

Kennebec Water District
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To our customers:

The Kennebec Water District (KWD) will be filing revised rate schedules with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be effective April 1, 2018. The filing will be under the provisions of 35-A, M.R.S.A. §6104.

KWD is seeking an across-the-board increase of 5.0% which will apply to all customer rates and fire protection charges and is intended to generate the additional annual revenue shown:

Residential Sales	\$137,417
Commercial Sales	\$43,588
Industrial Sales	\$11,976
Governmental Sales	\$7,825
Public Fire Protection	\$34,466
Private Fire Protection	\$12,484
Sales for Resale	\$6,150
Total	\$253,496

Current rates are expected to produce less revenue than is necessary to meet projected expenses for the year 2018 and to maintain reasonable capital improvement and infrastructure replacement programs. Declining demand from almost all our user classes over recent years and increased operational costs are primary factors in the need for the increase.

The minimum quarterly residential bill (for 3 months of service) will increase \$3.22 (4 cents per day). An average household with a quarterly consumption of 2000 cubic feet (20 HCF) will see an increase of \$4.58 per quarter (5 cents per day). Cost for each one hundred cubic feet (1 HCF or 748 gallons) will increase from \$1.63 to \$1.71.

KWD will host a public hearing on the proposed rates at 7:00 PM on Tuesday January 16, 2018 at Kennebec Water District's Water Treatment Plant, 462 Main Street (Route 32) in Vassalboro. In the event of major snowfall that day, the hearing will be held the following day, Wednesday January 17 at the same time. (Notice of a snow postponement will be made on KWD's webpage, kennebecwater.org, by 2:00 PM on the 16th.) Public comments and questions will be accepted at the hearing.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the KWD business office at 6 Cool Street in Waterville prior to the hearing. You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the Commission. The Public Advocate is available for assistance to you in this matter, upon request.

Contacts:	Maine Public Utilities Commission	Public Advocate Office
	Telephone: (207) 287-3831	Telephone: (207) 287-2445
	101 Second Street, Hallowell, Me. 04347	103 Water Street, Hallowell, Me. 04347
	State House Station 18	State House Station 112
	Augusta, Maine 04333-0018	Augusta, Maine 04333-0112

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 1000 customers of KWD 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 addresses of the signers. Upon request, KWD will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.

Respectfully presented: Kennebec Water District Board of Trustees
Jeffrey D. LaCasse, General Manager.