

SPECIAL MEETING
COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford CT
Monday, December 1, 2014

Present: Commissioners Allen Hoffman, William P. Horan, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, James S. Needham, Hector Rivera, Alvin E. Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

Absent: Commissioners Michael Gerhart and J. Lawrence Price (2)

Also

Present: Commissioner Allen Hoffman
Commissioner Michael Toppi
Commissioner Richard Vicino
Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy CEO, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Gerald J. Lukowski, Director of Operations
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement
Stanley Pokora, Manager of Treasury
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Marotta called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

The District Clerk informed Vice-Chairman Marotta that a quorum was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the Committee on MDC Government of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Rivera and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 12, 2014 were approved.

Commissioner Magnan abstained.

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on December 1, 2014

The 2015 budget in support of Water Operations calls for the water use rate to remain unchanged from the \$2.53 per hundred cubic feet (CCF). Certain peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water have been changed. The changes will become effective January 1, 2015.

A discussion of the several rates that comprise the proposed schedule for 2015 and the recommendations pertaining to each follows:

Water Used Charge – Treated Water

Staff recommends that the rate charged for the use of treated water based on actual metered consumption remain unchanged from \$2.53 per CCF.

The recommended rate for treated water, based on actual metered consumption, is:

<u>WATER USAGE</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
All Customers	\$2.53/100 Cu. ft.	\$2.53/100 Cu ft.

Customer Service Charge

Revenues from this customer service charge are to intended to support a portion of the fixed operating, maintenance and debt costs associated with water operations. The customer service charges in the residential category (5/8", 3/4", and 1" meters) will remain unchanged from the \$40.44 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 1 1/2", 3" and 4" will be decreased by \$23.37, \$174.93 and \$72.96 per quarter respectively. The customer service charges for the 2", 6", 8", 10" and 12" will be increased by \$14.07, \$984.81, \$1,254.99, \$1,303.59, \$2,699.43 per quarter respectively.

Surcharge Outside The Metropolitan District

A fixed "surcharge" rate is added to all accounts for service outside the boundaries of the District. The surcharge is based on the size of the meter that serves each delivery point. Revenues from this charge are for the reimbursement of assets deployed. The surcharge rates have been set at the same rates as the Customer Service Charges. In the residential category a 5/8" meter will be reduced from \$49.74 per quarter to \$40.44 per quarter in 2015.

Water Used Charge – Untreated Water

The District provides untreated water to other agencies and water companies for a fixed rate based on actual consumption. The current rate for this untreated or “raw” water is \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet of consumption. It is recommended that the charge for untreated water remain at the rate of \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet.

Private Fire Protection Charge

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts based on the size of the service connection. Staff recommends no changes to the private fire protection rates.

Conclusion

Staff believes that the foregoing rate change recommendations are justified, reflect the sound financial administration that has earned the District support among credit rating agencies and financial advisors, and are consistent with the policy direction of the Commission.

At a meeting of the Committee on MDC Government held on December 1, 2014, it was :

Voted: That the Water Bureau, acting under Section 5-4 of the District Charter, establishes revised water rates effective with the meter readings rendered on and after January 1, 2015, as set forth in the following “REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES.”

Further

Voted: That following the public hearing held on November 19, 2014, as required by Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board, through the Committee on MDC Government, approval of the following “REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES” by the enactment of said proposed ordinances. (Additions are indicated by underscoring and deletions are crossed out).

REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES

W-1 WATER RATES

SEC. W1a WATER USED CHARGE (TREATED WATER)

The WATER USED CHARGE is the quantity of water used as read at the meter, as follows:

BILLS RENDERED	RATE
MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY	\$2.53 per 100 Cubic Feet
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SEC. W1b CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE

The CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE is a service charge applicable to all metered services and services to be metered. The charge shall be determined from the size of each meter installed or to be installed on the premises, as follows:

Size of Meter	Monthly Billing	Quarterly Billing
5/8"		
3/4"	13.48	40.44
1"	13.48	40.44
1 1/2"	13.48	40.44
2"	28.29	84.87
3"	28.29	84.87
4"	183.52	550.56
6"	183.52	550.56
8"	183.52	550.56
12"	183.52	550.56

METER	SIZE	OF	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
			\$13.48	\$40.44
	5/8"		\$13.48	\$40.44
	3/4"		\$13.48	\$40.44
	1"		\$20.50	\$61.50
	1 1/2"		\$32.98	\$98.94
	2"		\$125.21	\$375.63
	3"		\$159.20	\$477.60
	4"		\$511.79	\$1,535.37
	6"		\$601.85	\$1,805.55
	8"		\$619.05	\$1,857.15
	10"		\$1,083.33	\$3,249.99
	12"			

SEC. W1c SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a and W1b, there shall be a surcharge determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, as follows:

METER	SIZE	OF	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY
			BILLING	BILLING
	5/8"		\$16.58	\$49.74
	3/4"		\$18.58	\$55.74
	1"		\$23.20	\$69.60
	1 1/2"		\$29.89	\$89.67
	2"		\$48.14	\$144.42
	3"		\$182.49	\$547.47
	4"		\$232.39	\$697.17
	6"		\$344.57	\$1,033.71
	8"		\$479.04	\$1,437.12
	12"		\$724.75	\$2,174.26

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SEC. W1d CHARGES FOR UNTREATED WATER

Charges for untreated water sold to water companies and agencies under agreement between The Metropolitan District and such companies or agencies, or by other arrangement, shall remain at the rate of \$1.00 cents per hundred cubic feet.

SEC. W6f CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Charges for connections to water mains supplying water for fire protection, metered, or unmetered, shall be in accord with the following table:

SIZE OF CONNECTION	MONTHLY CHARGE
2"	<u>\$14.38</u>
3"	<u>\$18.72</u>
4"	<u>\$28.10</u>
6"	<u>\$47.12</u>
8"	<u>\$70.85</u>
10"	<u>\$118.65</u>
12"	<u>\$166.87</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution recommended to the District Board by unanimous vote of those present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval