

utility consumers. If a regulator could retroactively change rates, consumers would never be assured of the finality of rates they paid for utility services.¹¹

23. As a result, the Commission is of the view that it would not be appropriate to make the interim rates effective July 1, 2014, a date which has already passed and for which consumers have already been charged existing rates. Rather, any interim rates approved should be effective the earliest prospective date after the decision of the Commission. Therefore, the interim rates will appear on LWW's customers next utility bill and will apply to water consumed after September 1, 2014, that has not previously been billed.

24. The table below shows the approved monthly interim rates to be paid by Langdon Waterworks Limited customers. The rates will appear on customers' next utility bill and will apply to water consumed after September 1, 2014, which has not been previously billed.

Table 3. Approved monthly interim rates for Langdon Waterworks Limited

Fixed charge (per customer per month)	\$40.00
Consumption charge (\$/cubic meter)	\$ 1.347

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25. It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) Langdon Waterworks Limited's interim water rates, consist of a \$40 fixed charge and a \$1.347 consumption charge, effective September 1, 2014, and applies to water consumed on or after September 1, 2014, which has not been previously billed.

Dated on August 19, 2014.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member

¹¹ *Calgary (City) v Alberta (Energy and Utilities Board)*, 2010 ABCA 132 at paragraph 47.