January 23, 2006 – **COMPLETED**
- ❖ A final decision is still expected sometime in late February 2006. A copy of the decision will be posted on the Utility's web site as soon as it is available and a summary in future newsletters.



Effective Date – The Utility has been advised by the Comptroller's office that the monthly basic and usage charges when approved will become effective December 1st, 2005. This means that when the Comptroller of Water Rights does approve the new water rates, your invoice will show a credit for charges billed under the old tariff's rates and new charges will be applicable from December 1st, 2005 (as applicable) under the new tariff's rates.

MAINTENANCE DURING COLD SNAPS – Remember to have someone check your home regularly for water leaks or other maintenance issues. If you do have a water leak – make sure that you know where your main water shut off is and confirm that it does work prior to you needing it. During the winter, the Utility's shut off valve is unusually buried under snow and ice, and in an emergency, could take a while to locate and shut off.

If you have any questions on these subjects or any other utility matter, please contact the office at 250-578-5490 or visit the web site at www.sunpeaksutilities.com. Copies of past newsletters are also posted on the web site.

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