

TABLE 6. SUMMARY OF PRICING SYSTEMS

| TYPE OF SYSTEM | DEFINITION AND COMMENTS | DEGREE OF EQUITY | EFFECT ON CONSERVATION |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Flat Rate | A fixed amount is charged per time period, regardless of services used. Usually found in unmetered areas. The rate is often varied according to the size of the line. | Not Equitable | None |
| Declining Block Rate | The price per unit of water decreases as the quantity of use increases. Most commonly used rate structure in Oklahoma. | Not Equitable | Adverse |
| Uniform Rate | A constant price per unit of water is charged, regardless of the quantity used. | Equitable | Slight |
| Increasing Block Rate | The price per unit of water increases as the quantity of use increases. This rate used only rarely in Oklahoma. | Equitable | Major |
| Peak Load or Seasonal Rate | The price per unit is based on a uniform rate for a certain quantity. Unit cost above the base quantity increases with use. | Equitable | Major |