

1.10 BASE READINESS CHARGE

Upon service activation, the Customer will be billed and is obligated to pay minimum monthly fees for service availability, whether or not consumption has occurred. The minimum monthly fees, identified as Base Readiness Charge, are necessary to recover the ongoing expenses required to keep service available to the property. Accordingly, upon discontinuance of service to a property, these minimum monthly fees will continue to accrue (excludes permanent disconnects). Charges are assessed per ERU. Failure to pay these fees within sixty (60) days may result in a Claim of Lien being filed on the property in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.

When an account is classified as inactive, all charges, including Base Readiness Charges that accrue while the property is unoccupied or while service is interrupted, must be paid before service can be activated. When a property is sold, the seller remains liable for all Base Readiness Charges accrued through the date of the sale; the purchaser is responsible for all Base Facility Charges accruing after the date of the sale. When water use restrictions are implemented by South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), a surcharge will be applied to all water customers. This surcharge is applicable when the SFWMD imposes water use restrictions which curtail days or time of day during which customers of the District may irrigate their properties, or otherwise restrict the volume of water that may be permissibly utilized for irrigation.

Base Readiness Charges shall not be assessed if the meter has been removed from the property by the District and the structures on the property have been demolished as these accounts shall be considered inactive and closed. It is the responsibility of the property owner to advise Customer Service that a demolition has occurred.