



Proposed FY 2025 and FY 2026 Rates, Charges and Fees

Presentation to Retail Rates Committee, February 27th, 2024

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority



Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant

Seek Committee's recommendation to the Board on the:

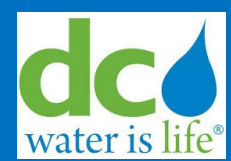
Multi-year Rate Proposal for FY 2025 and FY 2026

- Water and Sewer Rates, Charges & Fees
- Retail Groundwater Sanitary Sewer Service Rate
- High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate

FY 2024 – FY 2033 Financial Plan

- Projected residential water and sewer rates
- Projected average residential customer bills
- 10-year CIP disbursement budget





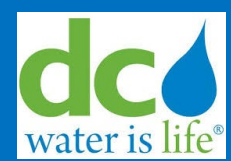
Budget & Rates Adoption Calendar

Timeline	Activity	Status
January 4	Budget Workshop with Board of Directors	✓
January 12	Wholesale Customer Briefing	✓
January 19	Office of People's Counsel Briefing	✓
Committee Discussions & Reviews		
January 18	Environmental Quality & Operations	✓
January 23	Joint DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates and Finance & Budget Committee	✓
February 1	Board Meeting (No Board Action Required)	
Committee Reviews, Recommendations & Actions		
February 15	Environmental Quality & Operations	✓
February 22	Finance & Budget	✓
February 27	DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates	
March 7	Board Adoption of Budgets	
April	Submit Budget via the District to U.S. Congress	
April – June	Rates Public Outreach & Town Halls & Public Hearing on May 9	
July 3	Board Adoption of Rates	
October 1	Fiscal Year 2025 Begins	

- DC Water strives to achieve the following, per Board policy:
 - Cover current costs and meet or exceed all bond and other financial requirements as well as goals set by the Board
 - Yield a reliable and predictable stream of revenues
 - Are based on annually updated forecasts or operating and capital budgets
 - A rate structure that is legally defensible, based on objective criteria, and transparently designed
 - A rate structures that customers can understand and DC Water can implement efficiently
 - Rate increases that are implemented transparently and predictably
- To the extent annual revenues exceed costs, the Board will utilize all available options to mitigate future customer impacts and annual rate increases, including transferring excess funds to the Rate Stabilization Fund



- 💧 The Board of Directors approves the Budget and the Financial Plan that determines the revenue requirements to operate and maintain water and sewer infrastructure, upgrade our facilities, and improve the environment.
- 💧 The Board of Directors approves DC Water's proposed rates, charges and fees after:
 - ✓ Presentation of Operating and Capital Costs for the applicable rate period to the Environmental Quality and Operations, Finance and Budget, and DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee;
 - ✓ Presentation of the Cost of Service Study and publication on DC Water's website;
 - ✓ Presentation of the Independent Review of Rates and Budget by Consultant and publication on DC Water's website;
 - ✓ Submittal of Cost of Service Study and Independent Review of Rates and Budget to Mayor and Council;
 - ✓ Publication of the rate proposal in the *D.C. Register* for public comment;
 - ✓ Holding a Public Hearing to receive comments on the rate proposal, held not less than 45 days after publication of the rate proposal in the *D.C. Register*;
 - ✓ Review of comments received during the public comment period and during the Public Hearing and DC Water's response to comments, and publication of both on DC Water's website; and
 - ✓ Recommendation from the DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee and General Manager



Multi-Year Rate Proposal for FY 2025 and FY 2026

Proposed rate changes:

- Water and sewer rates increase by 8.0% for FY 2025 and 6.0% for FY 2026
- Proposed CRIAC of \$21.23 per ERU in FY 2025 and \$24.23 per ERU in FY 2026
- Right-of-Way Fee at \$0.19 per Ccf for FY 2025 and \$0.20 per Ccf for FY 2026
- PILOT Fee at \$0.61 per Ccf for FY 2025 and \$0.62 per Ccf for FY 2026
- Proposed Groundwater Rate of \$3.50 for FY 2025 and \$3.76 for FY 2026
- Proposed High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate of \$3.32 for FY 2025 and \$3.54 for FY 2026

Rates and charges that remain the same:

- Customer Metering Fee remains at \$7.75 for 5/8” meters
- Water System Replacement Fee (WSRF) at \$6.30 for 5/8” meters

- Cost of Service Study aligned with rate proposal
- Combined rate increases lower than last year’s forecast

Change in Average Household Charge	Fiscal Year	
	2025	2026
Recommendation	4.8%	6.5%
Previous Forecast	7.0%	6.8%

Reflects updated changes based on cost of service study completed

💧 **Proposed rates are for FY 2025 and FY 2026**

💧 **Multi-year rates provide many benefits:**

- Revenue certainty
- Budget discipline
- Expenditures better aligned with revenues
- Favorable credit rating agency treatment
- Better predictability for our ratepayers

💧 **Potential risks / considerations:**

- Reduced financial flexibility
- Limited ability to modify approved rate increases, if necessary
- Conservatism in financial projections



💧 Tap Water is the affordable choice.

- Bottled water is 6,000% more expensive than tap water
- One gallon of bottled water costs \$1.23 per gallon on average*
- One gallon of DC Water costs \$0.02 per gallon



OR



*Source: International Bottled Water Association

💧 Tap Water is the environmental choice

- Americans purchase about 50 billion plastic water bottles per year
- Bottled water production and transportation requires tremendous energy and natural resources
- About 86% of empty plastic water bottles end up in the trash instead of being recycled
- Anacostia Riverkeeper says more than half of the trash floating in Anacostia River is from plastic water bottles
- New study found massive amounts of microscopic plastic in bottled water

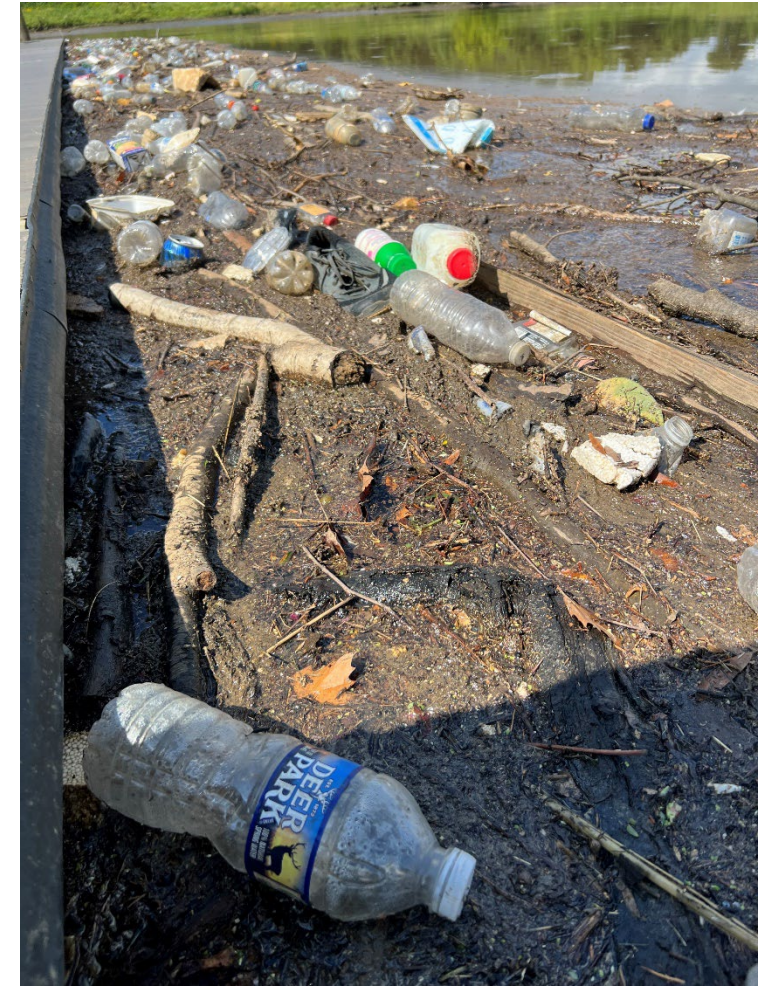
Researchers find a massive number of plastic particles in bottled water

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By
James Doubek



Researchers from Columbia University and Rutgers University found roughly 240,000 detectable plastic fragments in a typical liter of bottled water. Jody Amiet/AFP via Getty Images hide caption



- DC Water offers some of the nation's most financially supportive customer assistance programs:

Lifeline Rate

- Provides a discount to residential customers on the first 2,992 gallons used each month

CAP

- Provides monthly discounts to residential customers with household incomes less than \$152,100 (family of four)

One-Time Assistance

- SPLASH provides one-time emergency assistance to customers
- New programs for residential and multi-family customers

Payment Terms

- DC Water provides flexible payment terms for customers to get back on track



Seniors with incomes up to \$106,450 can qualify for discounts
(single family household)

Leak Assessment Program

CAP+

20% AMI

\$30,430 (family of 4)

Discount on the first 600 cubic ft. of water and sewer services + 75% reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee + WSRF waiver

\$122/month discount

CAP

60% SMI

\$91,250 (family of 4)

Discount on the first 400 cubic ft. of water and sewer services + 75% reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee + WSRF waiver

\$95/month discount

CAP2

80% AMI

\$121,700 (family of 4)

Discount on the first 300 cubic ft. of water and sewer services + 50% reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee

\$62/month discount

CAP3

100% AMI

\$152,100 (family of 4)

Discount of 75% off the monthly CRIAC fee

\$16/month discount

CRIAC Non-Profit Relief

District-funded program to assist Non-profit organizations with Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC)

* These CAP amounts are for FY 2025

Residential Assistance

- Up to \$2,000 per household
- DC Water Funded

Payment Plan Incentive Program

- Help eligible customers with aged balance of 60 days or greater and totals \$500 or more
- Adjust 40% of total payments (includes current charges and payment plan installment)

Homeowners Assistance Fund

- Provide assistance with water utility bills
- Federally Funded

Low-Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP)

- Provides funds to assist Households with water and sewer bills
- Federally Funded

- DC Water will hold Town Hall Meetings in April, in advance of the rates public hearing, to:
 - Inform customers about the Proposed FY 2025 and FY 2026 rates
 - Discuss the Capital Improvement Program, and
 - Promote all the existing and new customer assistance programs
- The meetings will be widely publicized through numerous channels, including:
 - Councilmember Offices
 - Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs)
 - DCWater.com website
 - X.com (*Twitter*), Facebook and Instagram
 - Nextdoor
 - Paid digital and print advertising



Complete Budget Briefing available online at <https://www.dewater.com/budget-and-rate-review-documents-0>

The screenshot shows the DC Water website's 'Ratemaking Process' page. The navigation bar includes 'My Accounts', 'Pay Your Bill', 'Dispute a Bill', 'Report a Problem', 'Find a Job', 'Get a Permit', 'Contact Us', and 'View Customer Center'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > About DC Water > Finance > Ratemaking Process'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn are visible. The main heading is 'Ratemaking Process'.

Ratemaking Process

The Board's Strategic Plan and 10-year financial plan provide the framework for the formulation, prioritization, implementation and monitoring of the annual budget process.

The annual budget process typically begins with planning in June and official kickoff in July of each year for the Operating and Capital Budgets. Plans and budgets are prepared at an appropriate level of detail for each management level. Assumptions inherent in the plans and budgets reflect the entity's historical experience, current conditions and Executive Team's directives. Once decisions are finalized for the operating and capital budgets, management develops the financial plan and rate model including various scenarios to ensure a balanced budget for recovery of costs. Further review is undertaken with independent consultants including benchmarking our proposed rates with peers in the industry. DC Water develops two-year rate proposals. The benefits of multi-year rates include greater revenue certainty, increased budget discipline and better alignment between revenues and expenditures.

The proposed budgets are finalized during the fall of each year, and introduced to the Board during the Budget Workshop typically in January. The Committees then submit their recommendations to the full Board for adoption and DC Water's adopted budget is included in the District of Columbia's budget submission to U.S. Congress.

DC Water's adopted budget and proposed rates are communicated via various news and media outlets as well as town hall meetings in each ward and a public hearing to provide customers the opportunity to comment on the changes. Once the budgets are appropriated by Congress and the final rates approved by the Board, they become effective on October 1st of each year.

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- [FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Two-Year Rates](#)
- [FY 2024 Approved Budget](#)
- [FY 2023 and FY 2024 Approved Rates](#)
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OTHER LINKS & DOCUMENTS

Online Tools

- [Rate Comparison Tool](#)
- [Impervious Area Calculator](#)

FY 2023 & FY 2024 Approved Rate Documents

- [Responses to Comments and Recommendations on Proposed Rates](#)
- [FY 2023 & FY 2024 Proposed Rates Presentation - RRC February 22, 2022](#)
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Budget and Rate Review Documents

Budget Review Documents

Date	Title
January 23, 2024	Joint DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates and Finance & Budget Committees FY 2025 Proposed Budget
January 19, 2024	Office of People's Counsel Briefing FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Two-Year Rates
January 18, 2024	Environmental Quality and Operations Committee Proposed FY 2024 - FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program
January 12, 2024	Wholesale Customer Briefing DC Water's Proposed FY 2025 Budget
January 4, 2024	Budget Workshop with the Board FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Two-Year Rates



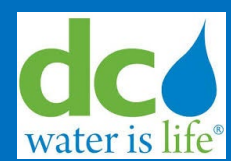
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- DC Water recovers only the funds necessary to fund the Operating and Capital Budgets through rates
- One of the fastest growing expenditure category is debt service for the capital program, which has grown an average of 6.2% a year since 2016
- As part of the budget, DC Water presents the rates required to support the CIP and forecasted operating expenditures
 - Rates are reviewed and approved by the DC Water Board every two years
 - The financial plan, including the forecast of rates, is proposed to the Board for consideration
- Customer Assistance Programs provide discounts for residential customers
 - Income requirements for those programs change every year
 - In FY 2021 the discount was increased for customers in the CAP program to ensure that rates comprised a lower portion of household income
 - Proposed new programs for FY 2025; CAP+, Payment Incentive, Leak Assessments

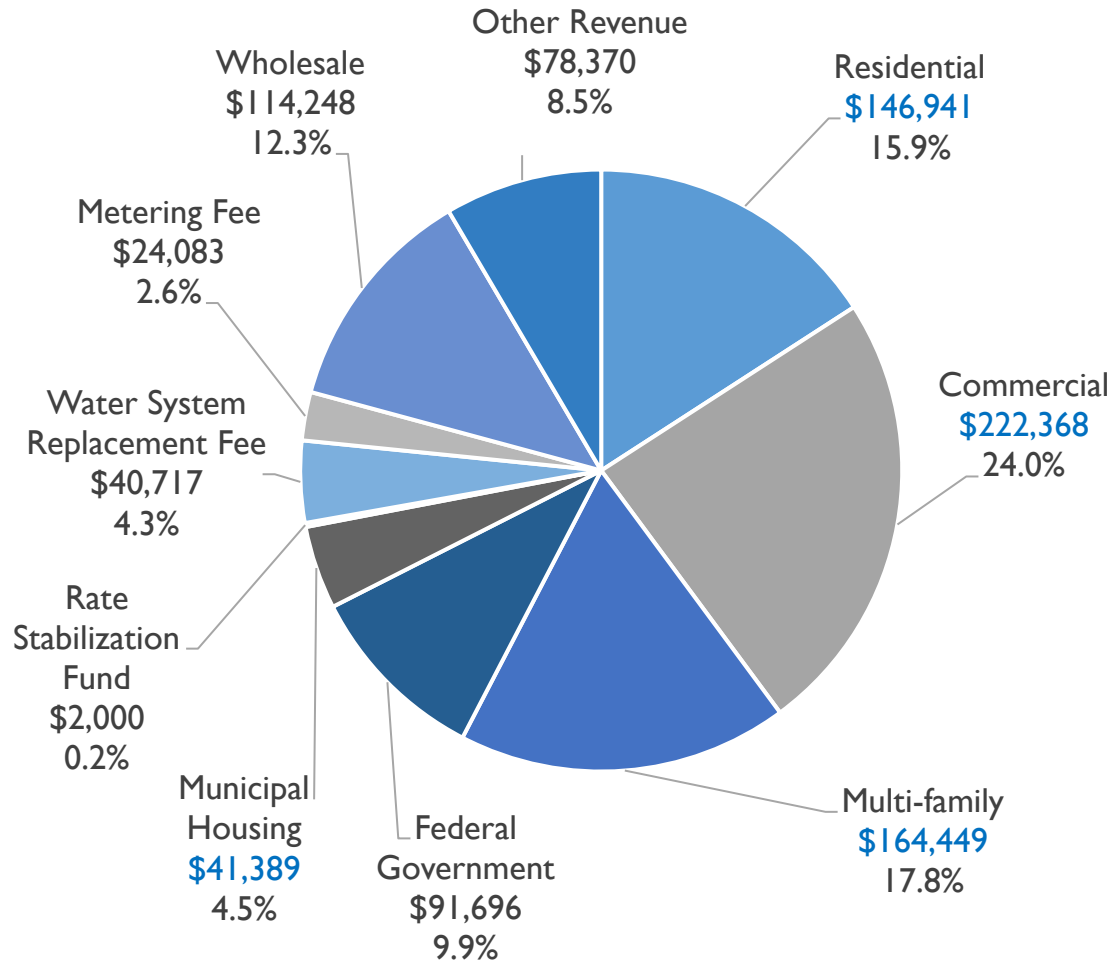




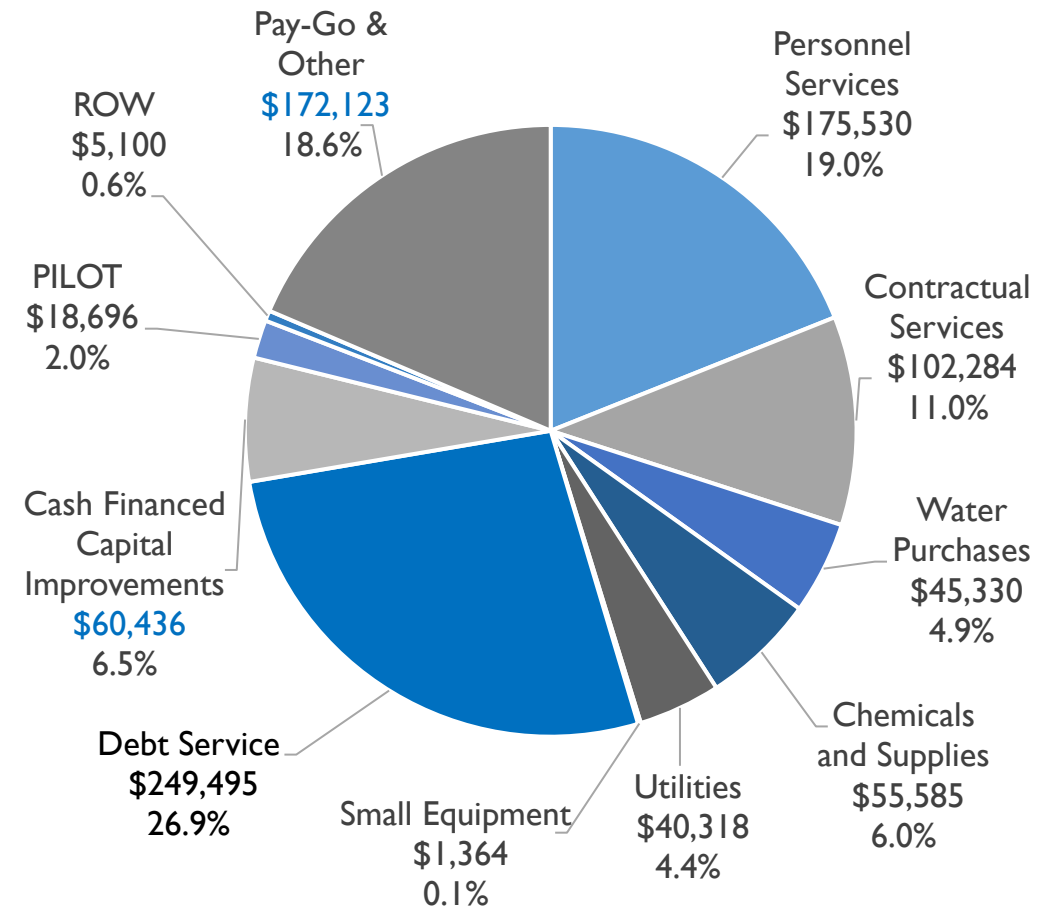
FY 2025 Operating: Sources and Uses of Funds

\$ in thousands

Sources - \$926.3 Million



Uses - \$926.3 Million

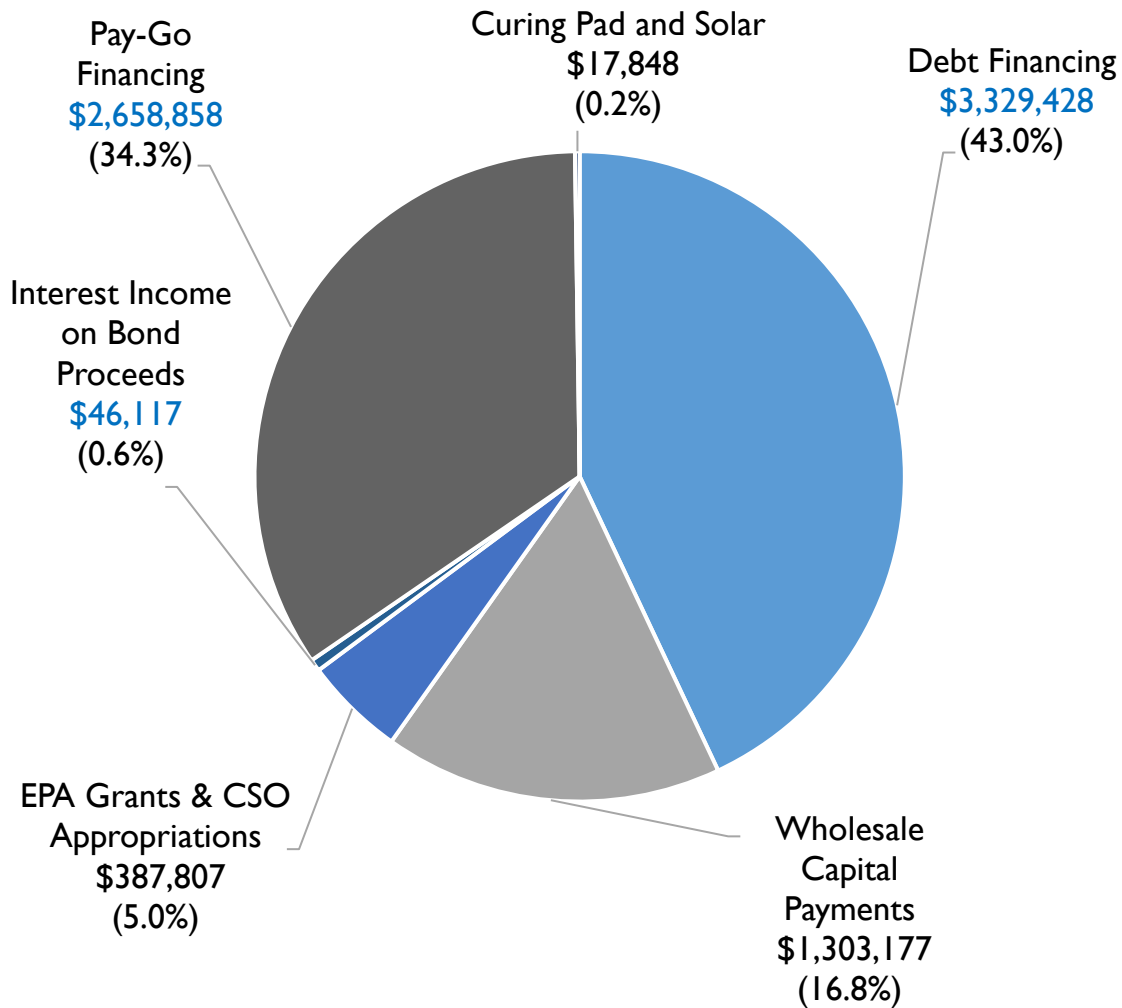


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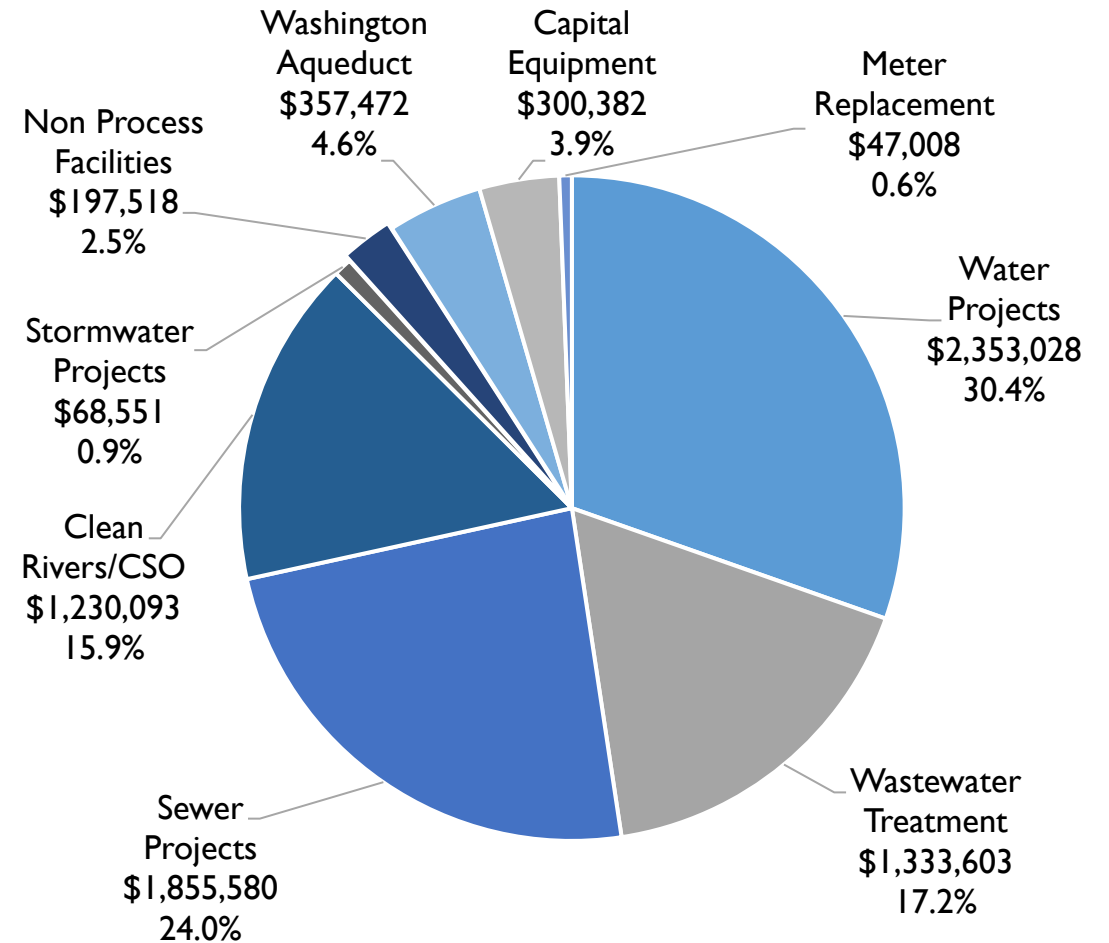
Ten Year CIP: Sources and Uses of Funds

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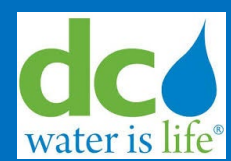
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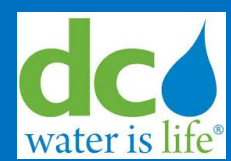
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The Capital Improvement Program

- 💧 The **proposed ten-year CIP budget of \$7.74 billion** includes annual spending estimates for capital construction, capital equipment and DC Water’s share of the Aqueduct’s capital projects
 - This is a \$792 million increase over the Board-approved CIP for the ten-year period
- 💧 The **proposed lifetime budget is \$16.1 billion** and covers total commitments, including labor, for active projects prior to, during, and beyond the ten-year window

Cash Disbursements (\$ in dollars)	FY 2024 - FY 2033 Disbursement Plan											Lifetime Budget
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	10-yr Total	
NON PROCESS FACILITIES	\$ 13,074	\$ 19,900	\$ 25,190	\$ 27,461	\$ 17,775	\$ 35,413	\$ 23,100	\$ 13,283	\$ 14,977	\$ 7,345	\$ 197,518	\$ 362,044
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	65,150	103,291	133,487	146,143	164,601	194,637	185,233	174,807	91,587	74,666	1,333,603	3,348,779
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW	123,793	213,408	231,323	216,615	193,750	154,800	92,363	4,041	-	-	1,230,093	3,430,748
STORMWATER	7,293	13,565	7,958	3,804	4,532	3,268	6,697	9,432	6,772	5,231	68,551	157,075
SANITARY SEWER	80,599	92,235	123,854	118,639	169,037	287,816	249,471	227,771	269,312	236,846	1,855,580	2,897,505
WATER	158,736	222,494	252,395	250,278	266,256	268,591	279,184	207,235	219,880	227,979	2,353,028	4,738,104
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 448,646	\$ 664,893	\$ 774,206	\$ 762,940	\$ 815,951	\$ 944,526	\$ 836,048	\$ 636,568	\$ 602,528	\$ 552,067	\$ 7,038,373	\$ 14,934,255
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	30,535	31,477	31,839	30,523	37,169	37,169	37,169	37,169	37,169	37,169	347,390	347,390
WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT	35,546	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	35,770	357,472	357,472
ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 66,081	\$ 67,246	\$ 67,609	\$ 66,293	\$ 72,939	\$ 72,939	\$ 72,939	\$ 72,939	\$ 72,939	\$ 72,939	\$ 704,863	\$ 704,863
LABOR												\$443,166
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGETS	\$ 514,727	\$ 732,139	\$ 841,815	\$ 829,232	\$ 888,890	\$ 1,017,465	\$ 908,987	\$ 709,507	\$ 675,467	\$ 625,006	\$ 7,743,235	\$ 16,082,284

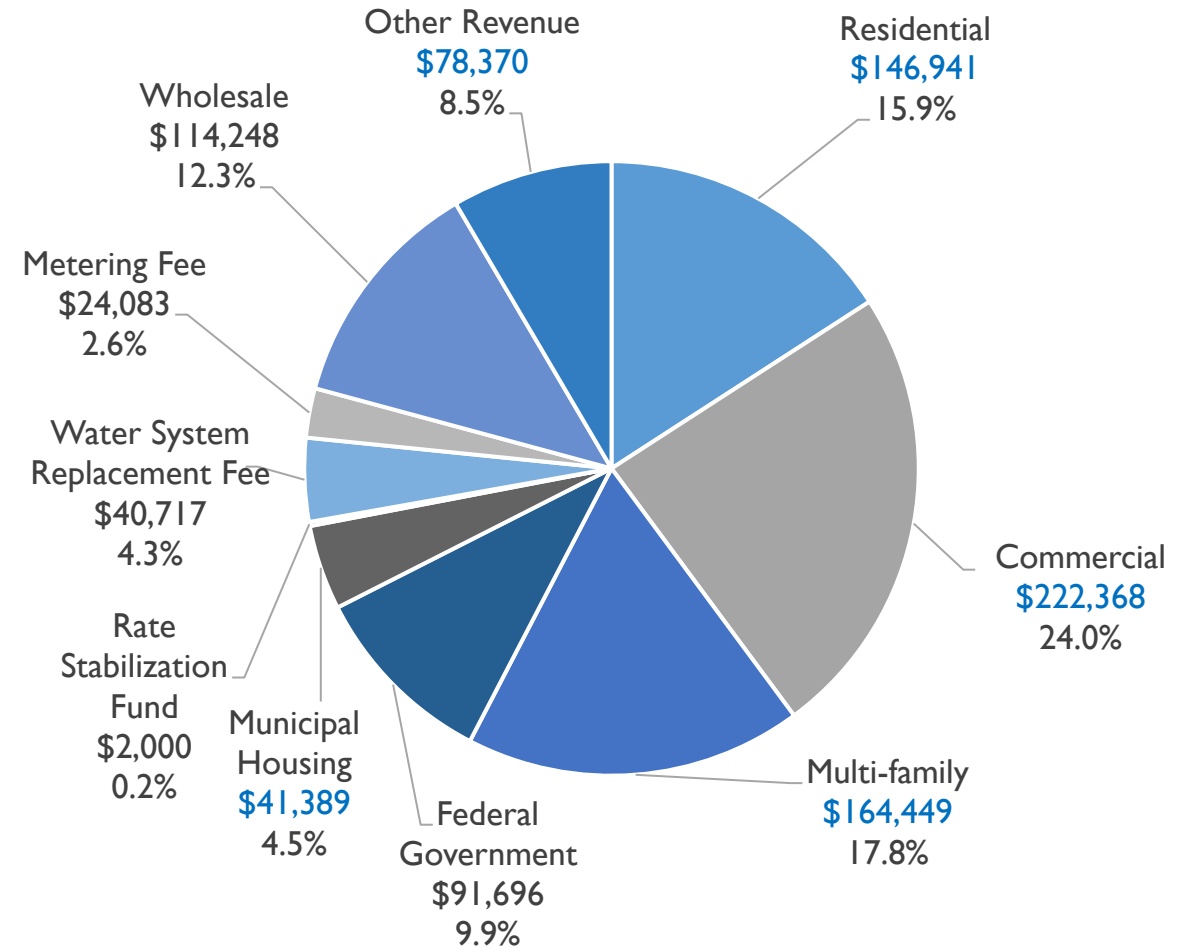
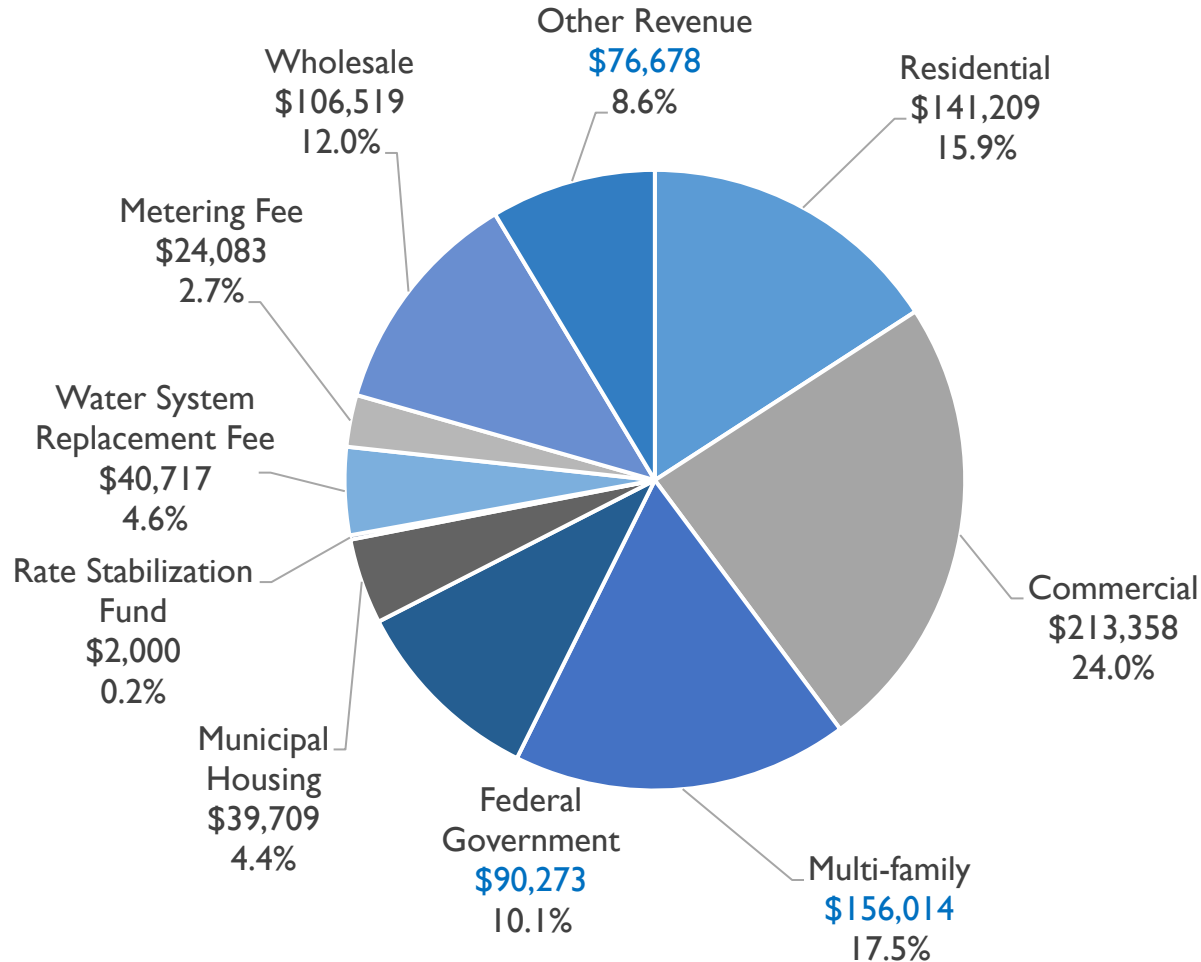


FY 2024 vs. FY 2025 Operating Revenues

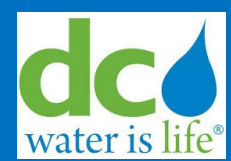
\$ in thousands

Revised FY 2024 \$890.6 million

Proposed FY 2025 \$926.3 million



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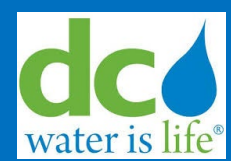


Revenue Comparison by Customer Class

- Total revenue is projected to increase by \$35.7 million or 4.0% for FY 2025 and \$51.2 million or 5.5% for FY 2026 mainly due to rate increase
 - Retail Revenue – Increase by \$26.3 million or 3.7% in FY 2025 and \$43.5 million or 5.9% in FY 2026
 - Wholesale Revenue – Increase by \$7.7 million or 7.3% in FY 2025 and \$6.7 million or 5.8% for FY 2026 due to operations and maintenance expense projection. Revenue estimates are based on most recent flow data

\$ in thousands	Revised FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	FY 2025 vs FY 2024		FY 2026 vs FY 2025	
				Incr/(Decr)		Incr/(Decr)	
				\$	%	\$	%
Retail Revenue	\$705,362	\$731,643	\$775,094	\$26,281	3.7%	\$43,451	5.9%
Wholesale Revenue							
Potomac Interceptor (PI)	3,547	3,547	3,547	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA)	9,539	10,450	11,045	911	9.6%	595	5.7%
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)	74,959	79,591	84,441	4,632	6.2%	4,850	6.1%
Fairfax County	18,475	20,660	21,872	2,185	11.8%	1,212	5.9%
Total Wholesale Revenue	\$106,520	\$114,248	\$120,905	\$7,728	7.3%	6,657	5.8%
Other Revenue	76,678	78,370	81,456	1,692	2.2%	3,086	3.9%
Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF)	2,000	2,000	-	-	0.0%	(2,000)	-100.0%
Total Revenues	\$890,560	\$926,261	\$977,455	\$35,701	4.0%	\$51,194	5.5%

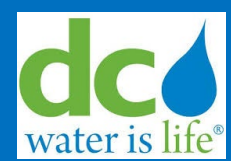
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Proposed FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates, Charges & Fees

	Units	Current FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Incr. /(Decr.) FY 2025		Incr. /(Decr.) FY 2026	
					\$	%	\$	%
					DC Water Retail Rates – Water:			
Residential – Lifeline (0- 4 Ccf)	Ccf	\$4.38	\$5.21	\$5.78	\$0.83	18.9%	\$0.57	10.9%
Residential – (> 4 Ccf)	Ccf	5.70	6.81	7.60	1.11	19.5	0.79	11.6
Multi-family	Ccf	5.00	5.82	6.47	0.82	16.4	0.65	11.2
Non-Residential	Ccf	5.89	7.03	7.84	1.14	19.4	0.81	11.5
DC Water Retail Rates – Sewer	Ccf	11.70	12.07	12.52	0.37	3.2	0.45	3.7
DC Water Clean Rivers IAC	ERU	21.86	21.23	24.23	-0.63	-2.9	3.00	14.1
DC Water Customer Metering	5/8”	7.75	7.75	7.75	-	-	-	-
DC Water System Replacement	5/8”	6.30	6.30	6.30	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia PILOT Fee	Ccf	0.61	0.61	0.62	-	-	0.01	1.6
District of Columbia Right of Way	Ccf	0.19	0.19	0.20	-	-	0.01	5.3
District of Columbia Stormwater	ERU	2.67	2.67	2.67	-	-	-	-

*Rate impact in FY2025 is 8.0% and 6.0% in FY2026 and that has bill impact of 4.8% in FY2025 and 6.5% in FY2026. The shift in the balance between water and sewer rates has been determined by the recent cost of service study.



Average Residential Customer Monthly Bill

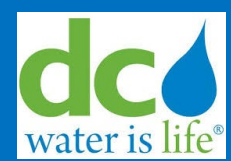
	Units	Current FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
DC Water Water and Sewer Retail Rates ⁽¹⁾	Ccf	\$ 89.03	\$ 95.93	\$ 101.77
DC Water Clean Rivers IAC ⁽²⁾	ERU	21.86	21.23	24.23
DC Water Customer Metering Fee	5/8"	7.75	7.75	7.75
DC Water Water System Replacement Fee ⁽⁴⁾	5/8"	6.30	6.30	6.30
Subtotal DC Water Rates & Charges		\$ 124.94	\$ 131.21	\$ 140.05
Increase / Decrease		\$ 6.68	\$ 6.27	\$ 8.84
District of Columbia PILOT Fee ⁽¹⁾	Ccf	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.36
District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee ⁽¹⁾	Ccf	1.03	1.03	1.08
District of Columbia Stormwater Fee ⁽³⁾	ERU	2.67	2.67	2.67
Subtotal District of Columbia Charges		\$ 7.01	\$ 7.01	\$ 7.11
Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill		\$ 131.95	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year		\$ 6.79	\$ 6.27	\$ 8.94
Percent Increase in Total Bill		5.4%	4.8%	6.5%

(1) Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

(2) Assumes average 1 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

(3) District Department of the Environment stormwater fee of \$2.67 effective November 1, 2010

(4) DC Water "Water System Replacement Fee" of \$6.30 for 5/8" meter size effective October 1, 2015



Average CAP Customer Monthly Bill

	Units	Current FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
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DC Water Clean Rivers IAC ⁽⁵⁾	ERU	21.86	21.23	24.23
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Increase / Decrease		\$ 6.68	\$ 6.27	\$ 8.84
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District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee ⁽²⁾	Ccf	1.03	1.03	1.08
District of Columbia Stormwater Fee ⁽⁴⁾	ERU	2.67	2.67	2.67
Subtotal District of Columbia Charges		\$ 7.01	\$ 7.01	\$ 7.11
Total Amount		\$ 131.95	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
Less: CAP Discount (4Ccf per month)		(67.52)	(72.32)	(76.48)
CAP Discount (100% WSRF per month)		(6.30)	(6.30)	(6.30)
CAP Discount (50% CRIAC per month)		(16.40)	(15.92)	(18.17)
Total CAP Discount		(90.22)	(94.54)	(100.95)
Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill		\$ 41.73	\$ 43.68	\$ 46.21
Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year		\$ 1.76	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.53
CAP Customer Discount as a Percent of Total Bill		-68.37%	-68.40%	-68.60%

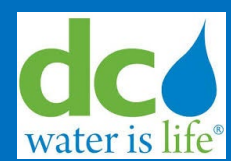
(1) Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

(2) Expansion of CAP program in FY2009 assumes discount to first 4 Ccf of water, sewer, and further expansion in FY2011 assumes discount to first 4 Ccf of PILOT and ROW fee

(3) Assumes 100 percent discount for Water System Replacement Fee (WSRF) to CAP customers effective October 1, 2015

(4) District Department of the Environment stormwater fee of \$2.67 effective November 1, 2010

(5) Assumes 75% discount for the Clean Rivers IAC effective October 1, 2020



CAP+, CAP, CAP2, and CAP3 Discounts and Income Thresholds

💧 CAP+, CAP, CAP2 and CAP3 discounts and income thresholds

Program	Income Threshold ⁶	Charges (Discounts)	Current FY2024	Proposed FY2025	Proposed FY2026
CAP+ ²	\$30,430 (20% SMI)	Total Amount before Discounts ¹	\$ -	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
		Discounts	-	(122.49)	(130.68)
		Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill	\$ -	\$ 15.73	\$ 16.48
CAP ³	\$91,250 (60% SMI)	Total Amount before Discounts ¹	\$ 131.95	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
		Discounts	(90.22)	(94.54)	(100.95)
		Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill	\$ 41.73	\$ 43.68	\$ 46.21
CAP2 ⁴	\$121,700 (80% AMI)	Total Amount before Discounts ¹	\$ 131.95	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
		Discounts	(59.17)	(62.46)	(67.02)
		Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill	\$ 72.78	\$ 75.76	\$ 80.14
CAP3 ⁵	\$152,100 (100% AMI)	Total Amount before Discounts ¹	\$ 131.95	\$ 138.22	\$ 147.16
		Discounts	(16.40)	(15.92)	(18.17)
		Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill	\$ 115.55	\$ 122.30	\$ 128.99

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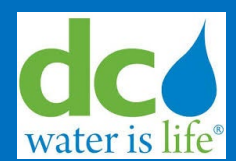
(2) CAP+ provides a discount on the first 600 cubic feet (4,488 gallons) of water, sewer, PILOT and ROW fee, 75 percent reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee and WSRF waiver

(3) CAP provides a discount on the first 400 cubic feet (2,992 gallons) of water, sewer, PILOT and ROW fee, 75 percent reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee and WSRF waiver

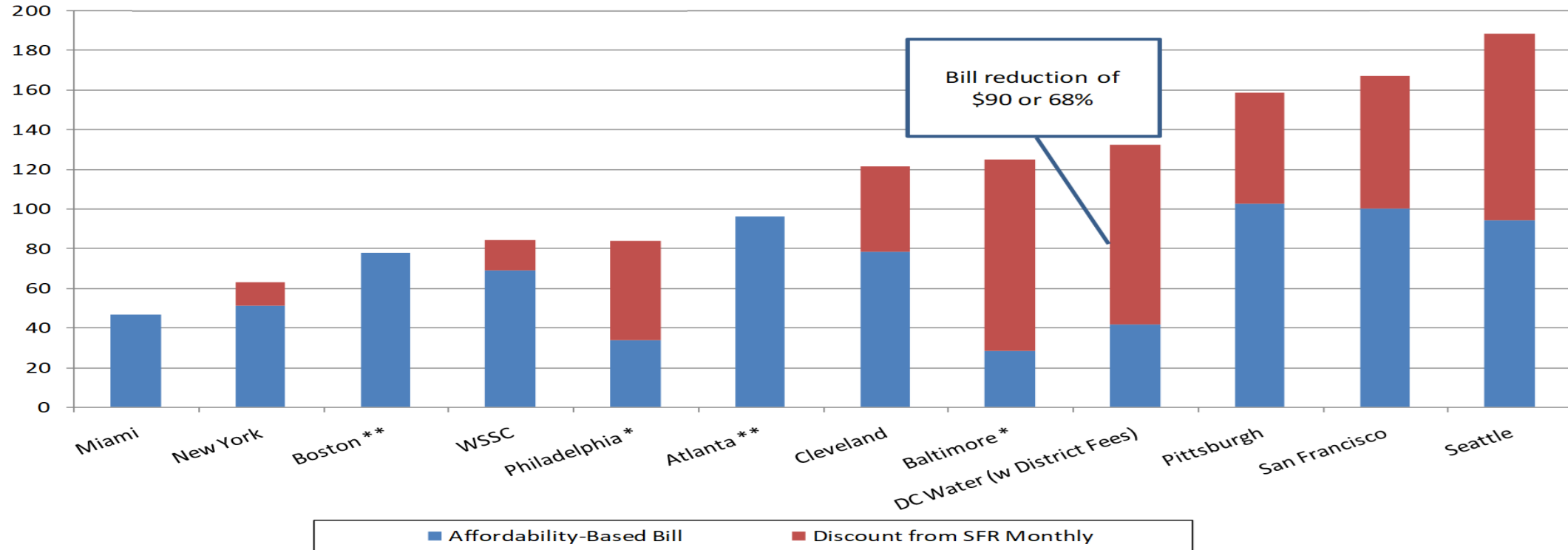
(4) CAP2 provides a discount on the first 300 cubic feet (2,244 gallons) of water and sewer services (with the exception of PILOT and ROW fees) and a 50 percent reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee

(5) CAP3 provides a discount of 75 percent of the monthly CRIAC

(6) Income Thresholds are based on a family of four



SFR Monthly Bills – Comparison of Charges with & without Income – Based Affordability Programs

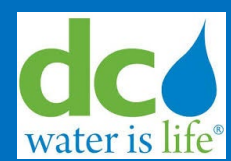


* Amount of discounts Philadelphia provides depend on income. Chart above uses estimated average discount for 2023. Baltimore also has a program that links amount of assistance to income. Chart above illustrates discount based on average estimated household income in program participants as of February 2023.

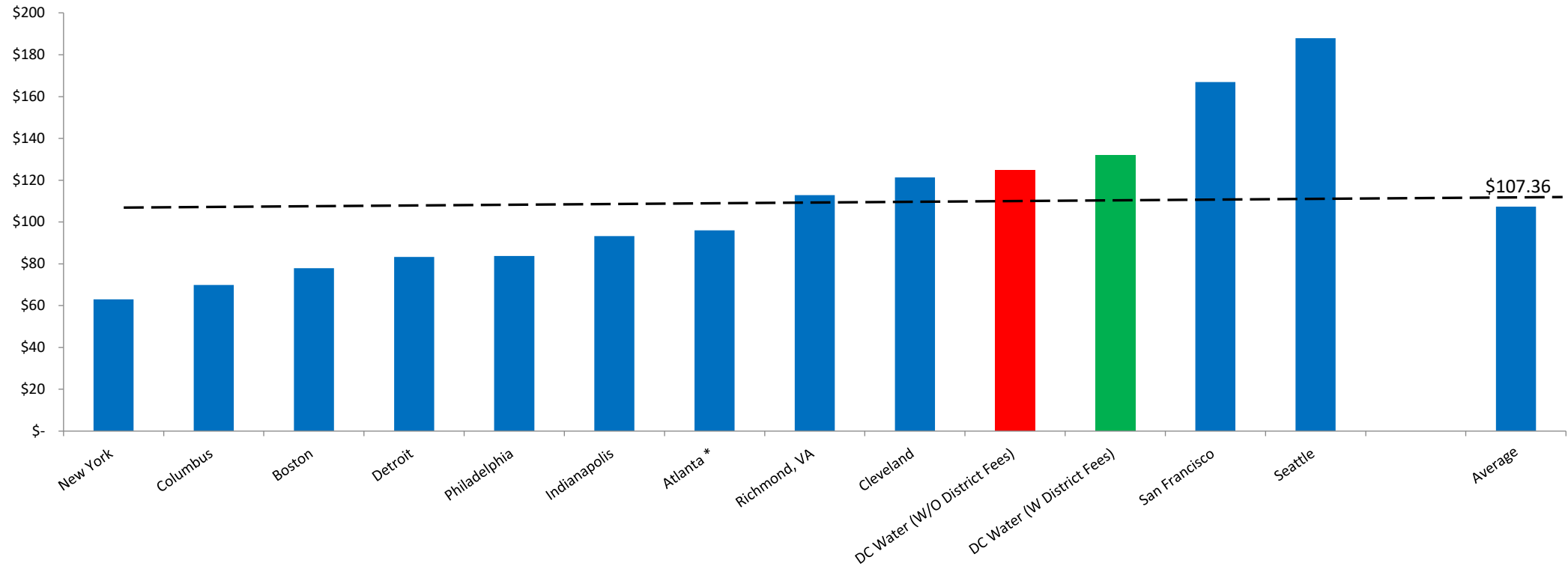
** Boston provides a 30% discount on water & sewer bills for senior citizens or fully disabled customers with no income eligibility requirement. Atlanta provides a 30% discount on water & sewer bills for seniors citizens who meet income eligibility requirement.

Note: The assistance programs have become increasing complex with savings that vary depending upon customer characteristics such as income (as they do for DC Water) and that our presentation shows representative savings but not all saving scenarios.

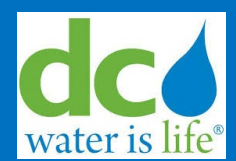
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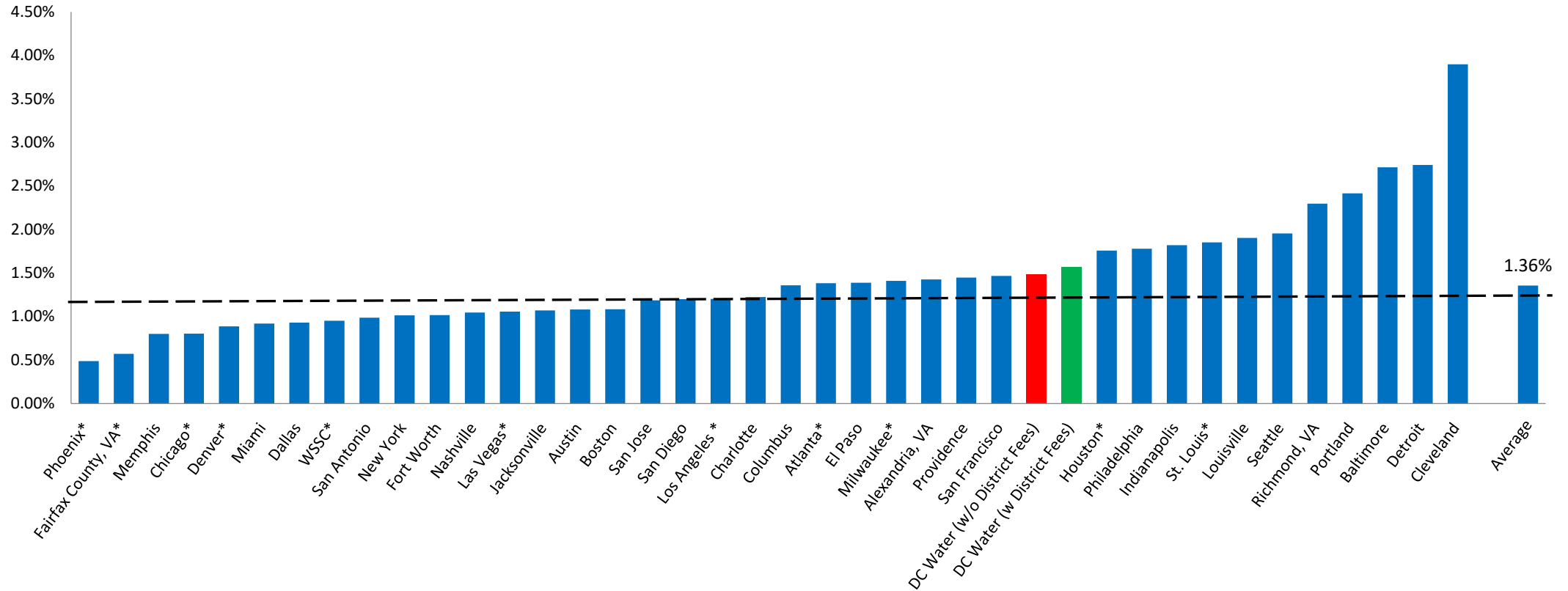
DC Water Compared to CSO Communities



- Assumes average residential consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons, per month. Ccf = hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons.
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Comparative User Charges as % of Median HH Income – Large National & Regional Utilities



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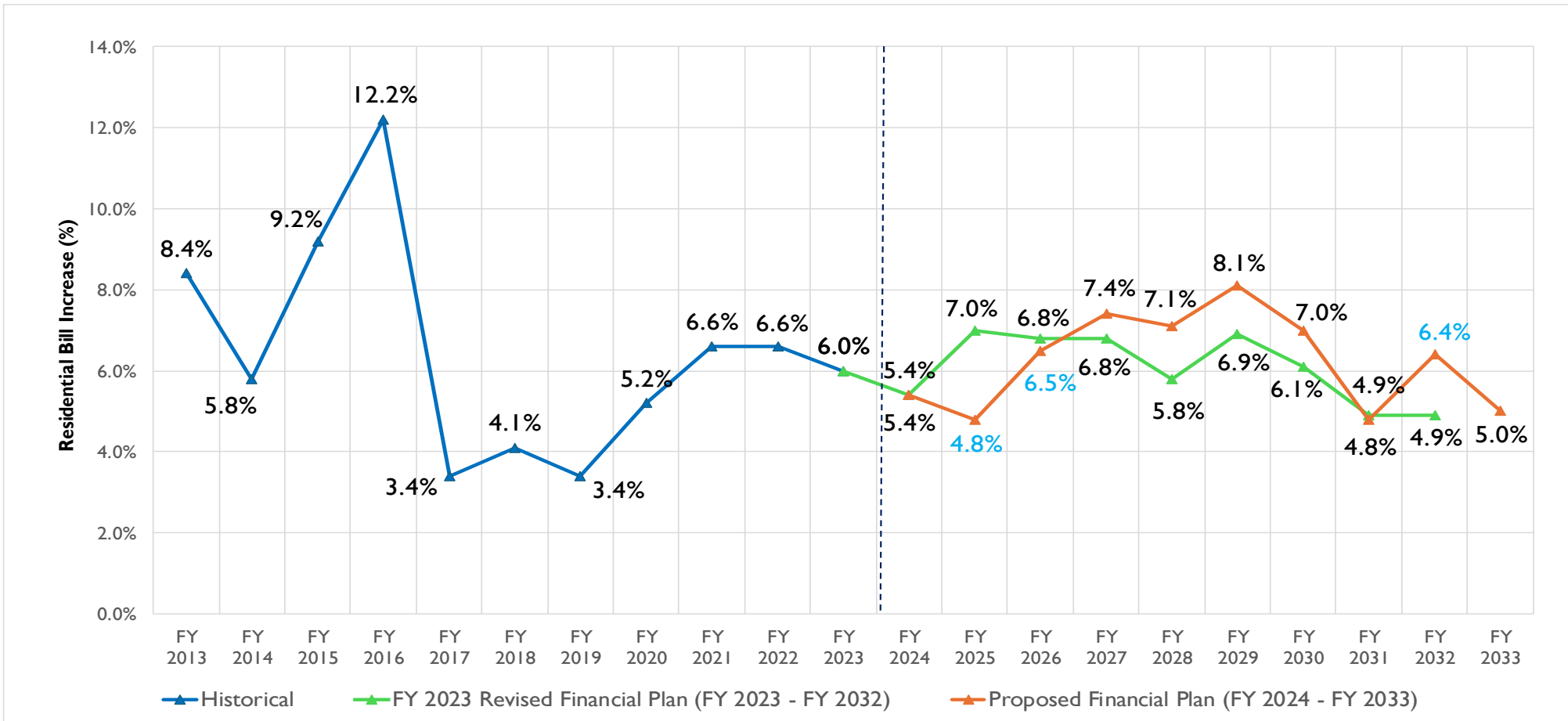
Financial Plan

- 💧 DC Water's 10-year financial plan serves as the fiscal roadmap to achieve the Board's strategic plan
- 💧 It is one of management's key tools to monitor progress in meeting financial goals and targets
- 💧 It also ensures meeting or exceeding all debt-related legal and policy requirements, as well as maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet all current financial obligations
- 💧 DC Water's financial plan objectives focus on:
 - Minimizing rate increases while meeting all financial obligations;
 - Satisfying all indenture requirements and Board policies; and
 - Maintaining DC Water's current credit ratings of AAA/Aa1/AA+

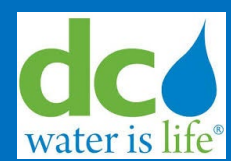
- 💧 Maintain Debt Service as a percentage of revenue equal to 33.0 percent or less
- 💧 Maintain combined coverage of 160 percent
- 💧 Maintain 250 days of cash excluding Rate Stabilization Fund. The Board established a goal of increasing the target days cash on hand to 350 days
- 💧 FY 2023 actual consumption declined by 1.4 percent. Assumed 7.0 percent decline in consumption in Commercial category in FY 2024 and 1.0 percent conservation each year for all other categories for FY 2025 and onwards
- 💧 FY 2023 Debt Service was lower as compared to budget due to deferring bond issuance and a credit released from the 1998 Debt Service Reserve Fund in excess of the requirement.

Historical and Projected Combined Rate Increases

- FY 2025 and FY 2026 are proposed rates, which are slightly lower than previously estimated because of increase in projected revenues mainly due to higher consumption forecast
- In FY 2027 and beyond, forecasted rates are slightly higher than previously estimated due to higher costs

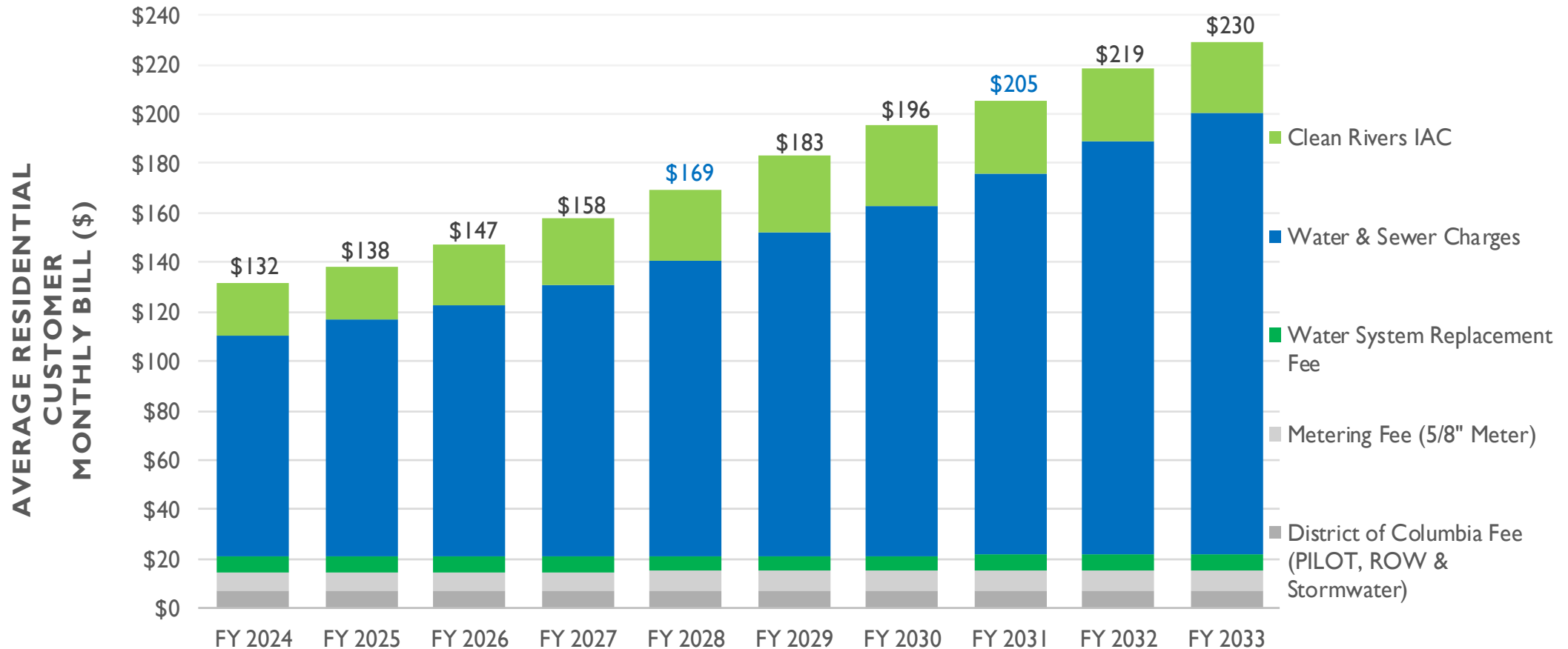


Reflects updated changes based on cost of service study completed

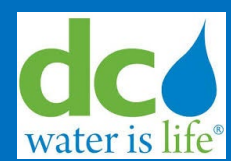


Projected Average Residential Customer Bill

Projected average monthly residential customer bill ranges from \$132 in FY 2024 to \$230 in FY 2033



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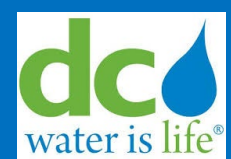


Approved rates for FY 2024 and proposed rates for FY 2025 and FY 2026

Customer Impacts

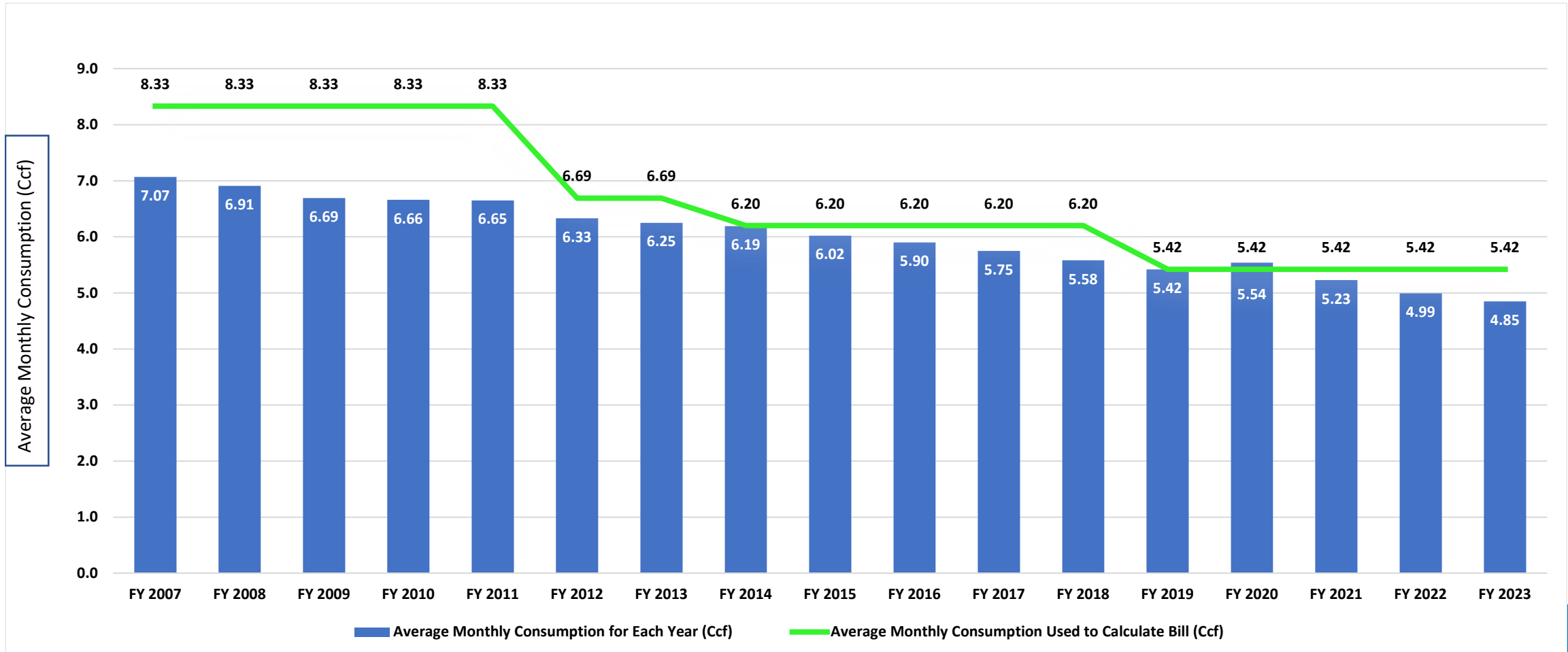
Residential	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Avg. Ccf 5.42, ERU 1										
Water & Sewer Rate (%)	3.3%	8.00%	6.00%	8.00%	9.00%	9.00%	8.50%	9.00%	8.50%	6.50%
CRICAC (\$/ERU)	\$21.86	\$21.23	\$24.23	\$26.99	\$28.28	\$31.13	\$32.73	\$29.37	\$29.40	\$29.41
Avg. Customer Bill (\$)	\$131.95	\$138.22	\$147.16	\$158.10	\$169.35	\$183.11	\$195.89	\$205.32	\$218.54	\$229.50
Average Customer (%)	5.4%	4.8%	6.5%	7.4%	7.1%	8.1%	7.0%	4.8%	6.4%	5.0%
Multi-family										
Avg. Ccf 90.65, ERU 6.91										
Water & Sewer Rate (%)	3.3%	8.00%	6.00%	8.00%	9.00%	9.00%	8.50%	9.00%	8.50%	6.50%
CRIAC (\$/ERU)	\$21.86	\$21.23	\$24.23	\$26.99	\$28.28	\$31.13	\$32.73	\$29.37	\$29.40	\$29.41
Avg. Customer Bill (\$)	\$1,854.77	\$1,958.29	\$2,080.54	\$2,238.31	\$2,415.83	\$2,620.46	\$2,820.97	\$3,014.42	\$3,238.52	\$3,423.51
Average Customer (%)	4.3%	5.6%	6.2%	7.6%	7.9%	8.5%	7.7%	6.9%	7.4%	5.7%
Commercial										
Avg. Ccf 103.88, ERU 14.51										
Water & Sewer Rate (%)	3.3%	8.00%	6.00%	8.00%	9.00%	9.00%	8.50%	9.00%	8.50%	6.50%
CRICAC (\$/ERU)	\$21.86	\$21.23	\$24.23	\$26.99	\$28.28	\$31.13	\$32.73	\$29.37	\$29.40	\$29.41
Avg. Customer Bill (\$)	\$2,365.18	\$2,512.90	\$2,689.40	\$2,899.79	\$3,125.23	\$3,393.04	\$3,648.95	\$3,866.13	\$4,140.81	\$4,368.45
Average Customer (%)	5.0%	6.2%	7.0%	7.8%	7.8%	8.6%	7.5%	6.0%	7.1%	5.5%

*Category-wise average consumption is based on FY 2023 average.



Average Residential Consumption Comparison

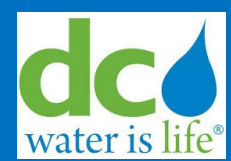
- 💧 The current average residential usage in FY 2023 is about 4.85 Ccf, which is less than 5.42 Ccf that DC Water has used since FY 2019
- 💧 Since FY 2009, average household water use has declined by 28 percent



DC Water's Financial Metrics come from the Indenture, Board Policy and Management

Metrics	Indenture Requirement	Board Policy	Management Target	Financial Plan
Days of Cash on Hand (excluding RSF)	60 days	250 Days	—	267 - 267 Days
Combined Coverage Ratio	—	1.6X	—	1.81X – 2.13X
Senior Coverage	1.2X	—	—	5.79X – 8.18X
Subordinate Coverage	1.0X	—	—	2.15X – 2.52X
Debt Service as a % of Revenue	—	—	33% of Revenue or Less	25.2% - 33.0%
Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF)	—	—	—	—

* Board of Directors added to the cash balance at the end of FY2023 to reach 267 Days of Cash



Ten-Year Financial Plan

\$ in thousands

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY FY 2024 - FY 2033 FINANCIAL PLAN

OPERATING	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033
<i>Retail</i>	728,792	755,456	799,250	854,603	911,660	980,556	1,043,786	1,090,013	1,154,059	1,204,514
<i>Wholesale</i>	106,519	114,248	120,905	125,741	130,771	136,001	141,441	147,099	152,983	159,102
<i>Other</i>	53,249	54,557	57,301	62,364	67,922	70,592	69,584	70,092	65,216	64,505
<i>RSF</i>	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Receipts ⁽¹⁾	\$ 890,560	\$ 926,261	\$ 977,455	\$ 1,042,708	\$ 1,110,352	\$ 1,187,149	\$ 1,254,812	\$ 1,307,204	\$ 1,372,258	\$ 1,428,121
Operating Expenses	425,383	444,207	464,947	482,959	501,685	521,151	541,388	562,427	584,299	607,038
Debt Service	221,635	249,495	277,000	307,289	340,180	372,492	402,816	425,524	446,587	462,941
Cash Financed Capital Improvement	\$ 58,575	\$ 60,436	\$ 71,932	\$ 76,914	\$ 82,049	\$ 88,250	\$ 93,941	\$ 98,101	\$ 103,865	\$ 108,406
Net Revenues After Debt Service	\$ 184,967	\$ 172,123	\$ 163,576	\$ 175,546	\$ 186,439	\$ 205,256	\$ 216,667	\$ 221,152	\$ 237,507	\$ 249,736
Operating Reserve-Beg Balance	286,889	296,600	309,600	324,600	337,600	351,600	365,600	380,600	395,600	411,600
Other Misc (Disbursements)/Receipts										
Wholesale/Federal True Up	(15,256)	(21,513)	(15,100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Billing Refunds	(2,000)	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to RSF										
Pay-Go Financing	(158,000)	(135,609)	(133,476)	(162,546)	(172,439)	(191,256)	(201,667)	(206,152)	(221,507)	(233,736)
Operating Reserve - Ending Balance	\$ 296,600	\$ 309,600	\$ 324,600	\$ 337,600	\$ 351,600	\$ 365,600	\$ 380,600	\$ 395,600	\$ 411,600	\$ 427,600
Rate Stabilization Fund Balance RSF ⁽²⁾	\$ 33,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644	\$ 31,644
Senior Debt Service Coverage	818%	753%	651%	607%	635%	628%	589%	616%	591%	579%
Combined Debt Service Coverage	213%	193%	188%	190%	186%	186%	183%	181%	182%	183%
Actual/Projected Water/Sewer Rate Increases	3.25%	8.00%	6.00%	8.00%	9.00%	9.00%	8.50%	9.00%	8.50%	6.50%
Operating Receipts \$ Increase/Decrease										
Retail	26,565	26,664	43,794	55,353	57,057	68,896	63,230	46,227	64,047	50,455
Wholesale	1,269	7,729	6,657	4,836	5,030	5,231	5,440	5,658	5,884	6,119
Operating Receipts % Increase/Decrease										
Retail	3.8%	3.7%	5.8%	6.9%	6.7%	7.6%	6.4%	4.4%	5.9%	4.4%
Wholesale	1.2%	7.3%	5.8%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest earnings on senior lien revenue bonds' debt service reserve fund

⁽²⁾ \$2.0 million withdrawal from Rate Stabilization Fund in FY 2024 for new Payment Plan Incentive Program, leaving a balance of \$33.644 million

⁽²⁾ FY 2025 planned transfer of \$0.0 million to Rate Stabilization Fund and \$2.0 million utilization will keep the total fund balance at \$31.644 million.

• **Recommend to the full Board the adoption of the proposed FY 2025 and FY 2026 rates, charges and fees and begin the public hearing process**

- **Water and Sewer Rates:**
 - 8.0% increase in FY 2025
 - 6.0% increase in FY 2026
- **Clean River IAC:**
 - \$0.63 decrease to \$21.23 per ERU in FY 2025
 - \$3.00 increase to \$24.23 per ERU in FY 2026
- **Groundwater Rate:**
 - No increase in FY 2025
 - 7.4% increase in FY 2026
- **High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate:**
 - 0.6% increase in FY 2025
 - 6.6% increase in FY 2026

• **Recommend to the full Board the adoption of the proposed FY 2024 – FY 2033 Financial Plan**

- 10-year CIP disbursement budget
- Projected water and sewer rate increases
- Financial Plan for FY 2024 – FY 2033 including the revenue requirement to support the operating and capital budgets.

Next Steps

💧 Committee Reviews, Recommendations & Actions – January & February

	Environmental Quality & Operations	DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates	Finance & Budget
FY 2024 - FY 2033 Capital Budget (Disbursements & Lifetime)	Action Required		Action Required
FY 2025 Operating Budget			Action Required
Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures with Proceeds of a Borrowing			Action Required
FY 2025 and 2026 Rates, Charges & Fees		Action Required	
FY 2024 – FY 2033 Financial Plan		Action Required	Action Required



💧 Board Adoption – March 7

DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates Committee Reviews, Recommendations, and Actions

Dates

Update Committee on Proposed
FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates

January 23, 2024

Committee Recommendation on Proposed
FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates

February 27, 2024

Independent Review of Proposed FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates and Budget by
Consultant

February 27, 2024

Board approval of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Proposed
FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates

March 7, 2024

Public Hearing

May 9, 2024

Committee Recommendation on Final
FY 2025 & FY 2026 Rates

June 25, 2024

Board approval of Notice of Final Rulemaking (NOFR) for Proposed FY
2025 & FY 2026 Rates

July 3, 2024

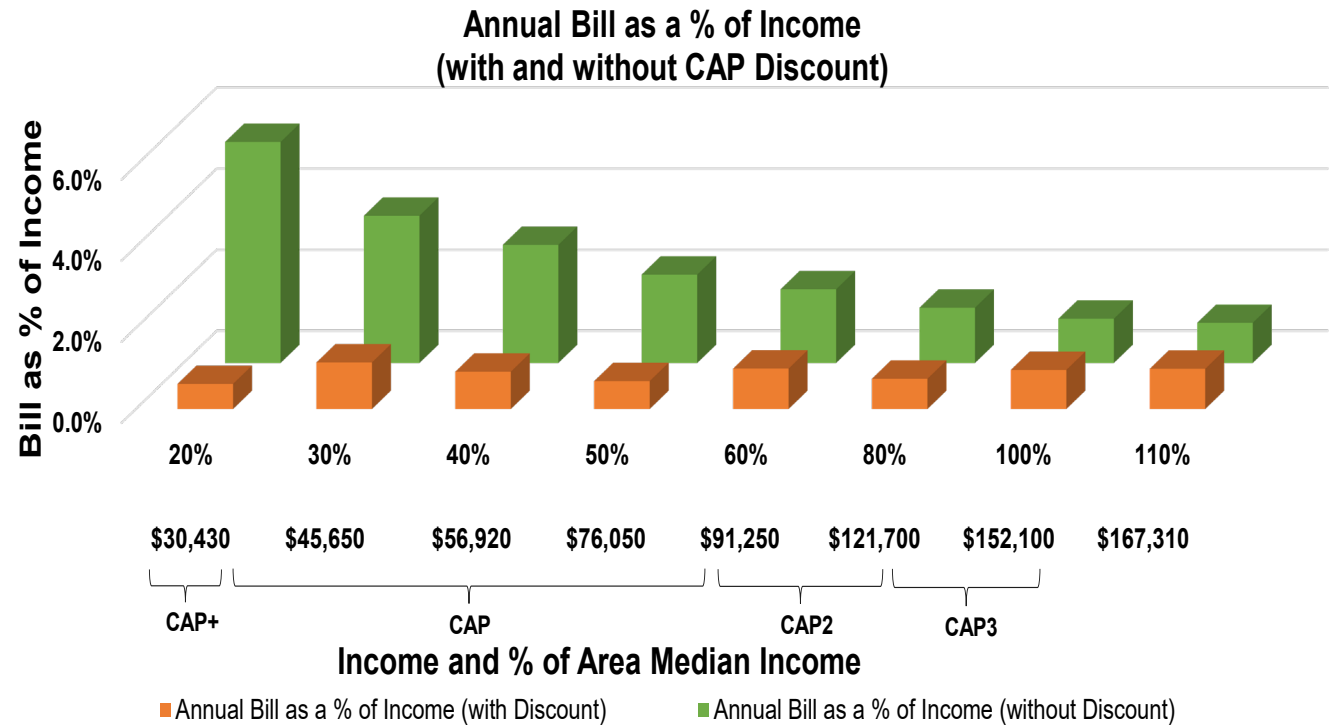
Rates go-live

October 1, 2024 (FY 2025)
October 1, 2025 (FY 2026)



Appendix

- The average residential customer bill as a percentage of median household income (MHI at 60%) is about 1.8%, an affordability metric
- For residential customers with incomes below MHI, DC Water offers robust assistance programs
- This budget expands our Customer Assistance Programs:
 - 1) New CAP+ for 20% AMI
 - 2) Household Leak program will help CAP customers with leaks identify issues
 - 3) Creates new principal forgiveness program for customers who adhere to their payment plans



Customer Programs Recognized by EPA

Bill Discount

- DC Water offers programs with incomes up to 100% AMI
- **NEW** – **CAP+** program offers even more robust assistance to households with up to 20% MHI

Flexible Terms

- DC Water offers payment plans
- **NEW** – **Payment Plan Incentive Program** - Customers who meet the terms of their payment plans will have a credit to their arrears

Lifeline Rate

- **Lifeline Rate** provides a discount for the first four Ccfs of water
- Customers can save money a month if they can conserve water

Temporary Assistance

- **SPLASH** program, paid for with customer, employee, and Board member contributions
- The new **Payment Plan Incentive Program** will provide a credit toward past-due balances for customers who meet terms of Payment Plans; paid for with the Rate Stabilization Fund

Water Efficiency

- **NEW** – \$500,000 **Leak Assessment** program will provide water audits to help customers identify the source of leaks and high bills



- 💧 The primary source of funding is Retail Rates and Wholesale Customer participation
- 💧 Growing the capital plan would increase customer rates higher than the Proposed CIP

Projected FY 2024 – 2033	Proposed	Additional Investment	Full Asset Management
Size of Capital Plan	\$7.7 billion	\$8.3 billion	\$9.1 billion
Wholesale Contributions	\$1.3 billion	\$1.4 billion	\$1.4 billion
New debt anticipated to be issued	\$3.3 billion	\$3.6 billion	\$3.8 billion
FY 2033 Debt Service Costs	\$462.9 million	\$484.5 million	\$504.4 million
Average Rate Growth for Average Household	6.3%	6.8%	7.4%
FY 2033 Average Household Charge	\$229.50	\$241.52	\$253.26
Average Annual Bill Increase	\$10.43	\$11.64	\$12.81
10-year Cumulative Water Rate Increase	75.75%	82.75%	89.75%

Reflects updated changes based on cost of service study completed