

# Belfast Water District

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To Our Customers:

August 1, 2014

The Belfast Water District will be filing revised rate schedules with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to be effective January 1, 2015. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A-M.R.S.A Section 6104.

Present rates were effective October 1, 2009. In 2014 and 2015, the District is borrowing a total of \$950,000 to fund capital improvements that will increase annual debt service costs by approximately \$70,000. The borrowings will fund the replacement of mains, services and hydrants. An increase of \$166,416 is proposed as shown below:

Residential	\$ 65,489	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 31,127	15.0%
Industrial	\$ 8,625	15.0%
Public Authorities	\$ 4,733	15.0%
Public Fire Protection	\$ 40,000	10.5%
Private Fire Protection	\$ 13,846	15.0%
Sales for Resale	\$ 2,596	15.0%
	<u>\$ 166,416</u>	

A public hearing will be held on August 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Boat House, Steamship Landing on Commercial Street, at which time complete details will be furnished in support of the increase.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the District Office before 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. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at 287-3831, State House Station 18, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at 287-2445, State House Station 112, Augusta, ME 04333.

If within 30 days of the public hearing, 15% 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archie J. Gaul".

Archie J. Gaul  
Chairman, Board of Trustees