



Notice to the Public

ASPA New Utility Rates Effective June 20, 2015

On May 28, 2015, the American Samoa Power Authority filed its new Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste rates in accordance with the American Samoa Administrative Procedures Act, (A.S.C.A. §§ 4.1001 et seq.) to be effective June 20, 2015 and will be reflected on the June 2015 bill. No changes are scheduled for Electric rates at this time.

History and Important Notes for New Rate Plan

In 2014, the American Samoa Power Authority contracted Economists.com, a US based firm, to conduct a rate study that would allow for ASPA to collect from ratepayers the actual costs of providing such essential service to the territory. A Public Hearing was held on December 17, 2014, to inform customers of the proposed rate changes and to solicit comments so that ASPA may implement a fair rate plan that will allow for an annual incremental adjustment of rates rather than one substantial increase. Adjusting the rates annually will minimize the overall financial impact on ratepayers.

The rate changes for each respective service are listed on the chart below. The first set of changes to take effect in June 2015, will be for only Wastewater and Solid Waste rates for all customer classes. There will be no changes for Water rates at this time. The second scheduled rate changes are set for October 1, 2016 for Wastewater and Solid Waste. The third scheduled rate changes are set for October 1, 2017, which will affect Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste, with the fourth change slated for October 1, 2018 for all three services. The implementation of the new rate plan for the respective services will fund expansion and maintenance costs for these services in order to continue to provide quality service to our customers.

Invest in Our Future

The American Samoa Power Authority is a public utility established and organized to serve the community with important utility services. The people of our community, who are the ratepayers, deserve quality, safe, reliable, cost effective and efficient services. ASPA does not make a "profit" or benefit a few private special interests, individuals or multinational companies. Unlike a private company, our ratepayers are the ASPA stakeholders. The ASPA ratepayers will be investing their money to continue and to ultimately improve our services for many years to come. ASPA continues to seek out alternative energy sources to reduce our dependence on diesel fuel and grant funding to improve infrastructure, both of which minimize costs to our ratepayers.

How to View New Rates

To view the new rate plan, please visit our Customer Service outlets in Tafuna or Pago Pago during regular business hours. Also, the new rate plan will be available online for public view by accessing www.aspower.com. We appreciate your continued support.



Fa'aaliga Taua mai le ASPA

Si'itaga o pili e amata ia Iuni 20, 2015

O le aso 28 Me 2015, na fa'amauina aloia ai e le ASPA si'itaga o pili mo le Suavai Taumafa, Suavai Lafoa'i ma le Lapisi Lafoa'i e tusa ai ma le tula-fono (Administrative Procedures Act, A.S.C.A §§ 4.1001 et seq). O nei si'itaga o le a amata faaogaina i le pili o Iuni 2015. E le o aafia ai le tau o le eletise i nei siitaga, ma e leai foi se suiga iai i lenei taimi.

Mafua'aga o nei Si'itaga

Na fa'akonekarate e le ASPA le kamupani ole 'Economist.Com' ina ia latou iloiloaina le tau o loo faatinoina ai le tautua a le ASPA i le Suavai Taumafa, Suavai Lafoa'i ma le Lapisi Lafoa'i, ma na latou fautuaina ai ni tau talafeagai. Sa fa'ataunu'uina i le aso 17 o Tesema, 2014, se fonotaga faalauaitete a le ASPA ma le mamalu o le atunuu e faailoa ma fetufa'ai ai i siitaga ua faatulagaina. O ia siitaga e faia faa-le-tausaga ae le fa'atinoina uma i se taimi e tasi.

O siitaga ua faatulagaina faapenei:

Si'itaga #1: Iuni 2015, mo le Suavai Lafoa'i ma le Lapisi Lafoa'i mo vaega uma o lo'o pili i masina. E leai se suiga i le tau ole Suavai Taumafa i lea siitaga.

Siitaga #2: Oketopa 2016 mo le Suavai Lafoa'i ma le Lapisi Lafoa'i.

Siitaga #3: Oketopa 2017 mo le Suavai Taumafa, Suavai Lafoa'i male Lapisi Lafoa'i.

Siitaga #4: Oketopa 2018 mo tautua uma e tolu.

O nei si'itaga ua faia ina ia mafai ai ona faalautele ma faaleleia atili le tautua ma le auunaga a le ASPA mo le mamalu totogi pili.

Fesoasoani mo le Lumana'i

O le ASPA o le matagaluega tumaoti a le malo na fa'avaeina e tautua le atunu'u e ala i le Eletise, Suavai Taumafa, Suavai Lafoai, ma le Lapisi Lafoai. O nei auunaga a le ASPA e mo tagata ole atunu'u o lo'o fa'aogaina lenei tautua. E le sailia e le ASPA se tupe fa'asili i lana tautua pe sa'ilia ni auala e manuia ai, e pei o tulaga masani o pisinisi. O tagata totogi pili, o pa'aga ia a le ASPA e tatau ona tasi i se auunaga atoatoa ona lelei. O lo'o taumafai pea le ASPA e saili nisi auala e fa'atugofie ai lana tautua e ala lea i metotia e fa'aitiitia ai le faalagolago i le suau'u faatasi ai ma le sailia o alagatupe fesoasoani mai le Feterale e faaleleia ai mea totino po'o aseti a le ASPA e pei ona ta'ua muamua.

O fea e maua ai se faamatalaga manino i nei Siitaga?

Mo se malamalamaaga atili i si'itaga, fesili mai ile Ofisa o le Customer Service i Tafuna poo Pago Pago i taimi faigaluega. E mafai fo'i ona maua i le initaneti i le tuatusi: www.aspower.com.

Table 1 - New Rate Schedule for Residential, Small and Large General Service

WATER					
Residential Rates	Current	Jun-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
Base Charge	14.62	14.62	14.62	14.91	15.21
Volume Rates (per 1,000 gals)					
0 - 10,000	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.87	2.92
10,001 - 20,000	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.37	3.42
20,001 - 30,000	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.87	3.92
30,001 - above	4.31	4.31	4.31	4.37	4.42
All Others Rate Class	Current	Jun-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
Base Charge	14.62	14.62	14.62	14.91	15.21
Volume Rate (per 1,000 gals)	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.09	3.15

WASTEWATER					
Residential Rates	Current	Jun-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
Base Charge (Groundwater Fee)	16.25	17.06	20.05	23.56	24.97
Volume Charge R Single-Unit	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Charge R Multi-Unit*	-	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
*A Volume Charge will be assessed to a water meter serving more than one unit or home.					
All Others Rate Class	Current	Jun-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
Base Charge	16.25	17.06	20.05	23.56	24.97
Volume Charge	1.85	1.94	2.28	2.68	2.84

SOLID WASTE					
Rate Classification	Current	Jun-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
Res. Home Collection	8.64	11.40	11.98	12.57	12.57
Res. Village Bin 2/4 CY	8.64	11.40	11.98	12.57	12.57
SGS	63.89	57.50	51.75	52.79	52.79
LGS	372.68	391.31	399.14	419.10	419.10
Res. Multi-Tenants	4.37	4.59	4.68	4.91	4.91
SGS/LGS- Multi-meters	31.95	33.55	34.22	35.93	35.93
SGS/LGS - No Human Occ	31.95	33.55	34.22	35.93	35.93
Tipping - Commercial					
Charge/pound	0.140	0.147	0.151	0.156	0.156
Charge/cubic yard	18.52	19.45	20.03	20.63	20.63
Tipping - Canneries					
Charge/pound	0.040	0.042	0.043	0.045	0.045
Charge/cubic yard	5.39	5.66	5.83	6.00	6.00