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Monthly Water Bill Electronic Payment Options

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Dear HBLSWSC Members,

Your Water Board received inquiries regarding the possibility of paying Monthly water bills on-line with a debit or credit card.

We wanted to let you know we have studied several options in an attempt to offer this service. Electronic bill payment requires the capability to be added to our website, including a credit card processing agreement with a financial institution. As a result of our research, the administrative and direct costs proved too expensive for the small size of our Corporation.

However, there is a silver lining... In the course of our research, we determined almost $\frac{1}{2}$ of our members already use an electronic check writing service offered through their bank / credit union. Instead of you writing a check, addressing an envelope and paying for postage, the bank writes and sends the check for you. All you need to do is sign up for internet banking. You then sign in, click on "Bill Payment" and set up the payment. The bank then writes and sends the check to us. **Typically, there is no charge to you for this service**. In addition, most of these internet banking services include a smartphone application so you can manage your bank accounts on your phone.

If you are interested in paying your bills online, please check with your bank / credit union to determine if bill payment service is offered. Our Corporation also uses free bill payment service offered at our First State Bank for our business account.

Sincerely,

Your Water Board