

La Plata West Water Authority – Water Supply System

Information for Commercial Customers

Commercial User Definition

A commercial users is defined as any user that wishes to purchase water from the LPWWA system for uses other than homes. This includes businesses, mobile home parks on a single parcel, churches, schools and any other entities that are not residences.

Commercial User Commitment

At this time, commercial users must sign the commitment form (see attached) and make a \$500 deposit to demonstrate the intention to purchase a tap and use LPWWA water in the future. Additionally, commercial users are asked to provide the location for water delivery and the current and future water demands for the business. **The signed commitment and deposit must be received by May 15, 2010.**

Commercial Rates and Tap Fee

LPWWA cannot determine the cost for the tap or monthly user rates until the system engineering and financing is complete. If and when this is done, a formal commercial water user agreement, including tap fees, rates and other information, will be provided.

Additional Information

While LPWWA hopes to be able to facilitate commercial water users, the primary focus of the LPWWA system is to provide potable water to residents in the area. For information on the USDA loan application process, commitments, engineering and financing, please review the “Request for Water User Commitments” letter sent to all area residents.

This letter and additional background information is available from the website: www.lpwwa.org or by request from Bikis Water Consultants: (970) 385-2340 or huggins@bikiswater.com

FINANCIAL DETAILS AND WATER USER COMMITMENT

FOR COMMERCIAL USERS WHO MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW

- As an incentive for your timely response, you will have the opportunity to purchase a tap at the lowest price.
- The \$500 per tap commitment fee will be held in a separate bank account and used for payment of initial project costs.
- If and when the LPWWA system has been determined feasible and the project has received USDA funding approval, LPWWA will provide you with a user agreement which is a legal contract that will be a commitment to water service.
- When service is available at your property, you will be required to make full payment of your tap fee.
- Depending on community participation and density, construction and service to all locations may not be feasible.
- **This user commitment and \$500 deposit per tap must be received by May 15, 2010** to enable project design engineering, environmental and federal agency reviews necessary for the USDA application.
 - Sign below and make checks payable to LPWWA
 - Mail to PO Box 631, Durango, CO 81302
 - A receipt and copy of your signed commitment will be sent to you within 15 days.

REFUNDING OF COMMITMENT FEE

Your commitment fee will be refunded within 30 days if:

- LPWWA is unsuccessful in securing USDA funding, or
- The tap fee is determined to exceed \$15,000, or the monthly user fee is determined by the LPWWA board to be excessive. We are committed to bringing this project to you at the best price possible, or
- Your location is considered cost prohibitive and is not included in the initial build out plans, and you elect to not acquire the tap for use elsewhere within the service area.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW OR IF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DETERMINE YOUR LOCATION IS OUTSIDE OF THE INITIAL SERVICE AREA

- LPWWA will be happy to work with you in the future.
- If you live in an area that is not adjacent to our distribution lines, you and your neighbors may elect to fund the cost of extending distribution lines to your residences/business.

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Please sign below to indicate that you understand the conditions of this commitment and intend to purchase a tap and water service if and when it is available.

If you would like to purchase more than one tap, please include all relevant parcel numbers and appropriate fees.

Signature

Co-Owner Signature

Date

Date

Printed name

Printed name

Printed Business name (if applicable)

Email

Phone

Parcel Number for Tap
(From your tax receipt)

Parcel Address

Mailing Address

LPWWA will contact you to obtain information on the estimated water demands for your commercial use in order to incorporate it into the system design and engineering. Please provide the following initial information:

Estimated 2010 water demands: _____

Peak Month demands: _____

Estimated maximum business growth water demands: _____

Number of units to be served, if applicable: _____