

# Susquehanna River Basin Commission

*a water management agency serving the Susquehanna River Watershed*



## **SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

### **PROJECT REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE**

1. The Commission requires payment of a non-refundable project review application fee, according to the schedule shown in Attachment 1, for the following categories of projects which require review and approval by the Commission under Section 3.10(2) of the Compact and Commission Regulation 803.4 (18 CFR §803.4):
  - a. Diversions of water into or out of the Susquehanna River Basin.
  - b. Hydroelectric projects.
  - c. Consumptive uses, as defined and regulated by Commission Regulation 803.42.
  - d. Ground-water withdrawals, as defined and regulated by Commission Regulation 803.43.
  - e. Surface-water withdrawals, as defined and regulated by Commission Regulation 803.44.
  - f. Any other projects requiring the review and approval of the Commission under Section 3.10 (2) of the Compact that do not involve a request for a quantity of water.
2. If any project involves more than one of the above categories, the highest of the applicable application fees shown in Attachment 1 applies.
3. The quantity or capacity requested for project modifications is the incremental increase above the existing Commission docket approval.
4. Agencies, authorities, or commissions of the signatories to the Compact are exempt from application fees. However, political subdivisions of the signatory states are subject to the application fees.
5. Agricultural water use projects primarily involving the raising of food or forage crops, trees, flowers, shrubs, turf and livestock, or aquaculture, are exempt from application fees.
6. The appropriate application fee must be submitted to the Commission with the project application (see Paragraph 7 regarding an installment payment option). Failure to submit payment of the fee or the submission of an incorrect fee with the application will result in its return to the project sponsor, or, at the discretion of the Commission, will result in a billing of the proper fee to the project sponsor. The Commission will not take action on a project

application until the appropriate fee is paid. Application fees are non-refundable and are not reduced, nor any amount credited to the project sponsor, where the Commission's docket approval authorizes an amount or quantity of water which is less than that requested by the project sponsor.

7. If the application fee exceeds \$1,500, project sponsors have the option of making installment payments. This option provides for the payment of up to three consecutive equal annual installments with interest thereon at the rate of 10 percent per annum on the unpaid balance. The project sponsor should indicate that it intends to use this option when making application. The first annual installment is due at the time the application is submitted.
8. The Commission may declare a project to be extraordinary if the cost of the review exceeds or is anticipated to exceed \$50,000. For these projects, the project sponsor must pay, in addition to the initial application fee, 100 percent of the project review costs exceeding \$50,000. Project review costs include, but are not limited to, the accounted-for time spent by Commission staff on the evaluation of a project application, the development of staff recommendations for Commission action on the project application and the presentation of those staff recommendations to the public and the Commission at public hearings. Project review costs also include any additional analysis or evaluation that the Commission is ordered to perform as a result of judicial review.
9. Whenever, under the guidelines and requirements of Commission Regulation 18 CFR Part 805, Subpart A - Conduct of Hearing, the Commission holds a public hearing or an adjudicatory hearing on a project, the project sponsor is required to pay the reasonable costs of holding and making a record of the hearing.
10. The provisions of this schedule were established by, and are subject to, Commission Resolution No. 98-19, as amended by Commission Resolution No. 2000-06.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PROJECT APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Category<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Requested Quantities Or Capacities</b>	<b>Application Fee</b>
Consumptive Use Projects Paying Consumptive Use Fee to Commission	20,000 gallons per day (gpd) - 100,000 gpd	\$ 750
	100,001 gpd - 500,000 gpd	3,000
	500,001 gpd - 1 mgd	6,000
	Over 1 mgd	12,000
Consumptive Use Projects Not Paying Consumptive Use Fee to Commission	20,000 gallons per day (gpd) - 100,000 gpd	\$ 2,100
	100,001 gpd - 500,000 gpd	9,700
	500,001 gpd - 1 mgd	12,700
	Over 1 mgd	32,000
Ground Water & Surface Water Withdrawals	Up to 250,000 gallons per day (gpd)	\$ 1,500
	250,001 gpd - 500,000 gpd	3,000
	500,001 gpd - 1 mgd	4,500
	Over 1 mgd	6,000
Hydroelectric Projects*  <i>*These fees will be charged for review of applications for FERC exemption, short form, or regular license, if the hydroelectric project requires Commission review &amp; approval. No fee will be charged for review of applications for a preliminary permit.</i>	Less than 1 Megawatt	\$ 250
	1-10 Megawatts	1,500
	Greater than 10 Megawatts	7,500
All other projects requiring review under Section 3.10 (2) of the Compact that do not involve a request for a quantity of water	e.g. stream encroachments, discharges to interstate waters, etc.	\$ 2,500

<sup>1</sup> If any project involves more than one of the above categories, the highest of the applicable fees applies.

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### PROJECT APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE FOR MODIFICATIONS OF APPROVED PROJECTS<sup>1</sup>

Project Category <sup>2</sup>	Requested Quantities <sup>3</sup> Or Capacities	Application Fee
Consumptive Use Projects	20,000 gallons per day (gpd) - 100,000 gpd	\$ 750
	100,001 gpd - 500,000 gpd	3,000
	500,001 gpd - 1 mgd	6,000
	Over 1 mgd	12,000
Ground Water & Surface Water Withdrawals	Up to 250,000 gallons per day (gpd)	\$ 1,000
	250,001 gpd - 500,000 gpd	2,000
	500,001 gpd - 1 mgd	3,000
	Over 1 mgd	4,000
Hydroelectric Projects*		
<i>*These fees will be charged for review of applications for FERC exemption, short form, or regular license, if the hydroelectric project requires Commission review &amp; approval. No fee will be charged for review of applications for a preliminary permit.</i>	Less than 1 Megawatt	\$ 250
	1-10 Megawatts	1,500
	Greater than 10 Megawatts	7,500
All other projects requiring review under Section 3.10 (2) of the Compact that do not involve a request for a quantity of water	e.g. stream encroachments, discharges to interstate waters, etc.	\$ 2,500

<sup>1</sup> Sponsors for modification of projects previously approved by the Commission shall be required to pay an application fee unless the Commission finds that the modification requires no significant review by staff, in which case the staff may recommend a waiver or reduction of the application fee.

<sup>2</sup> If any project involves more than one of the above categories, the highest of the applicable fees applies.

<sup>3</sup> The quantity or capacity requested for project modifications is the incremental increase above the existing SRBC docket approval.