

ROCK CLAUSE

The standard new service charge assumes normal soil conditions. If, during trenching, excavation, or boring, the District or its contractor encounters rock or other unusually hard material that requires special equipment or extra labor, I agree to the following:

1. I am responsible for all additional rock-related costs incurred by the District in addition to the standard new service charge.
2. There will be a minimum rock fee of \$1,000.00 if rock is encountered.
3. The final rock fee will be based on the actual additional cost of labor, equipment, and contractor charges, subject to the \$1,000 minimum.
4. The rock fee must be paid before meter activation.
5. Alternative Installation Options. If rock conditions make the originally proposed route impractical or excessively costly, the District may, at its discretion, propose an alternate route or installation method. Any additional cost associated with such alternatives shall also be borne by the Applicant.

OPTIONAL – Use of Independent Contractor for rock excavation. The Applicant may choose to hire their own qualified independent contractor, at the Applicant's expense, to complete the rock excavation work.

If I choose this option, I understand and agree that:

- a. I am solely responsible for selecting, hiring, and paying the qualified, independent contractor for all rock excavation work.
 - b. The contractor must coordinate with PWSD #8 and perform all work in accordance with District specifications, depths, locations, and safety requirements.
 - c. PWSD #8 has the right to inspect the work and require corrections if it does not meet District standards.
 - d. PWSD #8 is not responsible for the contractor's work, damages, delays, or costs.
 - e. If the rock excavation is completed to the District's satisfaction, I will only be charged the standard new service charge (no additional rock fee from the District).
6. No Guarantee of Conditions. The District does not guarantee subsurface conditions at any property. By signing this Agreement, the Applicant acknowledges that subsurface conditions, including rock, are unknown until excavation occurs and may result in additional costs as described in this Rock Clause.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____