## **Current Process**

- 1. Bills are mailed out no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 2. Payment IN FULL is due by the last day of the month.
- 3. If payment IN FULL is not received by the last day of the month, a late fee of 5% of the outstanding balance will be assessed the first day of the following month.
- 4. If payment in full is still not received by the following 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month a late notice will be mailed out. This would then mean the account is 2 months delinquent.
- 5. If payment in full is not received by the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month an additional late fee will be assessed on the first day of the following (3<sup>rd</sup>) month **AND** a *late notice text* will be sent out the Friday before the first Monday of the month.
- If payment is not received by 5:00 that Friday, services will be shut off the first Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. To have services reinstated, payment <u>in full</u> is required plus an additional re-connect fee (\$75 for water, \$30 for gas).

## **Proposed Process**

- 1. Bills are mailed out no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 2. Payment IN FULL is due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- 3. If payment IN FULL is not received prior to midnight of the 25<sup>th</sup> a late fee of 5% of the outstanding balance will be assessed on the 26<sup>th</sup> **AND** a physical late notice will be mailed out on the 26<sup>th</sup> or the next business day.
- 4. The Thursday\* before the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday a text notice will be sent out, informing the customer if payment IN FULL is not made prior to midnight the following Sunday, services will be shut off no earlier than 9:00am the following Monday.
- 5. If payment is not made prior to midnight on Sunday, payment in full **plus** administrative fees, are required before services can be reinstated.

\*In the event of an observed Holiday, the process will be enforced the following business day.