TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 624. MINOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:
252:624-1-3 Authorizations and permits [AMENDED]
Subchapter 11. Fees [NEW]
252:624-11-1 Fees [NEW]
252:624-11-2 Fee escalator based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) [NEW]

SUMMARY:
The reason for the proposed rulemaking is to establish a fee schedule that will help cover some of the costs of operating the program, which has historically been entirely supported by appropriated funds. Additionally, the Department proposes to have fees automatically increase every year based on the rate of inflation.

AUTHORITY:
Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S.§ 2-2-101; Water Quality Management Advisory Council, 27A O.S.§ 2-2-201; and 27A O.S.§ 2-6-303 and 2-6-304

COMMENT PERIOD:
Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from September 1, 2010, through September 30, 2010. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on October 12, 2010, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on February xx, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING:
Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on October 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.
Before the Environmental Quality Board on February xx, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
The DEQ requests that business entities affected by the proposed rules provide to DEQ (within the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the level of direct costs (e.g., fees) and indirect costs (e.g., reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss), or other costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:
Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person, reviewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, or reviewed online at http://www.deq.state.ok.us/eclsnew/index.htm.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:
Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained from the contact person or may be reviewed online at http://www.deq.state.ok.us/eclsnew/index.htm.

CONTACT PERSON:
The contact person is Robert Huber. He can be reached at Robert.Huber@deq.ok.gov (e-mail), (405) 702-6100 (phone) or (405) 702-6226 (fax). The DEQ is located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The DEQ’s mailing address is P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the rulemaking hearing and need an
accommodation should notify the contact person three (3) days in advance of the hearing. For hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.