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WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2015 water and sewer rates will increase.

The new water rate for 2015 will be \$8.84 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$26.52 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 66,000 gallons per year, the water bill will increase from \$565.62 to \$583.44 per year. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

The new sewer rate for 2015 will be \$16.18 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$48.54 for 3,000 gallons billed quarterly. For the average single family house that uses 66,000 gallons per year, the sewer bill will increase from \$1,040.82 to \$1,067.88 per year. Your cost could be less or more than this, depending on how much water you use.

REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE:

- Operating expenses have increased;
- Funding reserves for emergency repairs and operations have been depleted and need to be increased;
- Existing rates will not adequately fund capital improvement project costs for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, repairs, and replacement.