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SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Effective February 16, 2009, the quarterly Minimum Service Charge will increase by \$1.75 from \$29.25 to \$31.00 and the Sewer Use Charge will increase by \$.90 from \$4.15/1000 gallons to \$5.05/1000 gallons. This rate increase is necessary because of the inflationary factors, a slow down in home construction, reduced water consumption by both residential and commercial customers, and in order to maintain the current level of service. This is the largest rate increase the Authority has enacted since 1993, and the first time it has increased the Minimum Service Charge since 1993. For the average residential customer that uses 14,700 gallons, of water per quarter, the rate increase is 16.6% or \$14.98 per quarter. Even after the rate increase, the Authority's charge for sewage service is still lower than six nearby comparable service providers. The Authority's current sewer charge is still below the inflation adjusted 1985 sewer charge, the first year water consumption was used as the basis for billing. Even with the increase sewage service is a real value, and costs far less than any other utility.