

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 8, 2011

Board Item: V-E-1

**Amendment to Chapter 4 of the Operating Rules**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Chapter 4 of the Board’s Operating Rules applies to non-potable water service. To the extent possible, non-potable water activities follow the same procedures as potable water. Chapter 4 covers those instances when the Board’s policies or regulatory issues for non-potable water require alternative rules.

One of the important differences in the two water sources is the concept of “required conversion” where an existing potable water supply to a customer is required by Denver Water to be changed to receive non-potable service. Conversion includes costs for new water distribution mains, taps, meters, control valves and backflow devices and may take place for well established customers as well as for newly developing customers who will receive non-potable service in the future when non-potable facilities are constructed in their area.

During the initial stages of installation of the non-potable system, costs for required conversions have been handled inconsistently which has caused confusion to Denver Water Staff and prospective customers. The proposed rule change is intended to clarify the obligations of the Board and the customers for these conversion costs.

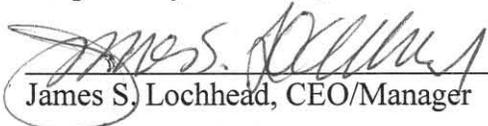
Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed change to the Operating Rules.

**Approvals:**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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