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Dear Customer:

The Brunswick and Topsham Water District will be filing revised rate schedules with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be effective 7/1/23. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A MRSA Section 6104. The docket number for the filing is 2023-00081.

The new rates increase the cost of water consumption by approximately 1/10th of a cent per gallon from \$0.0067 to \$0.0079 (for consumption less than 7,500 gallons per quarter) or \$0.0075 to \$0.0089 (for consumption over 7,500 gallons per quarter).

Since our last letter, construction of the Topsham Filtration Facility has been completed and the facility is online. In April 2022, the District issued \$17.5 million in 20-year bonds for long-term financing of the second-half of the construction of the new treatment facility. The District is proposing an overall increase of \$1,212,016 (18.47%) to meet its debt obligations, continue to properly operate the water system, and make reasonable capital improvements and infrastructure replacements.

Estimated Percentage Increases by Customer Class

Residential	\$578,438	18.57%
Commercial	\$261,110	18.58%
Public Fire Protection	\$178,043	18.69%
Private Fire Protection	\$99,877	18.50%
Public Authorities	\$90,059	18.58%
Industrial	\$4,489	18.57%
	<u>\$1,212,016</u>	<u>18.47%</u>

Estimated Monthly Increases by Customer Type

<u>Customer Type</u>	<u>Avg Gals Used</u>	<u>Est. Increase</u>
Single Occupancy	1,500	\$2.72
Double Occupancy	3,000	\$4.82
Small Business	3,750	\$7.84
Average Family	6,000	\$9.04
Medium Business	60,000	\$89.85
Large Business	300,000	\$429.73

Percentage increases are average by customer class. Individual billings will vary according to usage.

The public fire protection increase is governed by Public Utilities Commission Chapter 69. In accordance with Chapter 69, the public fire protection revenue is set at 15% of total operating revenue.

A public hearing will be held on 5/8/23 at 5:30 PM at District Offices, 276 River Rd, Topsham, at which time details regarding the proposed increase will be discussed.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the District's office before the hearing. You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the Commission as described below. The Public Advocate is available for assistance to you in the matter upon request. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at 287-3831, State House Station 18, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at 624-3687, 112 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0112.

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 1000 of the customers of the District file, with the Treasurer of the District and the Commission, petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the Commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed and changed in accordance with Section 310. Signatures on the petition are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and address of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.

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