

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

#### **Board of Directors**

DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee 1385 Canal Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

> Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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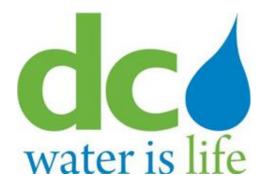
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| 1. | Call to Order  |
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| 2. | Roll CallLinda Manley  |
| 3. | Monthly Report to DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates Committee (Attachment A)Matthew Brown                      |
| 4. | Independent Review of Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 (Attachment B)Ed Markus, Consultant Rates, Charges & Fees |
| 5. | Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates, Charges & Fees (Attachment C) Matthew Brown                              |
| 6. | Action Items (Attachment D)  |
| 7. | DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee Workplan (Attachment E)  |
| 8. | Agenda for March 22, 2022 Committee Meeting (Attachment F)Rachna Bhatt, Chairperson                        |
| 9. | Other Business   |
| 10 | ). Executive Session*  |
| 11 | I. AdjournmentRachna Bhatt, Chairperson  |

<sup>\*</sup>The DC Water Board of Directors may go into executive session at this meeting pursuant to the District of Columbia Open Meetings Act of 2010, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum to discuss: matters prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to a court order or law under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(1); contract negotiations under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(2); legal, confidential or privileged matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(3); facility security under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(8); disciplinary matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10); personnel matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10); proprietary matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(11); train and develop members of a public body and staff under D.C. Official Codes § 2-575(b)(12); decision in an adjudication action under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(13); civil or criminal matters where disclosure to the public may harm the investigation under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14), and other matters provided in the Act.

Attachment A



### Fiscal Year 2021

# Monthly Report to DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee

Period Ending January 31, 2022

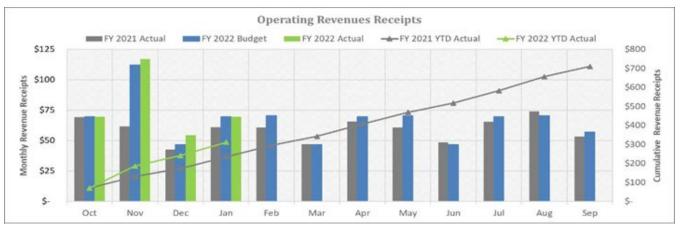
#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Matthew T. Brown, CFO & Executive Vice President, Finance and Procurement Syed Khalil, Director, Rates & Revenue

Fiscal Year-to-Date As of January 31, 2022

### **Operating Revenues (\$000's)**

| FY 2      | 2021      |   |                          |           | FY        | 2022   |             |            |  |  |
|-----------|-----------|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| Act       | tual      |   | Year-to-Date Performance |           |           |        |             |            |  |  |
| Total     | YTD       |   | Annual                   | YTD       |           | % of   | Variance \$ | Variance % |  |  |
| Annual    | January   | CATEGORY                                | Budget                   | Budget    | Actual    | Budget | Fav(Unfav)  | Fav(Unfav) |  |  |
| \$396,892 | \$124,423 | Residential / Commercial / Multi-Family | \$422,794                | \$140,931 | \$153,757 | 36.4%  | \$12,826    | 9.1%       |  |  |
| 76,206    | 38,586    | Federal                                 | 81,339                   | 40,670    | 36,782    | 45.2%  | (3,888)     | (9.6%)     |  |  |
| 20,933    | 6,886     | Municipal (DC Govt.)                    | 18,668                   | 6,223     | 7,042     | 37.7%  | 819         | 13.2%      |  |  |
| 12,173    | 3,987     | DC Housing Authority                    | 12,592                   | 4,197     | 4,349     | 34.5%  | 152         | 3.6%       |  |  |
| 14,862    | 4,796     | Metering Fee                            | 24,083                   | 8,298     | 7,325     | 30.4%  | (973)       | (11.7%)    |  |  |
| 42,212    | 15,246    | Water System Replacement Fee (WSRF)     | 39,717                   | 14,250    | 15,034    | 37.9%  | 784         | 5.5%       |  |  |
| 82,986    | 21,037    | Wholesale                               | 84,669                   | 21,167    | 21,243    | 25.1%  | 76          | 0.4%       |  |  |
| 21,612    | 7,616     | PILOT/ROW                               | 21,588                   | 7,676     | 7,993     | 37.0%  | 317         | 4.1%       |  |  |
| 41,694    | 11,826    | All Other                               | 92,535                   | 54,178    | 56,650    | 61.2%  | 2,472       | 4.6%       |  |  |
| \$709,569 | \$234,404 | TOTAL                                   | \$797,985                | \$297,591 | \$310,175 | 38.9%  | \$12,584    | 4.2%       |  |  |



#### **VARIANCE ANALYSIS FOR MAJOR REPORTED ITEMS**

At the end of January 2022, cash receipts totaled \$310.2 million, or 38.9 percent of the FY 2022 budget. The total receipts for January were \$69.53 million as compared to the budgeted \$69.52 million. Several categories of customers make payments on a quarterly basis, including the Federal Government (which made their second quarterly payment in January), and wholesale customers (which made their first quarterly payment in November 2021).

#### Areas of Over-collection

<u>Residential, Commercial and Multi-Family</u> – Receipts for this category are slightly higher at \$153.8 million or 36.4 percent of the budget. The January 2022 receipts were higher by \$0.2 million, or 0.7 percent as compared to the monthly budget of \$35.2 million. The Commercial consumption is higher than the budget. The CRIAC receipts are also slightly higher than the budget.

<u>District Government</u> – Receipts are slightly higher at \$7.0 million or 37.7 percent of the budget. The January 2022 receipts of \$1.7 million are slightly higher by one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars as compared to the monthly budget.

<u>DC Housing</u> - Receipts are slightly higher at \$4.3 million or 34.5 percent of the budget. The January 2022 receipts are slightly lower by five thousand dollars as compared to the monthly budget of \$1.0 million.

<u>Wholesale</u> – The wholesale customers actual receipts through January 2022 total \$21.2 million or 25.1 percent of FY 2022 budget. The wholesale customers made their first quarter payment in November 2021.

<u>PILOT/ROW</u> – The receipts for PILOT/ROW are slightly higher at \$8.0 million or 37.0 percent of the budget. The January 2022 receipts are slightly lower by ninety-one thousand dollars as compared to the monthly budget of \$2.3 million.

<u>Other Revenue</u> - Receipts are slightly higher at \$56.7 million or 61.2 percent of the budget. This includes \$41.6 million transfer from the Rate Stabilization Fund to the ending cash balance in November 2021. The January receipts are slightly higher by \$1.1 million as compared to the monthly budget of \$2.5 million.

#### Areas of Under-collection

Federal - Actual receipts through January 2022 total \$36.8 million or 45.2 percent of the budget. The Federal government made their second quarter payment in January 2022. The lower actual Federal receipt is partly due to disputed accounts of Soldiers Home and partly due to removal of two accounts (Union Station and Amtrak) from Federal as these are being billed as Commercial.

Fiscal Year-to-Date As of January 31, 2022

### **Operating Revenues Detail**

### (\$ in millions)

| Revenue Category                              | FY 2022<br>Budget | YTD Budget | Actual  | Varia<br>Favorable / (l |        | Actual % of<br>Budget |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--|
| Residential, Commercial, and Multi-family     | \$422.8           | \$140.9    | \$153.8 | \$12.8                  | 9.1%   | 36.4%                 |  |
| Federal                                       | 81.3              | 40.7       | 36.8    | (3.9)                   | -9.6%  | 45.2%                 |  |
| District Government                           | 18.7              | 6.2        | 7.0     | 0.8                     | 13.2%  | 37.7%                 |  |
| DC Housing Authority                          | 12.6              | 4.2        | 4.3     | 0.2                     | 3.6%   | 34.5%                 |  |
| Customer Metering Fee                         | 24.1              | 8.3        | 7.3     | (1.0)                   | -11.7% | 30.4%                 |  |
| Water System Replacement Fee (WSRF)           | 39.7              | 14.3       | 15.0    | 0.8                     | 5.5%   | 37.9%                 |  |
| Wholesale                                     | 84.7              | 21.2       | 21.2    | 0.1                     | 0.4%   | 25.1%                 |  |
| Right-of-Way Fee/PILOT                        | 21.6              | 7.7        | 8.0     | 0.3                     | 4.1%   | 37.0%                 |  |
| Subtotal (before Other Revenues)              | \$705.5           | \$243.4    | \$253.5 | \$10.1                  | 4.1%   | 35.9%                 |  |
| IMA Indirect Cost Reimb. For Capital Projects | 5.1               | 1.7        | 1.2     | (0.5)                   | -29.4% | 23.5%                 |  |
| DC Fire Protection Fee                        | 10.8              | 2.7        | 2.9     | 0.2                     | 7.4%   | 26.9%                 |  |
| Stormwater (MS4)                              | 1.0               | 0.3        | 0.3     | 0.0                     | 0.0%   | 30.0%                 |  |
| Interest                                      | 3.4               | 1.1        | 0.6     | (0.5)                   | -45.5% | 17.6%                 |  |
| Developer Fees (Water & Sewer)                | 6.0               | 2.0        | 3.8     | 1.8                     | 90.0%  | 63.3%                 |  |
| System Availability Fee (SAF)                 | 7.7               | 2.6        | 2.9     | 0.3                     | 11.5%  | 37.7%                 |  |
| Others  | 6.4               | 2.1        | 3.4     | 1.3                     | 61.9%  | 53.1%                 |  |
| Subtotal                                      | \$40.4            | \$12.6     | \$15.1  | \$2.5                   | 19.8%  | 37.2%                 |  |
| Rate Stabilization Fund Transfer              | \$52.1            | \$41.6     | \$41.6  | \$0.0                   | 0.0%   | 79.8%                 |  |
| Other Revenue Subtotal                        | \$92.5            | \$54.2     | \$56.7  | \$2.5                   | 4.6%   | 61.2%                 |  |
| Grand Total                                   | \$798.0           | \$297.6    | \$310.2 | \$12.6                  | 4.2%   | 38.9%                 |  |

### BREAKDOWN OF RETAIL RECEIPTS BY CUSTOMER CATEGORY (\$ in 000's)

|                      |          |          | Clean Rivers |              |          |           |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Customer Category    | Water    | Sewer    | IAC          | Metering Fee | WSRF     | Total     |
| Residential          | \$13,432 | \$21,186 | \$8,587      | \$3,087      | \$3,109  | \$49,400  |
| Commercial           | 24,927   | 28,222   | 10,778       | 2,140        | 5,630    | 71,696    |
| Multi-family         | 16,826   | 25,880   | 3,921        | 976          | 2,503    | 50,106    |
| Federal              | 12,730   | 14,471   | 9,581        | 801          | 3,014    | 40,597    |
| District Govt        | 1,882    | 2,546    | 2,614        | 245          | 639      | 7,927     |
| DC Housing Authority | 1,609    | 2,384    | 356          | 75           | 138      | 4,562     |
| Total:               | \$71,405 | \$94,688 | \$35,837     | \$7,325      | \$15,034 | \$224,289 |
| DC Housing Authority | 1,609    | 2,384    | 356          | 75           |          | 138       |

Note: The breakdown of Collections into Residential, Commercial, & Multi-family and Water and Sewer is approximate as it is based on percentages of historical data and does not take into account adjustments and timing differences

### Clean Rivers IAC - Actual vs Budget (\$ in 000's)

|                      |          | (▼           | <b></b>  |                             |               |           |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
|                      |          |              |          | Variance                    |               |           |
|                      | FY 2022  | Year-To-Date | Actual   | Favorable /                 | Variance %    | Actual %  |
| Customer Category    | Budget   | Budget       | Received | <unfavorable></unfavorable> | of YTD Budget | of Budget |
| Residential          | \$23,608 | \$7,869      | \$8,587  | \$718                       | 9%            | 36%       |
| Commercial           | 27,191   | 9,064        | 10,778   | 1,714                       | 19%           | 40%       |
| Multi-family         | 10,847   | 3,616        | 3,921    | 305                         | 8%            | 36%       |
| Federal              | 19,239   | 9,620        | 9,581    | -38                         | 0%            | 50%       |
| District Govt        | 7,224    | 2,408        | 2,614    | 206                         | 9%            | 36%       |
| DC Housing Authority | 1,070    | 357          | 356      | -1                          | 0%            | 33%       |
| Total:               | \$89,179 | \$32.933     | \$35.837 | \$2.904                     | 9%            | 40%       |

Fiscal Year-to-Date As of January 31, 2022

### **Retail Accounts Receivable (Delinquent Accounts)**

The following tables show retail accounts receivable over 90 days (from the billing date) including a breakdown by customer class.

#### **Greater Than 90 Days by Month**

|                    | \$ in millions | # of accounts |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| September 30, 2012 | \$5.5          | 13,063        |
| September 30, 2013 | \$4.9          | 11,920        |
| September 30, 2014 | \$5.3          | 12,442        |
| September 30, 2015 | \$6.5          | 11,981        |
| September 30, 2016 | \$7.7          | 12,406        |
| September 30, 2017 | \$8.4          | 11,526        |
| September 30, 2018 | \$13.4         | 16,273        |
| September 30, 2019 | \$10.6         | 8,744         |
| September 30, 2020 | \$17.9         | 13,775        |
| September 30, 2021 | \$26.3         | 13,065        |
| October 31, 2021   | \$27.1         | 13,054        |
| November 30, 2021  | \$27.2         | 12,823        |
| December 31, 2021  | \$27.6         | 13,942        |
| January 31, 2022   | \$28.0         | 13,501        |

Notes: The increase in the accounts receivable over 90 days (from the billing date) is due to the temporary suspension of collections procedures because of the new billing system VertexOne, which was implemented in December 2017. The increase in accounts receivable from March 2020 to January 2022 is primarily due to increased delinquencies and deferred payments due to the impact of COVID-19.

#### **Greater Than 90 Days by Customer**

|                              |         |                    |         | ٨               | Month of Jan (A | II Categoi | ries)     | Total Delinquent |              |        |              |      |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|------|
|                              | ٨       | lumber of Accounts | 5       | Active Inactive |                 |            |           | Dec Jan          |              |        |              |      |
|                              | W & S   | Impervious Only    | No. of  | Amount          | No. of          | Amount     | No. of    | Amount           | No. of       | Amount |              |      |
|                              | a/c     | a/c                | a/c     | a/c             | (\$)            | a/c        | (\$)      | a/c              | (\$)         | a/c    | (\$)         | %    |
| Commercial                   | 9,125   | 2,193              | 11,318  | 1,344           | 6,022,668       | 43         | \$130,032 | 1,371            | \$6,008,554  | 1,387  | \$6,152,700  | 22%  |
| Multi-family                 | 8,498   | 354                | 8,852   | 1,144           | 10,948,248      | 17         | \$95,107  | 1,161            | \$10,736,016 | 1,161  | \$11,043,355 | 39%  |
| Single-Family<br>Residential | 106,866 | 2,160              | 109,026 | 10,804          | 10,703,105      | 149        | \$142,588 | 11,410           | \$10,817,034 | 10,953 | \$10,845,693 | 39%  |
| Total                        | 124,489 | 4,707              | 129,196 | 13,292          | \$27,674,021    | 209        | \$367,727 | 13,942           | \$27,561,604 | 13,501 | \$28,041,749 | 100% |

Notes: Included in the above \$28.0 million (or 13,501 accounts) of the DC Water over 90 days delinquent accounts, \$4,476,267.86 (or 1,448 accounts) represents Impervious only accounts over 90 days delinquent.

- Reportable delinquencies do not include balances associated with a long-standing dispute between DC Water and a large commercial customer.
- Delinquent accounts (13,501) as a percentage of total accounts (129,196) is 10.5 percent.

### **Customer Arrears Data**

### **Arrears by Customer Category**

| <u>-</u>     | Ov     | ver 30 Days      | Ov     | er 60 Days       | Over 90 Days |                  |  |
|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
|              | No. of |                  | No. of |                  | No. of       |                  |  |
| -            | Accts  | (\$)             | Accts  | (\$)             | Accts        | (\$)             |  |
| Commercial   | 2,412  | \$ 9,472,126.50  | 1,626  | \$ 7,409,901.12  | 1,387        | \$ 6,152,700.42  |  |
| Multi-family | 1,878  | \$ 14,762,584.25 | 1,371  | \$ 12,525,765.65 | 1,161        | \$ 11,043,354.64 |  |
| Residential  | 19,874 | \$ 14,042,813.88 | 13,626 | \$ 12,175,440.31 | 10,953       | \$ 10,845,693.49 |  |

### Arrears by WARD for Residential Category

|        | Over 30 Days |    |               | Over 60 Days |    |               | Over 90 Days |    |               |
|--------|--------------|----|---------------|--------------|----|---------------|--------------|----|---------------|
|        | No. of       |    |               | No. of       |    |               | No. of       |    |               |
|        | Accts        |    | (\$)          | Accts        |    | (\$)          | Accts        | _  | (\$)          |
| Ward 1 | 1,430        | \$ | 1,150,811.47  | 934          | \$ | 991,111.89    | 728          | \$ | 879,454.50    |
| Ward 2 | 599          | \$ | 496,145.98    | 401          | \$ | 432,236.30    | 320          | \$ | 386,647.78    |
| Ward 3 | 696          | \$ | 435,122.18    | 355          | \$ | 348,916.76    | 265          | \$ | 299,630.33    |
| Ward 4 | 3,550        | \$ | 2,552,824.46  | 2,295        | \$ | 2,204,393.21  | 1,835        | \$ | 1,967,413.23  |
| Ward 5 | 4,025        | \$ | 2,693,185.16  | 2,774        | \$ | 2,317,239.47  | 2,249        | \$ | 2,062,466.31  |
| Ward 6 | 1,630        | \$ | 899,623.60    | 1,083        | \$ | 773,310.08    | 857          | \$ | 692,575.82    |
| Ward 7 | 5,120        | \$ | 3,571,555.38  | 3,633        | \$ | 3,125,692.50  | 2,959        | \$ | 2,801,595.98  |
| Ward 8 | 2,824        | \$ | 2,243,545.65  | 2,151        | \$ | 1,982,540.10  | 1,740        | \$ | 1,755,909.54  |
| Total  | 19,874       | \$ | 14,042,813.88 | 13,626       | \$ | 12,175,440.31 | 10,953       | \$ | 10,845,693.49 |

### CAP, CAP2 and CAP3 Customers in Arrears\*

|      | Over 30 Days |    |              | Over 60 Days |    |              | Over 90 Days |    |            |
|------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|--------------|----|------------|
|      | No. of       |    |              | No. of       |    |              | No. of       |    |            |
|      | Accts        |    | (\$)         | Accts        |    | (\$)         | Accts        |    | (\$)       |
| CAP  | 2,435        | \$ | 1,246,453.71 | 1,912        | \$ | 1,039,363.35 | 1,580        | \$ | 865,302.54 |
| CAP2 | 183          | \$ | 83,991.68    | 132          | \$ | 68,687.57    | 100          | \$ | 58,003.20  |
| CAP3 | 60           | \$ | 35,979.63    | 48           | \$ | 30,967.55    | 39           | \$ | 26,414.57  |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on number of accounts that have been given credit in January 2022.

### **Customer Arrears Data**

### **CAP Customer Arrears by Ward\***

|        | O\     | 0 Days | Over 60 Days |        |    | Over 90 Days |        |    |            |
|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|----|--------------|--------|----|------------|
|        | No. of |        |              | No. of |    |              | No. of |    |            |
|        | Accts  |        | (\$)         | Accts  |    | (\$)         | Accts  |    | (\$)       |
| Ward 1 | 122    | \$     | 73,975.32    | 86     | \$ | 61,509.01    | 70     | \$ | 52,498.19  |
| Ward 2 | 17     | \$     | 4,167.70     | 14     | \$ | 3,111.04     | 12     | \$ | 2,569.07   |
| Ward 3 | 14     | \$     | 5,402.18     | 11     | \$ | 4,496.19     | 11     | \$ | 3,631.53   |
| Ward 4 | 351    | \$     | 191,038.66   | 274    | \$ | 164,981.13   | 234    | \$ | 142,356.91 |
| Ward 5 | 501    | \$     | 226,795.40   | 401    | \$ | 188,614.28   | 332    | \$ | 161,006.53 |
| Ward 6 | 151    | \$     | 39,558.45    | 113    | \$ | 29,461.14    | 90     | \$ | 22,338.05  |
| Ward 7 | 764    | \$     | 380,703.56   | 600    | \$ | 318,406.82   | 478    | \$ | 263,829.81 |
| Ward 8 | 515    | \$     | 324,812.44   | 413    | \$ | 268,783.74   | 353    | \$ | 217,072.45 |
| Total  | 2,435  | \$     | 1,246,453.71 | 1,912  | \$ | 1,039,363.35 | 1,580  | \$ | 865,302.54 |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on number of accounts that have been given credit in January 2022.

**CAP2 Customer Arrears by Ward\*** 

|        | O\     | er 30 | Days        | Over 60 Days |    |           | Over 90 Days |    |           |
|--------|--------|-------|-------------|--------------|----|-----------|--------------|----|-----------|
|        | No. of |       |             | No. of       |    |           | No. of       |    |           |
|        | Accts  |       | (\$)        | Accts        |    | (\$)      | Accts        |    | (\$)      |
| Ward 1 | 9      | \$    | 2,868.33    | 8            | \$ | 2,039.60  | 4            | \$ | 1,476.50  |
| Ward 2 | 0      | \$    | -           | 0            | \$ | -         | 0            | \$ | -         |
| Ward 3 | 2      | \$    | 320.08      | 2            | \$ | 156.23    | 1            | \$ | 49.77     |
| Ward 4 | 26     | \$    | 13,290.39   | 17           | \$ | 11,499.24 | 10           | \$ | 10,347.42 |
| Ward 5 | 34     | \$    | 20,994.88   | 26           | \$ | 19,095.63 | 19           | \$ | 17,496.76 |
| Ward 6 | 12     | \$    | 7,831.26    | 7            | \$ | 6,284.33  | 7            | \$ | 5,116.54  |
| Ward 7 | 58     | \$    | 11,299.24   | 40           | \$ | 6,575.59  | 31           | \$ | 3,699.08  |
| Ward 8 | 42     | \$    | 27,387.50   | 32           | \$ | 23,036.95 | 28           | \$ | 19,817.13 |
| Total  | 183    |       | \$83,991.68 | 132          | \$ | 68,687.57 | 100          | \$ | 58,003.20 |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on number of accounts that have been given credit in January 2022.

### **CAP3 Customer Arrears by Ward\***

|        | Over 30 Days |    |           | Ov     | Over 60 Days |           |        | Over 90 Days |           |  |
|--------|--------------|----|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|--|
|        | No. of       |    |           | No. of |              |           | No. of |              |           |  |
|        | Accts        |    | (\$)      | Accts  |              | (\$)      | Accts  |              | (\$)      |  |
| Ward 1 | 1            | \$ | 1,125.59  | 1      | \$           | 1,125.59  | 1      | \$           | 1,125.59  |  |
| Ward 2 | 0            | \$ | -         | 0      | \$           | -         | 0      | \$           | -         |  |
| Ward 3 | 0            | \$ | -         | 0      | \$           | -         | 0      | \$           | -         |  |
| Ward 4 | 4            | \$ | 1,353.91  | 4      | \$           | 875.40    | 2      | \$           | 505.71    |  |
| Ward 5 | 16           | \$ | 14,071.38 | 12     | \$           | 12,717.47 | 12     | \$           | 11,142.73 |  |
| Ward 6 | 3            | \$ | 725.94    | 3      | \$           | 465.93    | 3      | \$           | 188.65    |  |
| Ward 7 | 21           | \$ | 11,172.19 | 17     | \$           | 9,534.24  | 15     | \$           | 8,158.15  |  |
| Ward 8 | 15           | \$ | 7,530.62  | 11     | \$           | 6,248.92  | 6      | \$           | 5,293.74  |  |
| Total  | 60           | \$ | 35,979.63 | 48     | \$           | 30,967.55 | 39     | \$           | 26,414.57 |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on number of accounts that have been given credit in January 2022.

### **Developer Deposits**

Developer Deposits are funds paid to DC Water for plans that are approved by the Permit Operations Department. They include:

- Flat fees for taps, abandonments, sewer connections, etc.
- Reimbursable fees for inspection labor hours charged to the account
- Deposits held as security against damage and uncharged accounts.
- · Miscellaneous non-commercial account items (hydrant use, groundwater dewatering, waste hauler fees, etc.)
- As of January 31, 2022, developer deposits had \$41.3 million in credit balances (liability) and \$9.8 million in debit balances (receivable).

#### Balances as of January 31, 2022

| Credit Balances | Debit Balances |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (Liability)     | (Receivables)  |
| \$41.3 million  | \$9.8 million  |

| Year  | Cı   | redit Balances | Number of<br>Accounts with<br>Credit Balances | D  | ebit Balances | Number of<br>Accounts with Debit<br>Balances | Net Balance           |
|-------|------|----------------|---|----|---------------|--|-----------------------|
| 2001  | \$   | -              | -   | \$ | 960,164.05    | 1  | \$<br>960,164.05      |
| 2002  | \$   | -              | -   | \$ | 1,836.00      | 2  | \$<br>1,836.00        |
| 2004  | \$   | (2,648.33)     | 6   | \$ | 9,066.08      | 6  | \$<br>6,417.75        |
| 2005  | \$   | (412,645.20)   | 122   | \$ | 269,202.91    | 90   | \$<br>(143,442.29)    |
| 2006  | \$   | (319,220.47)   | 48  | \$ | 284,522.42    | 78   | \$<br>(34,698.05)     |
| 2007  | \$   | (180,949.67)   | 54  | \$ | 150,176.99    | 50   | \$<br>(30,772.68)     |
| 2008  | \$   | (384,765.75)   | 69  | \$ | 192,952.22    | 50   | \$<br>(191,813.53)    |
| 2009  | \$   | (227,308.69)   | 59  | \$ | 215,597.29    | 49   | \$<br>(11,711.40)     |
| 2010  | \$   | (421,954.36)   | 85  | \$ | 144,384.95    | 41   | \$<br>(277,569.41)    |
| 2011  | \$   | (1,025,333.01) | 188   | \$ | 386,497.11    | 56   | \$<br>(638,835.90)    |
| 2012  | \$   | (2,343,437.79) | 346   | \$ | 468,641.13    | 98   | \$<br>(1,874,796.66)  |
| 2013  | \$   | (2,147,348.61) | 283   | \$ | 264,133.62    | 82   | \$<br>(1,883,214.99)  |
| 2014  | \$   | (2,093,543.29) | 285   | \$ | 958,355.91    | 65   | \$<br>(1,135,187.38)  |
| 2015  | \$   | (1,630,131.94) | 298   | \$ | 254,072.85    | 41   | \$<br>(1,376,059.09)  |
| 2016  | \$   | (3,122,633.64) | 367   | \$ | 526,190.70    | 64   | \$<br>(2,596,442.94)  |
| 2017  | \$   | (2,376,546.29) | 446   | \$ | 478,934.86    | 124  | \$<br>(1,897,611.43)  |
| 2018  | \$   | (5,695,566.20) | 563   | \$ | 1,403,270.17  | 126  | \$<br>(4,292,296.03)  |
| 2019  | \$   | (7,590,744.50) | 501   | \$ | 1,623,190.76  | 178  | \$<br>(5,967,553.74)  |
| 2020  | \$   | (5,160,598.98) | 374   | \$ | 463,099.03    | 182  | \$<br>(4,697,499.95)  |
| 2021  | \$   | (5,692,148.02) | 378   | \$ | 453,359.44    | 187  | \$<br>(5,238,788.58)  |
| 2022  | \$   | (479,171.00)   | 49  | \$ | 286,431.40    | 80   | \$<br>(192,739.60)    |
| Total | \$ ( | 41,306,695.74) | 4,521   | \$ | 9,794,079.89  | 1,650  | \$<br>(31,512,615.85) |

### **Forfeiture Action**

| Accounts Forfeited on  |                |       |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|
| August 16, 2021        | (4,838,938.52) | 1,011 |
| Accounts with refund   |                |       |
| requests or activities |                |       |
| within the last 10     |                |       |
| years or Non-Merch     |                |       |
| Accounts               | (5,318,263.27) | 631   |

### **Developer Deposits**

#### **Customer Communication**

Statements are provided to customers when there is activity on the account. To ensure that all customers are aware of the balances, statements are also mailed annually irrespective of whether there is an activity on the the account. During 2022 and 2021, annual statements were mailed to customers on January 25, 2022 and February 25, 2021.

By law, refunds are to be requested by the account owner within two years of completion (DC Code § 34–2401.10). If not requested in that time frame, these accounts can be forfeited and closed. DC Water has placed a statement on invoices beginning in November 2019 notifying customers of the District law and that funds would be forfeited unless a refund is requested within two years of project completion or account inactivity. A notification to customers that is posted on our website indicates that unless a refund was requested, funds would be forfeited for projects without activity for ten years. AOBA and DCBIA have been asked to notify their membership to examine the invoices.

For accounts that were forfeited, zero balance statements were mailed out on Monday, August 16, 2021.

#### **Refund Requests and Forfeiture Disputes**

In response to the notification by DC Water, more than 300 customers have submitted refund requests (impacting approximately 1,200 accounts) as of February 5, 2022. Time is required to research and process the refund requests, and the Permit Operations staff are working through these requests now.

Additionally, after the forfeiture action in August, 80 accounts for approximately \$400,000 have disputed their forfeitures via emails or phone calls. The Authority will process these disputes with established guidelines through the appeal procedures.

Refunds are currently being processed on approximately 115 different accounts, totaling 65 different projects, for approximately \$900,000.

### **Disconnection Moratorium Legislation Reporting Requirement**

Fiscal Year-to-Date As of January 31, 2022

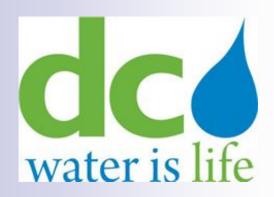
|          | Residential |              |         |               |         | Commercial |              |         |               | Multifamily |            |               |       |               |         |
|----------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------|---------------|---------|
|          | As of Janua | ary 31, 2022 | As of   | f January 31, | 2022    | As of Janu | ary 31, 2022 | As of   | f January 31, | 2022        | As of Janu | uary 31, 2022 | As of | f January 31, | 2022    |
|          | 30-Day      |              | Plans   | Plans         | Non-Pay | 30-Day     |              | Plans   | Plans         | Non-Pay     | 30-Day     |               | Plans | Plans         | Non-Pay |
| Zip Code | A/R         | Active Plans | Created | Defaulted     | Discon. | A/R        | Active Plans | Created | Defaulted     | Discon.     | A/R        | Active Plans  |       | Defaulted     | Discon. |
| 20000    | 1           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20001    | 901         | 116          | 23      | 5             | 0       | 187        | 13           | 3       | 0             | 0           | 47         | 5             | 1     | 0             | 0       |
| 20002    | 1,848       | 271          | 63      | 6             | 0       | 299        | 33           | 5       | 3             | 0           | 303        | 48            | 11    | 4             | 0       |
| 20004    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 18         | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20003    | 608         | 66           | 15      | 4             | 0       | 146        | 8            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 39         | 5             | 1     | 1             | 0       |
| 20005    | 20          | 2            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 39         | 3            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 4          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20006    | 1           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 18         | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 1          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20007    | 393         | 32           | 3       | 1             | 0       | 102        | 6            | 1       | 0             | 0           | 34         | 2             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20008    | 130         | 9            | 3       | 0             | 0       | 57         | 4            | 2       | 1             | 0           | 9          | 1             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20009    | 425         | 34           | 5       | 1             | 0       | 129        | 17           | 0       | 0             | 0           | 83         | 13            | 1     | 0             | 0       |
| 20010    | 727         | 92           | 18      | 6             | 0       | 90         | 12           | 4       | 0             | 0           | 52         | 2             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20011    | 3,002       | 441          | 82      | 9             | 0       | 226        | 15           | 4       | 4             | 0           | 171        | 32            | 8     | 1             | 0       |
| 20012    | 630         | 93           | 20      | 9             | 0       | 55         | 6            | 1       | 2             | 0           | 9          | 1             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20015    | 198         | 29           | 5       | 2             | 0       | 21         | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 2          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20016    | 319         | 29           | 3       | 2             | 0       | 64         | 5            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 33         | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20017    | 992         | 144          | 27      | 8             | 0       | 78         | 6            | 2       | 0             | 0           | 35         | 4             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20018    | 1,309       | 199          | 39      | 8             | 0       | 192        | 12           | 5       | 0             | 0           | 28         | 5             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20019    | 3,900       | 537          | 118     | 29            | 0       | 200        | 15           | 6       | 1             | 0           | 354        | 45            | 10    | 3             | 0       |
| 20020    | 2,461       | 340          | 73      | 13            | 0       | 125        | 6            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 332        | 49            | 7     | 0             | 0       |
| 20023    | 1           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20024    | 74          | 14           | 2       | 0             | 0       | 37         | 2            | 1       | 0             | 0           | 21         | 1             | 1     | 0             | 0       |
| 20032    | 1,248       | 220          | 55      | 10            | 0       | 114        | 6            | 3       | 1             | 0           | 259        | 54            | 4     | 1             | 0       |
| 20036    | 8           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 50         | 9            | 1       | 1             | 0           | 5          | 1             | 1     | 0             | 0       |
| 20037    | 20          | 3            | 1       | 0             | 0       | 21         | 2            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 8          | 1             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20057    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 3          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20059    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 1          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 1          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20064    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20080    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 1          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20117    | 1           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20260    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20306    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 2          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20332    | 1           | 1            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20429    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 1          | 1            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20431    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20433    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| 20534    | 0           | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0       | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0             | 0           | 0          | 0             | 0     | 0             | 0       |
| Total    | 19,218      | 2,672        | 555     | 113           | 0       | 2,276      | 181          | 38      | 13            | 0           | 1,830      | 269           | 45    | 10            | 0       |

<sup>\*</sup> Footnote: inactive accounts in arrears are not included in the above and the accounts by customer class are as follows: Res. 515, Com. 115 and MF 33

### Attachment B

# Independent Review of the Proposed Rates for 2023 - 2024

DC Water Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee
February 22, 2022



Amawalk Consulting Group LLC



## **Outline**

- Independent Review
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- Operating & Capital Performance
- Industry Recognition
- Benefits of Strong Financial Performance
- Why are Rate Increases Necessary
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- Conclusions



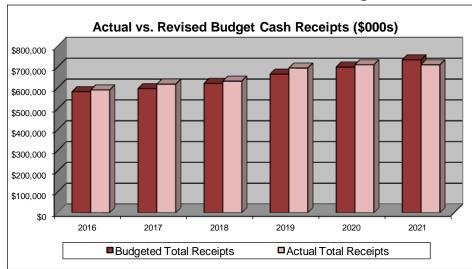
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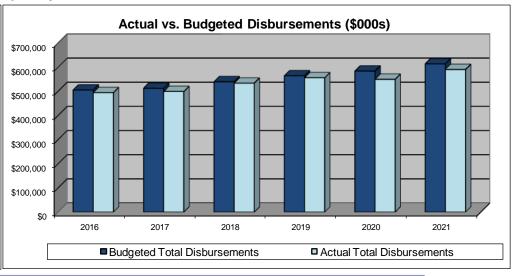
# **Independent Review**

- This presentation to the Committee summarizes the findings and conclusions of our Independent Review of the proposed rates.
- Amawalk is independent: the firm does not participate in DC Water's Cost of Service Studies; our review is conducted after Authority management prepares its proposal.
- Amawalk has been providing independent review of the proposed rates on behalf of the Committee and the Board since 2009. In addition to having the pleasure of working with DC Water, Amawalk serves as Rate Advisor to New York, Financial Feasibility Consultant to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and Technical Advisor to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer & Stormwater Rate Board. The firm recently completed an Independent Review of the North Texas Municipal Water District.
- Shan Lin and Ed Markus conducted the review and are presenting the results; they have worked together for over 16 years and collectively have over 56 years of experience in the water, wastewater and stormwater industry.
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## **Financial Performance**

- From 2016 2020: actual cash receipts were > budget each year (averaging 2.8% more); in 2021 actual cash receipts were 3.3% < budget due to COVID impacts.
- From 2016 2021: actual expenditures were < budget each year (averaging 2.9% less).
- YTD 2022 results through Dec 31 are slightly better than budgeted. No material changes for 2023 and 2024.
- 2021 combined coverage = 1.86; projected 2022 24 is 2.01, 1.87 & 1.88.





While not a guarantee of future results, this track record offers a degree of comfort that expenditure and revenue estimates, including those for 2023 & 2024, are prudently developed.

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# **Operating & Capital Performance**

- In compliance with the Consent Orders & all permits.
- The digester facilities & waste-to-energy facilities are yielding multiple benefits lower expenses, fewer biosolids and a high quality product.
- Vacancy rates for jobs are slightly higher than pre-pandemic level reflecting DC Water's efforts to control operating expenses during the pandemic.
- CIP projects are on time and close to budget; change orders and claims continue to be a small % of costs.
- The most recent Independent Engineering Report gave high grades to the facilities and people of DC Water; identified needs are being addressed.
- CIP spending in upcoming years is significant, and higher than recent years: in 2017-21, average annual capital spending was \$430M; the 2022-31 average is \$642M.
- Significant drivers of DC Water's CIP are: completion of the Clean Rivers Program, lead service line replacement, upgrading of aging infrastructure.

DC Water continues to meet or exceed the Board's operating goals. Strong operating and capital performance helps manage the cost of providing service and mitigates risks.

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# **Industry Recognition**

- DC Water's Chief Operating Officer was elected president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), representing 330+ public utilities nationwide. She will be instrumental in advancing public policy intended to create an equitable and sustainable water future.
- In 2021, NACWA honored the Authority with a Platinum Award for nine consecutive years of 100% compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
- The Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant is the largest facility of its kind in the world; its average capacity of 384 million gallons per day is enough to fill RFK Stadium daily. Blue Plains attracts delegations of wastewater engineers from throughout the world.
- The Blue Plains Tunnel Project received the Engineering News Record (ENR) 2016 Best Project Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region for Water/Environment. Most importantly, through 2021, the major tunneling work of DC Water is on-time and within budget

The high level of performance and industry recognition of DC Water provides assurances to ratepayers and investors that their dollars are being spent wisely.

# **Benefits of Strong Financial Performance**

- Key Financial Policies:
  - □ Minimum cash balance of 250 days of projected operating expenses.
  - □ Combined debt service coverage of 160%.
  - ☐ Funding of the CIP with the proceeds of debt as well as cash from operations.
- Rating Agency Recognition (current senior bond ratings):
  - ☐ Fitch Ratings: AA+
  - ☐ Moody's: Aa1
  - ☐ Standard & Poor's: AAA
- The strong financial metrics of DC Water and rating agency recognition support efficient borrowing of funds for capital improvements:
  - The Authority can borrow funds over 30 or more years at very competitive rates due to its excellent track record and strong bond ratings
  - □ DC Water secured a \$156M federal loan under the WIFIA Program at an interest rate of 1.87%, repayable over 38 years.

The ability of DC Water to borrow money over the long-term at attractive interest rates saves ratepayers millions of dollars in interest costs over the term of the borrowing. The prudent use of cash to compliment the borrowed funds helps keep total long-term debt more manageable — a practice that is highlighted favorably and very important by the bond rating agencies.

# Why Are Rate Increases Necessary

### Increases in capital spending:

- □ Debt service will rise to 35.8% of total disbursements in 2023 and 36.1% in 2024, increasing by 5.0% and 4.6% vs. the prior year, respectively.
- □ Cash-financed construction in 2023 and 2024 increases by \$8.9M & \$1.6M, respectively; the use of cash for construction reduces the need to issue more debt and helps support the strong credit rating of DC Water.

### Increases in operating expenses:

□ Total O&M expenses, excluding PILOT/ROW, increase by \$9.9M or 2.9% for 2023 and by \$11.1M or 3.2% for 2024.

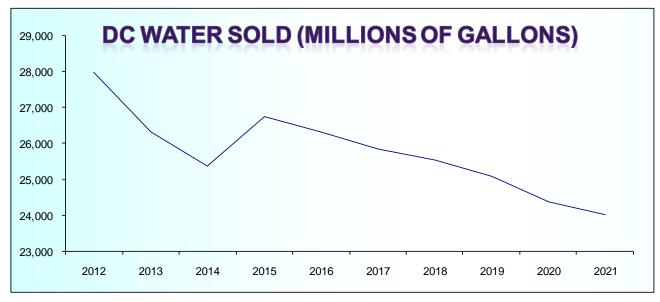
### Long-term water use is declining, with or without COVID:

- Long-term water demand is declining in the Mid-Atlantic & Northeast, the District decline in 2021 was 1.5%. The assumed decline is 1% per year in 2023 & future years. COVID-19 depressed demand even further in 2020 and 2021; non-residential accounts are showing some recovery in 2022 from COVID-19 impacts but it is too early to draw full-year conclusions.
- Effects of COVID-19: reviewed herein
- DC Water receives no subsidies:
  - Unlike cities such as Atlanta (sales tax) or Milwaukee (property tax), DC
     Water revenues pay all bills.

These are the same reasons that are driving rates up in other cities. Slide 7

# Why Are Rate Increases Necessary – Declining Demand

- About 63% and 61% of total cash receipts in 2023 and 2024 are expected from consumption-related retail charges, respectively.
- Long-term retail water demand is slowly declining; total usage has declined by over 10% from 2015 through 2021.
- Year-to-date 2022 water sales as of December 31 are 10.2% higher than in 2021 due to some recovery from non-residential accounts.
- It is assumed that water usage will decline at the rate of 1.0% per year in 2023 and each year thereafter. New York, Boston & Philadelphia assume annual declines in sales.



# Why Invest in Capital Improvements

### Fire Protection (Historical):

- □ From 2006 2020, DC Water spent over \$127M to replace or upgrade hydrants, valves, undersized lines and other appurtenances.
- ☐ Hydrant availability is now routinely > 99%.

### Clean Rivers Program (Ongoing):

- □ The program began in 2005 and continues through 2030 at a cost of \$2.99 billion to build storage tunnels, pump stations, green infrastructure, other facilities. It is now about 60% complete.
- Reduces flooding in the District during heavy rain; thousands of tons of trash, debris & solids removed; billions of gallons of sewage/stormwater captured instead of entering waterways; much cleaner rivers.
- □ When completed, it will reduce the combined sewer overflows by at least 96%.

### Lead Service Line Replacement (Historical/Upcoming):

- □ DC Water fully funds (\$629M) removal of all lead service lines by 2030 by leveraging funds in the federal bi-partisan infrastructure package.
- ☐ The Lead Free DC Initiative aims to replace more than 28,000 service lines that currently use lead or galvanized-iron pipe.
- Prioritizes lead replacement for: (1) vulnerable populations most impacted by lead exposure (children and seniors) and (2) communities that are historically underserved, and experience disproportionately poorer health outcomes compared with other parts of the District.

These & many other investments support the quality of life in the Districtide 9

# **Continued Financial Impacts of COVID-19**

Changes in water sales:

|                       |       |       | 2022 YTD (to |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Consumption Changes   | 2020  | 2021  | Dec 2021)    |
| Residential (Incl MF) | 4.9%  | -0.7% | -2.2%        |
| Non-residential       | -9.6% | -3.2% | 25.2%        |
| Total (Excl WA)       | -3.0% | -2.0% | 10.2%        |

- Increase in residential billed consumption in 2020 is likely due to people staying at home due to COVID-19 plus Customer Service catching up with certain bills. 2021 and 2022 results may reflect the start of a transition back to pre-pandemic levels.
- ☐ Fixed charges & the CRIAC mitigate part of the impact of usage reductions.

## The ability of certain customers to pay their bills:

- Unemployment among residential customers may impact the ability of some customers to pay their bills on a timely basis.
- □ Business closures or limited openings may impact bill-paying.
- □ DC Water has implemented customer service initiatives in response (slide 16).
- A/R in 2020 and 2021 is higher than before the pandemic: increases of \$7.3M in 2020 and a further \$8.4M in 2021 compared to the prior year for receivables > 90 days.

### Net effect on DC Water cash flow:

- While revenues are adversely affected to a certain extent, DC Water has reduced expenses and slowed down certain capital projects.
- Operating cash flows in 2020, 2021, and through YTD 2022 as of December 31 are slightly better than expected.

DC Water is effectively managing the financial impacts through 12/31/21021.



|                                |       |        |        |        | Change 20 | 023 vs 2022 | Change 20 | 24 vs 2023 |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|                                | Units | 2022   | 2023   | 2024   | \$        | %           | \$        | %          |
| DC Water Rates                 |       |        |        |        |           |             |           |            |
| Water                          |       |        |        |        |           |             |           |            |
| Residential 0-4 Ccf (Lifeline) | Ccf   | \$3.63 | \$4.28 | \$4.38 | \$0.65    | 17.9%       | \$0.10    | 2.3%       |
| Residential > 4 Ccf            | Ccf   | \$4.74 | 5.58   | \$5.70 | 0.84      | 17.7        | 0.12      | 2.2        |
| Multi-Family                   | Ccf   | \$4.15 | 4.90   | \$5.00 | 0.75      | 18.1        | 0.10      | 2.0        |
| Non-Residential                | Ccf   | \$4.91 | 5.78   | \$5.89 | 0.87      | 17.7        | 0.11      | 1.9        |
| Sewer (Excluding CRIAC)        | Ccf   | 10.64  | 11.26  | 11.70  | 0.62      | 5.8         | 0.44      | 3.9        |
| Clean Rivers IAC               | ERU   | 18.40  | 18.14  | 21.86  | -0.26     | -1.4        | 3.72      | 20.5       |
| Customer Metering Fee          | 5/8"  | 7.75   | 7.75   | 7.75   | 0.00      | 0.0         | 0.00      | 0.0        |
| Water System Replacement Fee   | 5/8"  | 6.30   | 6.30   | 6.30   | 0.00      | 0.0         | 0.00      | 0.0        |
| District Rates                 |       |        |        |        |           |             |           |            |
| PILOT Fee                      | Ccf   | 0.56   | 0.59   | 0.61   | 0.03      | 5.4         | 0.02      | 3.4        |
| Right of Way Fee               | Ccf   | 0.19   | 0.19   | 0.19   | 0.00      | 0.0         | 0.00      | 0.0        |
| Stormwater Fee                 | ERU   | 2.67   | 2.67   | 2.67   | 0.00      | 0.0         | 0.00      | 0.0        |

### Management Recommendations:

- Cost recovery shifted slightly from sewer to water in 2023:
  - Engineering costs increased
  - Pumping operations shifted more costs to water
- □ Implement the above rates to raise overall retail revenue by 9.50% in 2023 and 3.25% in 2024.
- Cost of service updates of the groundwater charge and the backwash rate (enacted in 2022).

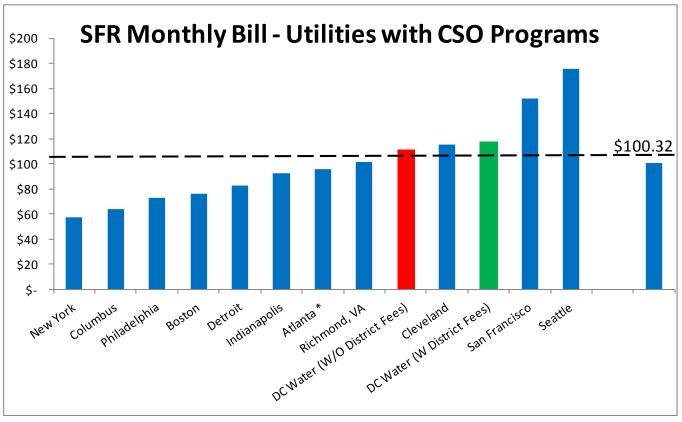
Average monthly residential charges (5.42Ccf) for 2023 and 2024 will increase 6.0% and 5.4%, respectively.

# Proposed 2023 & 2024 Rates: Billing Impacts

- > Typical single family customers would experience increases of 6.0% and 5.4% in 2023 and 2024, respectively, or about \$7 per month.
- CAP customers would experience slightly smaller increases of 5% and 4% in 2023 and 2024, respectively, or about \$2 per month.
- Impacts on other customer classes in each year depend on water use and the number of ERUs.

|                                | Ave SFR | Ave SFR in CAP | Ave Multi-<br>Family | Sample<br>Commercial | Sample<br>Cemetery | Sample Non-<br>Profit - Low<br>Usage | Sample Non-<br>Profit - High<br>Usage |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monthly Bill - 2022 Rates (\$) | 118     | 38             | 1,538                | 57,966               | 2,516              | 1,466                                | 16,672                                |
| Monthly Bill - 2023 Rates (\$) | 125     | 40             | 1,657                | 63,017               | 2,493              | 1,462                                | 17,860                                |
| Monthly Bill - 2024 Rates (\$) | 132     | 42             | 1,730                | 65,111               | 2,924              | 1,686                                | 18,797                                |
| % Change 2022-2023             | 6%      | 5%             | 8%                   | 9%                   | -1%                | 0%                                   | 7%                                    |
| % Change 2023-2024             | 5%      | 4%             | 4%                   | 3%                   | 17%                | 15%                                  | 5%                                    |
| Assumptions:                   |         |                |                      |                      |                    |                                      |                                       |
| Consumption (Ccf/month)        | 5.42    | 5.42           | 86.14                | 3,332.33             | 4.7                | 7.36                                 | 804.07                                |
| Meter Size                     | 5/8"    | 5/8"           | 1.5"                 | 8 x 2"               | 5/8"               | 2"                                   | 1" & 4"                               |
| ERU                            | 1       | 1              | 6.83                 | 52.2                 | 115.1              | 59.2                                 | 128.6                                 |

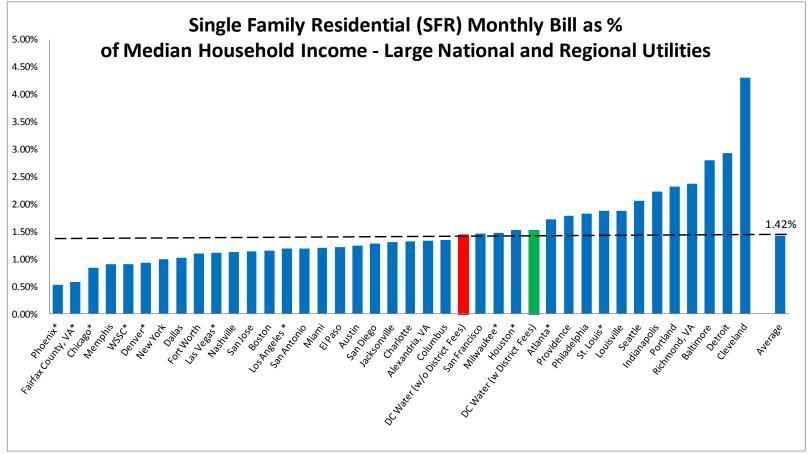
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# Comparison: Affordability of User Charges

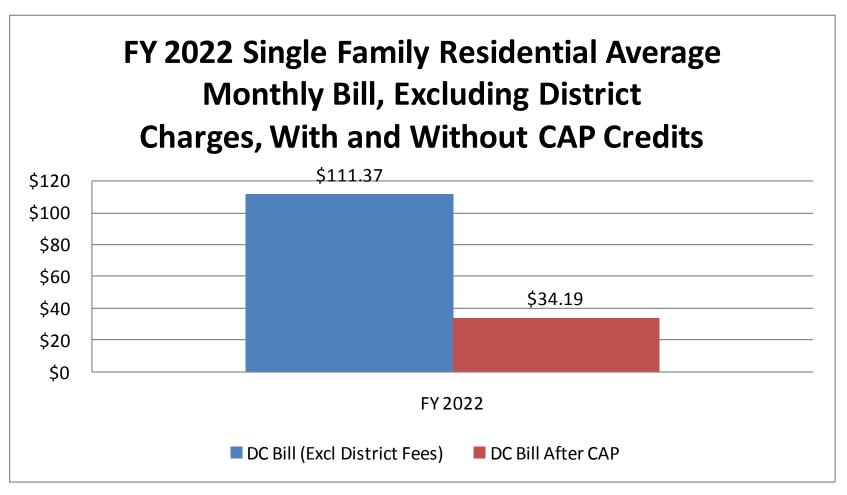


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Water, sewer, stormwater charges (without District fees) as a % of median household income are reasonable at 1.45%, competitive with peers. Charges are slightly higher with District fees, still competitive.

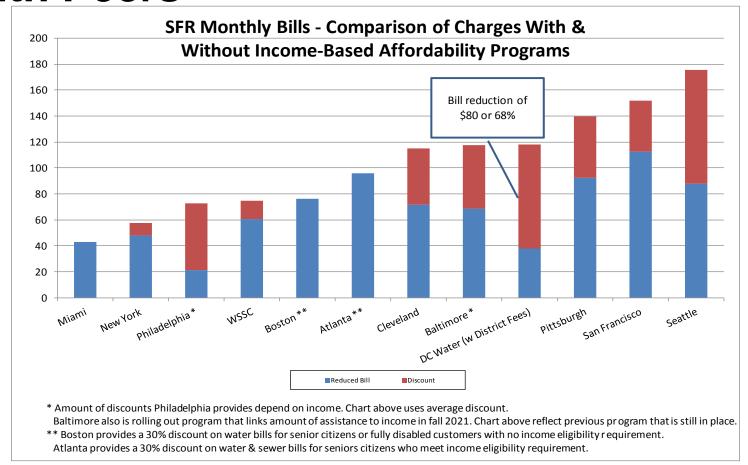
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# Affordability of User Charges: DC Water Customer Assistance Program (CAP)



Note: After CAP credits, a family of 4 at the 2021 Federal Poverty level spends 1.5% of income on DC Water bills.

# Affordability of User Rates: DC Water CAP With Peers



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The affordability assistance provided by DC Water is robust compared to other utilities, providing a meaningful impact on a slide 16 customer bill.

# Affordability of DC Water User Charges - Available Programs

| Program  | <b>Funding Source</b> | Description  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Customer Assistance Program (CAP)                      | DCW                   |  |
| Customer Assistance Program 2 (CAP2)                   | DCW                   | Provides a monthly discount on usage, usage related  |
| Customer Assistance Program 3 (CAP3)                   | District Government   | fees and CRIAC charges.  |
| Non-Residential CRIAC Relief                           | District Government   | Provides a monthly discounts on CRIAC charges.   |
| DC Water Cares Residential Assistance Program (RAP)    | DCW                   | Provides on-going emergency assistance to cover past due, low-income residential balances, up to \$2,000 per household.  |
| DC Water Cares Multifamily Assistance Program (MAP)    | DCW                   | Provides one-time emergency assistance to low-income multifamily units, up to \$2,000 per household.   |
| Emergency Residential Relief Program ERRP              | District Government   | Provides one-time emergency assistance to cover past due, low-income residential balances, up to \$2,000 per household.  |
| Stronger Together Assisting You (STAY DC               | ) Federal             | Financial assistance program for D.C. renters and housing providers who are looking for support to cover housing and utility expenses and offset the loss of income. |
| Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) | Federal               | Provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.  |

Affordability programs to pay water/sewer bills are robust and compare favorably with other District utilities (i.e., gas, electric, telephone, cable).

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## **Conclusions**

- DC Water's proposed 2023 and 2024 rates have been reasonably developed, reflect the anticipated revenue requirements of the System, adhere to Board policy and are comparable to other utilities.
- If water usage declines at a faster rate than assumed rate, the effects of the pandemic on the District last longer, interest rates are higher than expected or unforeseen major expenses are encountered, the actual financial results could differ from current projections. The rate structure of DC Water with charges not tied to consumption helps mitigate the risks of lower usage. The potential for some underspending in 2023 and 2024 and the availability of the RSF also provides some flexibility and risk mitigation in such circumstances.
- COVID-19 continues to present challenges to the water and wastewater industry as a whole; the potential effects are subject to change in this fiscal year and in future years. In addition to the mitigation measures noted above, DC Water initiatives for targeting potential operating and capital savings, prioritizing capital spending, and modifying the use of cash-financed construction are significant tools for addressing the potential COVID-19 impacts on revenues.
- The reserve funds of DC Water provide liquidity and help support strong credit ratings. Strong credit ratings help optimize the cost of borrowing money for the capital program.



## **Conclusions**

- Affordability is a current and long-term concern in the water and wastewater industry as the cost of providing service continues to increase. DC Water's CAP programs (original, II & III) and SPLASH and its use of a lifeline rate are: 1) in line with industry practices and 2) progressive in the level of assistance to low income billpayers. The District assistance to customers and DC Water initiatives in response to COVID-19 are in addition to the affordability assistance outlined above.
- DC Water continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 on usage and revenues closely. Should there be a decline in revenues, DC Water has the ability to take actions similar to those it took in 2020 and 2021 to maintain operating expenses at lower levels and reduce capital expenditures.



# **Appendix – Supporting Information**

# Water & Wastewater Industry Challenges

### Increases in capital spending:

□ Regulatory mandates require significant expenditures; in addition, state-of-good-repair and lead pipe removal investments are essential to ensure that the underlying assets (e.g., pipes) provide reliable service.

### Increases in operating expenses:

- □ Salaries and wages, fringe benefits and pensions.
- Inflation in the prices of chemicals, fuels and other commodities.

### Long-term water use is declining:

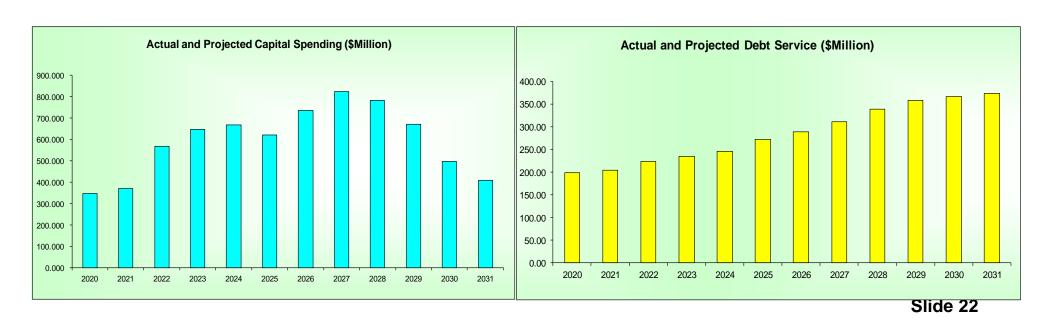
Most revenues are derived from water usage-based charges but long-term water demand is declining in the east coast cities such as New York, Philadelphia, the District & Boston.

### Affordability of rates and charges:

- Charges as a % of median household income (MHI) is a common measure of affordability.
- □ But a meaningful percentage of customers may have incomes well below MHI; it is essential to assess the affordability of charges after considering the effects of assistance programs.

# Why Rate Increases Are Needed – Capital Investment/Debt Service

- DC Water is investing in its water and sewer infrastructure to ensure that high quality services are provided on a reliable basis. As result of the commitment by the Board to continue to address aging infrastructure challenges, DC Water is ramping up its investment by FY 2028 to reach a 1.5% replacement cycle for small diameter water mains.
- Debt service payments increase by \$11.2M in 2023 and \$10.8M in 2024; such payments are an increasing % of total disbursements: 35.8% in 2023 and 36.1% in 2024.

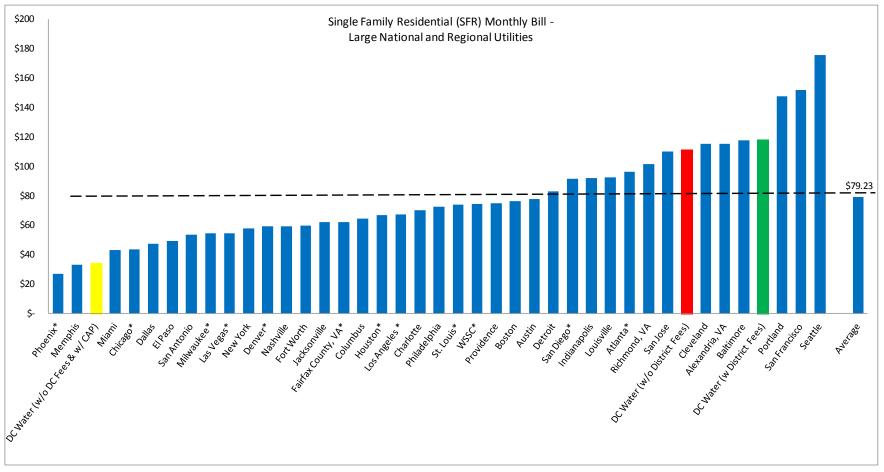


# Why Rate Increases Are Needed – O&M Expenses & Total Disbursements

- Total O&M expenses, excluding PILOT/ROW, are expected to increase by \$9.9M in 2023 and \$11.1M in 2024, or 2.9% and 3.2%, respectively.
- DC Water budgeted \$37.8M in 2022 for cash-financed construction/bond defeasance; this increases to \$46.7M in 2023 and \$48.3M in 2024. The purpose is to avoid debt, enhance coverage, provide cash flow flexibility and support the credit rating.

| O&M Expenditure (\$ M)        | 2022 Projected | 2023 Proposed<br>Budget | 2024 Proposed<br>Budget | 2023 Budget<br>vs 2022<br>Projected | 2024 Budget<br>vs 2023<br>Budget |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Personnel Services            | 155.3          | 155.8                   | 160.5                   | 0.3%                                | 3.0%                             |
| Contractual Services          | 88.5           | 88.5                    | 91.3                    | 0.0%                                | 3.1%                             |
| Water Purchases               | 35.2           | 40.3                    | 41.5                    | 14.5%                               | 3.0%                             |
| Chemicals & Supplies          | 34.2           | 37.0                    | 38.3                    | 8.2%                                | 3.5%                             |
| Utilities & Rent              | 27.3           | 28.8                    | 29.9                    | 5.4%                                | 4.0%                             |
| Small Equipment               | 1.1            | 1.1                     | 1.1                     | 0.0%                                | 3.0%                             |
| Total                         | 341.6          | 351.5                   | 362.7                   | 2.9%                                | 3.2%                             |
| PILOT/ROW Fees                | 22.7           | 23.1                    | 23.4                    | 1.6%                                | 1.6%                             |
| Debt Service                  | 223.5          | 234.7                   | 245.5                   | 5.0%                                | 4.6%                             |
| Defeasance D.S./Cash Financed |                |                         |                         |                                     |                                  |
| Capital Construction          | 37.8           | 46.7                    | 48.3                    | 23.4%                               | 3.4%                             |
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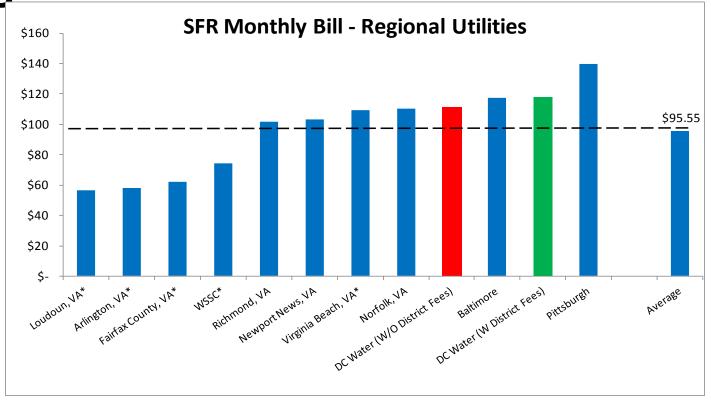
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# Affordability of User Charges – Other Utility Assistance Programs in the District

| Utility Assistance Program                               | Level of Assistance  | Eligibility   |
|--|--|---|
| DC Water: Customer Assistance Program (CAP1, CAP2, and   | CAP1: discount on the first 4Ccf of water and sewer use each   | Income eligible customers verified by DOEE (As of October       |
| CAP3)  | month, a 75% reduction in CRIAC fee, and a Water Service       | 2021 for a family of 4, \$82,538 for CAP1, \$103,200 for        |
|  | Replacement Fee waiver   | CAP2, and \$129,000 for CAP3)                                   |
|  | CAP2: discount on the first 3Ccf of water and sewer use each   |   |
|  | month (exclude PILOT/ROW) and 50% reduction in CRIAC           |   |
|  | fee  |   |
|  | CAP3: 75% off the monthly CRIAC fee                            |   |
| PEPCO: Residential Aid Discount Program (RAD)            | About 25% discount on electric bills, excluding generation and | Expanded to 80% of Area Median Income effective May 27,         |
|  | transmission service, applied monthly for 18 months. May       | 2021 (\$103,200 or less per year for a family of 4)             |
|  | reapply annually   |   |
| PEPCO: Arrearage Management Program                      | A monthly credit or matching payment that goes toward          | Current RAD customer with balance of \$300 or more that is at   |
|  | unpaid account balances for a year                             | least 60 days past due  |
| PEPCO: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program         | Emergency assistance of up to \$1,800 once a year from Oct 1   | A family of 4 making \$82,538 or less per year (10/2021 –       |
| (LIHEAP)   | through Sept 30  | 9/2022) and who have received a disconnection notice or are     |
|  |  | currently disconnected  |
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| Program (LIHEAP)   | through Sept 30  | 9/2022) and who have received a disconnection notice or are     |
|  |  | currently disconnected  |
| Washington Gas: Residential Essential Service            | Discount on a portion of the natural gas the household used    | Use natural gas as the principal source for home heating and    |
|  | from Nov 1 to April 30   | eligible for the LIHEAP   |
| Comcast: Internet Essentials                             | Provides 50/5 Mbps internet service for \$9.95 a month plus    | Eligible for public assistance programs and is not an existing  |
|  | tax. No activation fees and no equipment rental fees.          | customer. Should not have outstanding debt to Comcast that is   |
|  |  | less than one year old  |
| Verizon Wireless   | No discounted service in DC                                    | N/A   |
| Verizon Fios: Lifeline Discount Program                  | \$20 discount per month  | Either eligible for a qualifying federal assistance program or, |
|  |  | with income at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines.     |
| RCN: Internet First                                      | 50 Mbps Internet service for \$9.95 a month plus tax           | Participate in public assistance programs and have not          |
|  | -  | subscribed to RCN services within the sixty (60) day period     |
|  |  | immediately prior to applying for the program                   |
| AT&T (DirecTV), Dish, T-mobile/Sprint, and AT&T Mobility | N/A  | N/A   |
| Amazon   | 50% discount on membership                                     | Eligible for government assistance programs                     |
|  |  |   |

DC Water's affordability programs are strong compared to other utilities in the region.

**Attachment C** 



#### Proposed FY 2023 and FY 2024 Rates, Charges and Fees

Presentation to Retail Rates Committee, February 22, 2022

**District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority** 





## **Purpose**

- Review the budget proposal
- Obtain Committee's recommendation to the Board on the:
  - Multi-year Rate Proposal for FY 2023 and FY 2024
    - Water and Sewer Rates, Charges & Fees
    - Retail Groundwater Sanitary Sewer Service Rate
    - High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate
  - FY 2022 FY 2031 Financial Plan
    - Projected residential water and sewer rates
    - Projected average residential customer bills
    - 10-year CIP disbursement budget





## **Board Policy in Setting Rates**Resolution #11-10

- **♦** 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







## **Establishment of Rates**

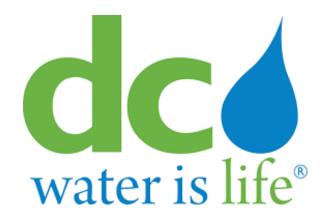
- The Board of Directors approves the Budget and the Financial Plan that determines the revenue requirements to operate and maintain water and sewer infrastructure, upgrade our facilities, and improve the environment.
- The Board of Directors approves DC Water's proposed rates, charges and fees after:
  - 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.





## **Establishment of Rates**

- Water and sewer utilities recover costs in a variety of ways;
- ◆ DC Water's rates must be just, equitable, reasonable, well explained, and based on cost of service principles:
  - The proposed rates are just and reasonable, and they are sufficient, equitable, and consistent in their proposed application to our customer classes;
  - Rates support expenditures that have been discussed in detail at the Board's Budget Workshop, and in Environmental Quality and Operations, Finance and Budget, and Retail Rate Committee meetings; and
  - Raftelis conducted the most recent Cost of Service Study, and its results support our rate proposal.





## Multi-Year Rate Proposal for FY 2023 and FY 2024

- 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
  - Right-of-Way Fee at \$0.19 per Ccf
- Proposed rate changes:
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  - Proposed CRIAC of \$18.14 per ERU in FY 2023 and \$21.86 per ERU in FY 2024
  - PILOT Fee for FY 2023 and FY 2024 will increase by \$0.03 and \$0.02 per Ccf respectively
  - Proposed Groundwater Rate of \$3.42 for FY 2023 and \$3.50 for FY 2024
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- Cost of Service Study aligned with rate proposal
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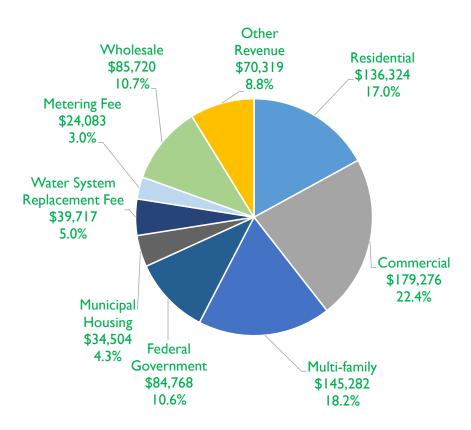
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|-------------------|-------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Household Charge  | 2023        | 2024 |  |  |  |  |
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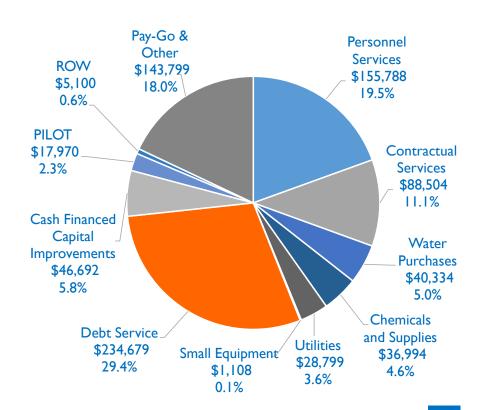
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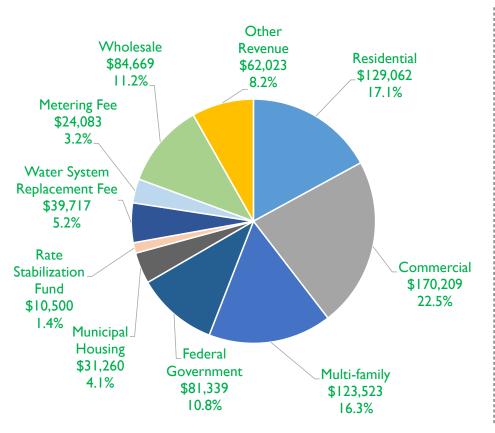




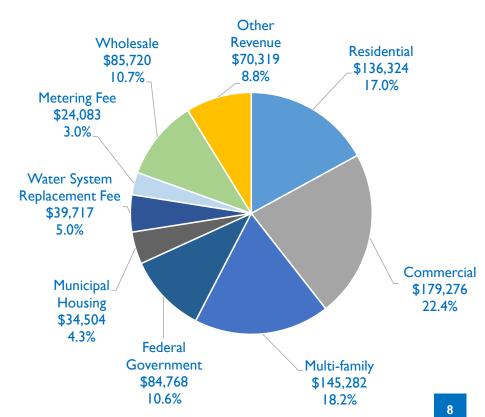
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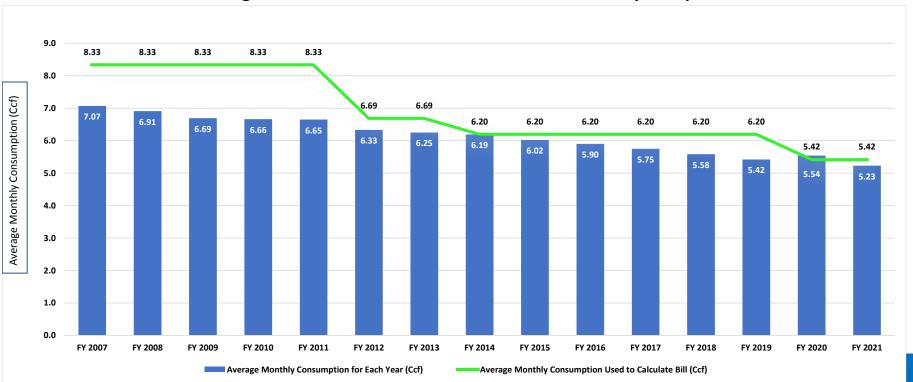
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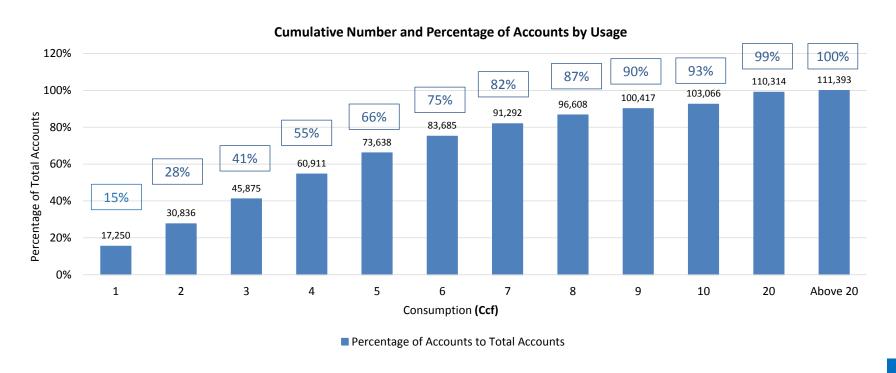
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## Average Residential Customer Monthly Bill

- Average Residential Customer Monthly bill based on 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons
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|---|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Units | FY 2022      | FY 2023      | FY 2024      |
| DC Water Water and Sewer Retail Rates (1) | Ccf   | \$<br>78.92  | \$<br>86.07  | \$<br>89.03  |
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| 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         |       | \$<br>111.37 | \$<br>118.26 | \$<br>124.94 |
| Increase / Decrease                       |       | \$<br>7.29   | \$<br>6.89   | \$<br>6.68   |
| District of Columbia PILOT Fee (1)        | Ccf   | \$<br>3.04   | \$<br>3.20   | \$<br>3.31   |
| District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee (1) | Ccf   | 1.03         | 1.03         | 1.03         |
| District of Columbia Stormwater Fee (3)   | ERU   | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         |
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| Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill   |       | \$<br>118.11 | \$<br>125.16 | \$<br>131.95 |
| Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year       |       | \$<br>7.40   | \$<br>7.05   | \$<br>6.79   |
| Percent Increase in Total Bill            |       | 6.7%         | 6.0%         | 5.4%         |

<sup>(</sup>I) Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

<sup>(2)</sup> Assumes average I Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

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

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| DC Water Water System Replacement Fee            | 5/8"  | 6.30          | 6.30          | 6.30          |
| Subtotal DC Water Rates & Charges                |       | \$<br>111.37  | \$<br>118.26  | \$<br>124.94  |
| Increase / Decrease                              |       | \$<br>7.29    | \$<br>6.89    | \$<br>6.68    |
| District of Columbia PILOT Fee (1)               | Ccf   | \$<br>3.04    | \$<br>3.20    | \$<br>3.31    |
| District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee (1)        | Ccf   | 1.03          | 1.03          | 1.03          |
| District of Columbia Stormwater Fee (4)          | ERU   | 2.67          | 2.67          | 2.67          |
| Subtotal District of Columbia Charges            |       | \$<br>6.74    | \$<br>6.90    | \$<br>7.01    |
| Total Amount                                     |       | \$<br>118.11  | \$<br>125.16  | \$<br>131.95  |
| Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year              |       | \$<br>7.40    | \$<br>7.05    | \$<br>6.79    |
| Percent Increase in Total Bill                   |       | 6.7%          | 6.0%          | 5.4%          |
| Less: CAP Discount (4 Ccf per month) (1). (2)    |       | \$<br>(60.08) | \$<br>(65.28) | \$<br>(67.52) |
| Water System Replacement Fee (WSRF) (3)          |       | (6.30)        | (6.30)        | (6.30)        |
| Clean Rivers IAC (5)                             |       | (13.80)       | (13.61)       | (16.40)       |
| Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill          |       | \$<br>37.93   | \$<br>39.97   | \$<br>41.73   |
| Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year              |       | \$<br>4.12    | \$<br>2.04    | \$<br>1.76    |
| CAP Customer Discount as a Percent of Total Bill |       | -67.9%        | -68.1%        | -68.4%        |

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

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<sup>(2)</sup> Expansion of CAP program in FY 2009 assumes discount to first 4 Ccf of Water and Sewer and to first 4 Ccf of PILOT and ROW in FY 20

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Assumes 75% discount for the Clean Rivers IAC effective October 1, 2020.



## CAP, CAP2 and CAP3 Discounts

### **◆** CAP, CAP2 and CAP3 discounts and income thresholds

| Program          | Income Threshold 5 | Charges (Discounts)                        | Current<br>FY 2022 | Proposed<br>FY 2023 | Proposed<br>FY 2024 |
|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2                | \$82,538           | Total Amount before Discounts <sup>1</sup> | \$118.11           | \$125.16            | \$131.95            |
| CAP <sup>2</sup> | (60% SMI)          | Discounts                                  | (80.18)            | (85.19)             | (90.22)             |
| T                |                    | Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill    | \$37.93            | \$39.97             | \$41.73             |

|                   | <b>\$103,200</b>       | Total Amount before Discounts <sup>1</sup> | \$ 118.1 | I \$ | 125.16  | \$<br>131.95 |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|----------|------|---------|--------------|
| CAP2 <sup>3</sup> | \$103,200<br>(80% AMI) | Discounts                                  | (52.0    | I)   | (55.69) | (59.17)      |
|                   | (80% AMI)              | Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill    | \$ 66.1  | \$   | 69.47   | \$<br>72.78  |

|                   | \$129,000    | Total Amount before Discounts <sup>1</sup> | \$<br>118.11 | \$ 125.16 | \$ | 131.95  |
|-------------------|--------------|--|--------------|-----------|----|---------|
| CAP3 <sup>4</sup> | (100% AMI)   | Discounts                                  | (13.80)      | (13.61    | )  | (16.40) |
| (100% AMI)        | (100% Al II) | Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill    | \$<br>104.31 | \$ 111.55 | \$ | 115.55  |

<sup>(</sup>I) Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

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<sup>(2)</sup> CAP provides a discount on the first 400 cubic feet (3,000 gallons) of water and sewer services, 75 percent reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee and WSRF waiver

<sup>(3)</sup> CAP2 provides a discount on the first 300 cubic feet (2,250 gallons) of water and sewer services (with the exception of PILOT and ROW fees) and a 50 percent reduction in the monthly CRIAC fee

<sup>(4)</sup> CAP3 provides discount of 75 percent off of the monthly CRIAC

<sup>(5)</sup> Income Thresholds are based on a family of four



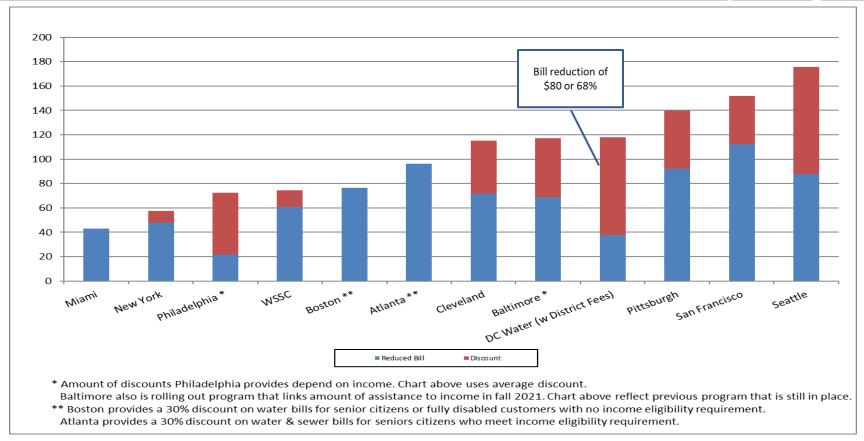
### LIHWAP

- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) was created through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021
- In DC, the new program, that is administered by DOEE, provides one-time residential customer assistance up to \$5,000 per fiscal year to customers with disconnected water service, pending disconnections, and/or seeking help with current water bills
  - Customer will receive assistance for whichever is greater between the current past due balance or 25% of annual bills, or \$250
- Eligibility 60% state median income (aligns with CAP income requirements)
- ◆ FY22 Funding \$2.4 million (\$2.0 million for assistance and \$400,000 for admin costs)
- DC Water received first distribution in January 2022 for accounts retroactive to October I

| Total Customers | FY22 Actual | FY22 Budget | FY22 Remaining<br>Budget |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1193            | \$655,311   | \$2,000,000 | \$1,344,689              |



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



Assumes average residential consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons, per month. Ccf = hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons.
 Note: Reflects rates and fees in place as of December 1, 2021.



## Multi-Year Rate Proposal

#### Proposed rates are for FY 2023 and FY 2024

#### 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



## **Multi-Year Rate Plan Considerations**

- 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 6.5% 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
- - Income requirements for those programs 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

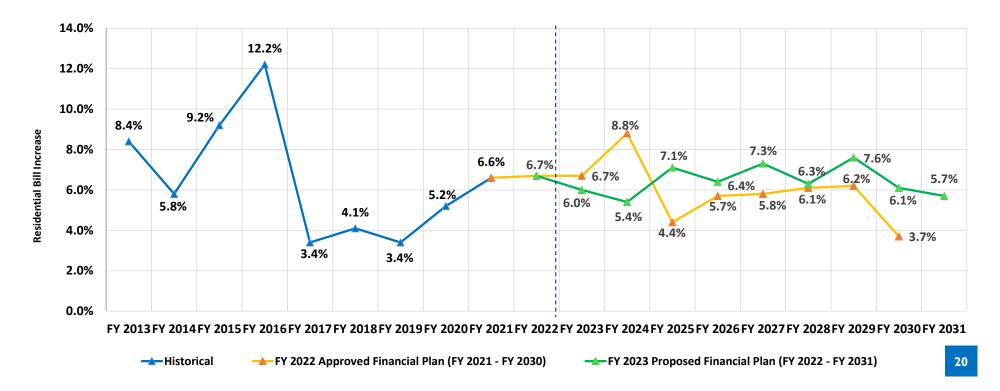






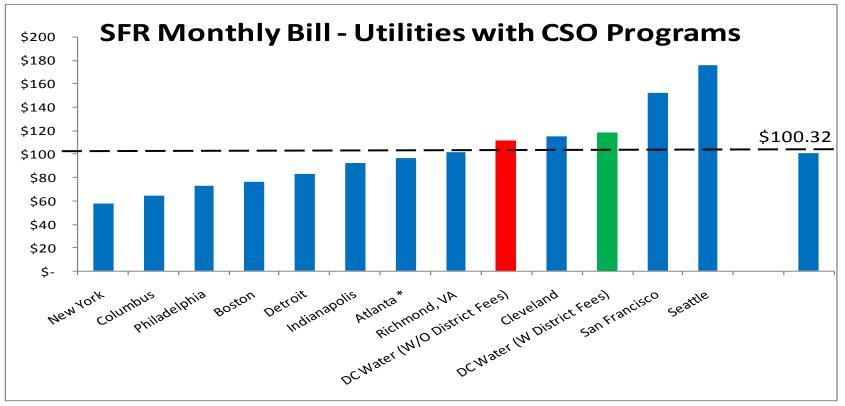
## **Historical and Projected Combined Rate Increases**

- FY 2023 and FY 2024 recommended rates are less than previously forecasted
- In FY 2025 and beyond, forecasted rates are higher than previously estimated because of additional projects in the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)





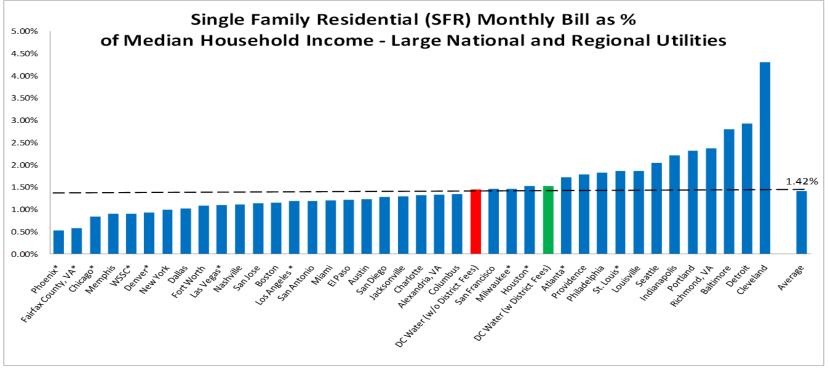
## DC Water Compared to CSO Communities



- Assumes average residential consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons, per month. Ccf = hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons.
- Reflects rates and fees in place as of December 1, 2021. Some cities use property tax revenue or other revenues to pay for part of the cost of water, wastewater, or stormwater services, as indicated by \* in the graph above. In such situations, the user charge will not reflect the full cost of water, wastewater or stormwater services



## Comparative User Charges as % of Median HH Income – Large National & Regional Utilities



Assumes average residential consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons, per month. Ccf = hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons.

Note: Reflects rates and fees in place as of December 1, 2021. Some cities use property tax revenue or other revenues to pay for part of the cost of water, wastewater, or stormwater services, as indicated by \* in the graph above. In such situations, the user charge will not reflect the full cost of water, wastewater or stormwater services.



## Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates, Charges & Fees

|                                       | Units | Approved FY 2022 | Proposed FY 2023 | Proposed FY 2024 | Incr. /(Decr.)<br>FY 2023 |       |        | (Decr.)<br>2024 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|
|                                       |       |                  |                  |                  | \$                        | %     | \$     | %               |
| DC Water Retail Rates – Water:        |       |                  |                  |                  |                           |       |        |                 |
| Residential – Lifeline (0- 4 Ccf)     | Ccf   | \$3.63           | \$4.28           | \$4.38           | \$0.65                    | 17.9% | \$0.10 | 2.3%            |
| Residential – (> 4 Ccf)               | Ccf   | 4.74             | 5.58             | 5.70             | 0.84                      | 17.7  | 0.12   | 2.2             |
| Multi-family                          | Ccf   | 4.15             | 4.90             | 5.00             | 0.75                      | 18.1  | 0.10   | 2.0             |
| Non-Residential                       | Ccf   | 4.91             | 5.78             | 5.89             | 0.87                      | 17.7  | 0.11   | 1.9             |
| DC Water Retail Rates – Sewer         | Ccf   | 10.64            | 11.26            | 11.70            | 0.62                      | 5.8   | 0.44   | 3.9             |
| DC Water Clean Rivers IAC             | ERU   | 18.40            | 18.14            | 21.86            | -0.26                     | -1.4  | 3.72   | 20.5            |
| DC Water Customer Metering Fee        | 5/8"  | 7.75             | 7.75             | 7.75             | -                         |       | -      |                 |
| DC Water System Replacement Fee       | 5/8"  | 6.30             | 6.30             | 6.30             | -                         |       | -      |                 |
| District of Columbia PILOT Fee        | Ccf   | 0.56             | 0.59             | 0.61             | 0.03                      | 5.4   | 0.02   | 3.4             |
| District of Columbia Right of Way Fee | Ccf   | 0.19             | 0.19             | 0.19             | -                         |       | -      |                 |
| District of Columbia Stormwater Fee   | ERU   | 2.67             | 2.67             | 2.67             | -                         |       | -      |                 |
| Groundwater Fee                       | Ccf   | 2.83             | 3.42             | 3.50             | 0.59                      | 20.8  | 0.08   | 2.3             |
| WAD Rate                              | Ccf   | 3.03             | 3.21             | 3.30             | 0.18                      | 5.9   | 0.09   | 2.8             |



## Revenue Comparison by Customer Class

- ◆ Total revenue is projected to increase by \$43.6 million or 5.8% for FY 2023 and \$27.7 million or 3.5% for FY 2024 mainly due to rate increases
  - Retail Revenue Increase by \$44.8 million or 7.5% in FY 2023 and \$22.0 million or 3.4% in FY 2024
  - Wholesale Revenue Increase by \$1.1 million or 1.2% in FY 2023 and increase by \$3.4 million or 4.0% for FY 2024 mainly due to 3.0 percent escalation. Revenue estimates are based on most recent flow data.

| \$ in thousands                                | Approved  | Proposed  | osed Proposed FY 2 |          | FY 2023 vs<br>FY 2022 |          | 4 vs<br>23 |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
|  | FY 2022   | FY 2023   | FY 2024            | Incr/(D  | ecr)                  | Incr/(I  | Decr)      |
|  |           |           |                    | \$       | %                     | \$       | %          |
| Retail Revenue                                 | \$599,193 | \$643,954 | \$665,949          | \$44,761 | 7.5%                  | \$21,995 | 3.4%       |
| Wholesale Revenue                              |           |           |                    |          |                       |          |            |
| Potomac Interceptor (PI)                       | 3,547     | 3,547     | 3,547              | -        | 0.0%                  | -        | 0.0%       |
| Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA)     | 6,897     | 7,409     | 7,724              | 512      | 7.4%                  | 315      | 4.3%       |
| Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) | 59,049    | 60,599    | 63,109             | 1,550    | 2.6%                  | 2,510    | 4.1%       |
| Fairfax County*                                | 15,176    | 14,165    | 14,762             | (1,011)  | -6.7%                 | 597      | 4.2%       |
| Total Wholesale Revenue                        | \$84,669  | \$85,720  | \$89,142           | \$1,051  | 1.2%                  | \$3,422  | 4.0%       |
| Other Revenue                                  | 62,023    | 70,319    | 72,614             | 8,296    | 13.4%                 | 2,295    | 3.3%       |
| Rate Stabilization Fund                        | 10,500    | -         | -                  | (10,500) | -100.0%               | -        | 0%         |
| Total Revenues                                 | \$756,385 | \$799,993 | \$827,705          | \$43,608 | 5.8%                  | \$27,712 | 3.5%       |

<sup>\*</sup> The reduced revenues for Fairfax reflects decrease in percentage flow in 2021 (9.16%) as compared to 9.78% that was used in FY22 approved budget last year. Most recent flow that is available at the time of preparing the projections is used to estimate revenue. However, actual costs will be distributed, and revenues recouped using actual flows for FY 2023 and FY 2024.



## **Public Outreach**

- OC Water will hold multiple virtual Town Hall Meetings in early April, in advance of the public hearing, to:
  - Inform customers about the proposed FY2023 and FY2024 rates
  - Discuss the Capital Improvement Program, and
  - Promote all of the existing customer assistance programs

- The meetings will be widely publicized through numerous channels, including:
  - Councilmember Offices
  - Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs)
  - DCWater.com website
  - Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
  - Nextdoor
  - Paid digital and print advertising



## **Financial Plan**



## Financial Plan Objectives

- OC 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/AaI/AA+



## Ten-Year Financial Plan Assumptions

- 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
- ◆ FY 2021 actual consumption declined by 2.0 percent. Assumed 12.0 percent decline in consumption in Commercial category in FY 2022 and 1.0 percent conservation each year for all other categories for FY 2022 and onwards
- ◆ FY 2021 Debt Service was lower as compared to budget due to deferring bond issuance, refunding and achieving lower interest than projected. The new plan assumed lower interest rates with slightly lower Debt Service projections



## Ten-Year Financial Plan

#### \$ in thousands

| OPERATING   | FY 2022           | FY 2023     | FY 2024     | FY 2025     | FY 2026     | FY 2027     | FY 2028      | FY 2029      | FY 2030      | FY 2031   |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Retail*   | \$<br>622,165 \$  | 667,024 \$  | 689,378 \$  | 735,355 \$  | 778,670 \$  | 830,705 \$  | 879,018 \$   | 939,516 \$   | 991,672 \$   | 1,041,654 |
| Wholesale*  | 84,669            | 85,720      | 89,142      | 91,817      | 94,571      | 97,408      | 100,330      | 103,340      | 106,440      | 109,634   |
| Other   | 41,153            | 47,249      | 49,184      | 51,608      | 55,781      | 60,678      | 59,678       | 58,527       | 58,854       | 59,895    |
| RSF   | 52,100            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -            | -            | -            | -         |
| Operating Receipts <sup>(1)</sup>                             | \$<br>800,087 \$  | 799,993 \$  | 827,705 \$  | 878,779 \$  | 929,022 \$  | 988,791 \$  | 1,039,026 \$ | 1,101,383 \$ | 1,156,967 \$ | 1,211,182 |
| Operating Expenses  | (364,345)         | (374,597)   | (386,094)   | (398,023)   | (409,935)   | (422,213)   | (434,869)    | (447,914)    | (461,361)    | (475,221) |
| Debt Service  | (223,513)         | (234,679)   | (245,482)   | (272,262)   | (289,036)   | (311,322)   | (338,312)    | (358,587)    | (367,280)    | (374,011) |
| Cash Financed Capital Improvement                             | \$<br>(37,830) \$ | (46,692) \$ | (48,256) \$ | (58,828) \$ | (70,080) \$ | (74,763) \$ | (79,112) \$  | (84,556) \$  | (89,251) \$  | (93,749)  |
| Net Revenues After Debt Service                               | \$<br>174,400 \$  | 144,025 \$  | 147,872 \$  | 149,666 \$  | 159,971 \$  | 180,492 \$  | 186,733 \$   | 210,326 \$   | 239,076 \$   | 268,202   |
| Operating Reserve-Beg Balance                                 | 196,286           | 235,600     | 242,600     | 251,600     | 261,600     | 266,600     | 276,600      | 284,600      | 293,600      | 300,600   |
| Other Misc (Disbursements)/Receipts Wholesale/Federal True Up | (8,460)           | (9,188)     | (4,500)     | -           | -           | _           | _            | -            | _            | _         |
| Project Billing Refunds                                       | -                 | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -            | -            | -            | -         |
| Transfers To RSF  | -                 | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -            | -            | -            | -         |
| Pay-Go Financing  | (126,625)         | (127,837)   | (134,372)   | (139,666)   | (154,971)   | (170,492)   | (178,733)    | (201,326)    | (232,076)    | (259,202) |
| Operating Reserve - Ending Balance                            | \$<br>235,600 \$  | 242,600 \$  | 251,600 \$  | 261,600 \$  | 266,600 \$  | 276,600 \$  | 284,600 \$   | 293,600 \$   | 300,600 \$   | 309,600   |
| Rate Stabilization Fund Balance RSF (2)                       | \$<br>(35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$ | (35,644) \$  | (35,644) \$  | (35,644) \$  | (35,644)  |
| Senior Debt Service Coverage                                  | 589%              | 539%        | 646%        | 707%        | 681%        | 649%        | 666%         | 719%         | 724%         | 767%      |
| Combined Debt Service Coverage                                | 201%              | 187%        | 188%        | 185%        | 188%        | 190%        | 186%         | 189%         | 196%         | 204%      |
| Actual/Projected Water/Sewer Rate Increases                   | 7.8%              | 9.5%        | 3.3%        | 10.0%       | 7.5%        | 8.5%        | 8.0%         | 8.0%         | 7.5%         | 7.5%      |
| *Operating Receipts \$ Increase/Decrease                      |                   |             |             |             |             |             |              |              |              |           |
| Retail  | 37,277            | 44,859      | 22,354      | 45,976      | 43,315      | 52,036      | 48,313       | 60,498       | 52,156       | 49,981    |
| Wholesale   | 1,682             | 1,051       | 3,422       | 2,674       | 2,754       | 2,837       | 2,922        | 3,010        | 3,100        | 3,193     |
| *Operating Receipts % Increase/Decrease                       |                   |             |             |             |             |             |              |              |              |           |
| Retail  | 6.4%              | 7.2%        | 3.4%        | 6.7%        | 5.9%        | 6.7%        | 5.8%         | 6.9%         | 5.6%         | 5.0%      |
| Wholesale   | 2.0%              | 1.2%        | 4.0%        | 3.0%        | 3.0%        | 3.0%        | 3.0%         | 3.0%         | 3.0%         | 3.0%      |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> FY 2023 planned transfer of \$0.0 million to Rate Stabilization Fund and \$0.0 million utilization will keep the total fund balance at \$35.644 million.



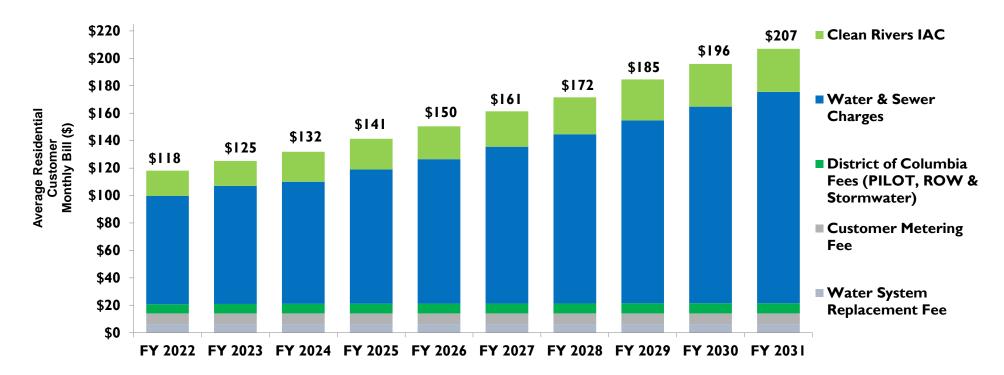
## **Financial Metrics**

| Metrics                                 | Indenture<br>Requirement | Board<br>Policy | Management<br>Target      | Financial Plan |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Days of Cash on<br>Hand (excluding RSF) | 60 days                  | 250 Days        | -                         | 250 - 253 Days |
| Combined Coverage<br>Ratio              | _                        | 1.6X            | _                         | 1.85X – 2.04X  |
| Senior Coverage                         | I.2X                     | _               | _                         | 5.39X – 7.67X  |
| Subordinate Coverage                    | 1.0X                     | _               | _                         | 2.16X – 2.54X  |
| Debt Service as a % of Revenue          | _                        | _               | 33% of Revenue<br>or Less | 29.5% - 33.0%  |
| Rate Stabilization<br>Fund (RSF)        | <del>-</del>             | _               | _                         |                |



## Projected Average Residential Customer Bill

 Projected average monthly residential customer bill ranges from \$118 in FY 2022 to \$207 in FY 2031



<sup>\*</sup> Assumes average residential consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or 4,054 gallons, per month. Ccf = hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons



## **Customer Impacts**

Approved rates for FY 2022 and proposed rates for FY 2023 and FY 2024

#### Customer Impacts

| Residential<br>Avg. Ccf 5.42, ERU I         | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    | 2029    | 2030    | 2031    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Water & Sewer Rate (%)                      | 7.8%    | 9.5%    | 3.25%   | 10.0%   | 7.5%    | 8.5%    | 8.0%    | 8.0%    | 7.5%    | 7.5%    |
| CRIAC (\$/ERU)                              | \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | \$22.27 | \$23.92 | \$25.83 | \$26.88 | \$29.86 | \$31.15 | \$31.43 |
| Avg. Customer Bill (\$)                     | \$118   | \$125   | \$132   | \$142   | \$150   | \$161   | \$170   | \$181   | \$188   | \$199   |
| Avg. Customer Bill (%)                      | 6.7%    | 6.0%    | 5.5%    | 7.6%    | 5.7%    | 6.5%    | 6.4%    | 6.6%    | 3.7%    | 5.8%    |
| Multi-family<br>Avg. Ccf 86.14,<br>ERU 6.83 | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    | 2029    | 2030    | 2031    |
| Water & Sewer Rate (%)                      | 7.8%    | 9.5%    | 3.25%   | 10.0%   | 7.5%    | 8.5%    | 8.0%    | 8.0%    | 7.5%    | 7.5%    |
| CRIAC (\$/ERU)                              | \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | \$22.27 | \$23.92 | \$25.83 | \$26.88 | \$29.86 | \$31.15 | \$31.43 |
| Avg. Customer Bill (\$)                     | \$1,542 | \$1,661 | \$1,734 | \$1,882 | \$2,014 | \$2,172 | \$2,328 | \$2,509 | \$2,676 | \$2,851 |
| Avg. Customer Bill (%)                      | 6.3%    | 7.7%    | 4.4%    | 8.5%    | 7.0%    | 7.9%    | 7.2%    | 7.8%    | 6.6%    | 6.6%    |
| Commercial<br>Avg. Ccf 115.82,<br>ERU 14.17 | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    | 2029    | 2030    | 2031    |
| Water & Sewer Rate (%)                      | 7.8%    | 9.5%    | 3.25%   | 10.0%   | 7.5%    | 8.5%    | 8.0%    | 8.0%    | 7.5%    | 7.5%    |
| CRIAC (\$/ERU)                              | \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | \$22.27 | \$23.92 | \$25.83 | \$26.88 | \$29.86 | \$31.15 | \$31.43 |
| Avg. Customer Bill (\$)                     | \$2,290 | \$2,464 | \$2,583 | \$2,795 | \$2,991 | \$3,225 | \$3,451 | \$3,722 | \$3,971 | \$4,222 |
| Avg. Customer Bill (%)                      | 5.7%    | 7.6%    | 4.9%    | 8.2%    | 7.0%    | 7.8%    | 7.0%    | 7.9%    | 6.7%    | 6.3%    |

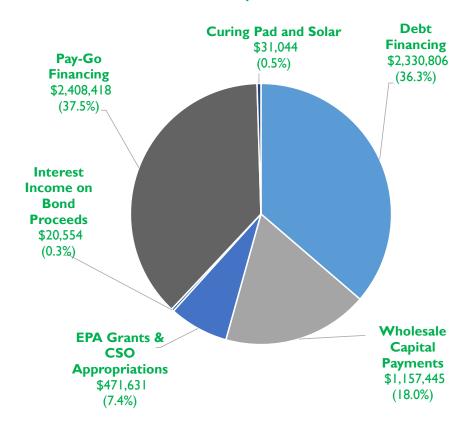
<sup>\*</sup>Category-wise average consumption is based on FY 2019 average, the last normal year before COVID-19 pandemic.



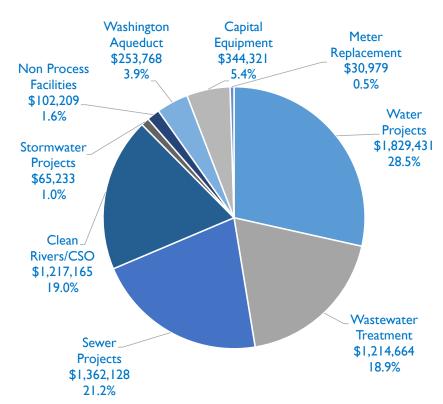
## Ten Year CIP: Sources and Uses of Funds

\$ in thousands

#### **Sources - \$6.42 Billion**



#### Uses - \$6.42 Billion





# The Capital Improvement Program

- The proposed ten-year CIP budget of \$6.4 billion includes previous amendments to the FY 2022 budget for the Lead Free DC program, carry-over of funds for the purchase of vehicles and projected increase in the Aqueduct's capital projects
- ◆ The proposed lifetime budget is \$13.38 billion and covers total commitments, including labor, for active projects prior to, during, and beyond the ten-year window

| (Cash Disbursements \$ in thousands) |         |         |         | 1       | <b>Y 2022 - 20</b> 3 | I CIP Disbu | rsement Plan | 1       |                     |         |             | Lifetime   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
|                                      | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026              | FY 2027     | FY 2028      | FY 2029 | FY 2030             | FY 2031 | 10-yr Total | Budget     |
| NON PROCESS FACILITIES               | 31,439  | 12,051  | 28,160  | 14,422  | 6,620                | 3,351       | 1,778        | 387     | 2,000               | 2,000   | 102,208     | 215,847    |
| WASTEWATER TREATMENT                 | 85,978  | 78,574  | 117,545 | 116,402 | 132,436              | 165,310     | 129,249      | 121,373 | 126,710             | 141,086 | 1,214,664   | 3,445,105  |
| COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW              | 152,267 | 117,704 | 77,304  | 105,185 | 161,941              | 171,760     | 220,123      | 153,173 | 51, <del>4</del> 03 | 6,306   | 1,217,166   | 3,216,072  |
| STORMWATER                           | 7,031   | 11,527  | 5,553   | 5,813   | 4,985                | 6,158       | 4,620        | 4,499   | 6,330               | 8,722   | 65,236      | 120,933    |
| SANITARY SEWER                       | 68,084  | 103,383 | 150,828 | 130,967 | 160,400              | 205,946     | 183,824      | 149,256 | 129,368             | 80,069  | 1,362,125   | 2,166,442  |
| WATER                                | 165,313 | 227,116 | 218,339 | 194,652 | 202,046              | 191,451     | 192,665      | 192,324 | 124,683             | 120,842 | 1,829,430   | 3,167,891  |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS                     | 510,112 | 550,355 | 597,728 | 567,442 | 668,428              | 743,975     | 732,259      | 621,011 | 440,494             | 359,025 | 5,790,828   | 12,332,290 |
| CAPITAL EQUIPMENT                    | 40,519  | 37,021  | 36,156  | 35,307  | 39,671               | 41,813      | 36,203       | 36,203  | 36,203              | 36,203  | 375,302     | 375,302    |
| WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT                  | 16,875  | 59,628  | 34,749  | 17,164  | 27,825               | 37,122      | 14,723       | 11,940  | 19,831              | 13,911  | 253,768     | 253,768    |
| ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECTS          | 57,394  | 96,649  | 70,905  | 52,471  | 67,496               | 78,935      | 50,926       | 48,143  | 56,034              | 50,114  | 629,070     | 629,070    |
| LABOR                                |         |         |         |         |                      |             |              |         |                     |         |             | 416,097    |
| TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGETS                | 567,507 | 647,004 | 668,633 | 619,913 | 735,924              | 822,910     | 783,185      | 669,154 | 496,528             | 409,140 | 6,419,899   | 13,377,458 |

|                               |         |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |          |         |           |             | Lifetime    |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|                               | FY 2021 | FY 2022  | FY 2023   | FY 2024   | FY 2025   | FY 2026  | FY 2027   | FY 2028   | FY 2029  | FY 2030 | FY 2031   | 10-yr Total | Budget      |
| Prior Year Board Approved CIP | 471,267 | 476,140  | 540,585   | 500,427   | 499,918   | 681,280  | 632,075   | 568,067   | 572,262  | 490,468 | -         | 5,432,489   | 12,133,115  |
| Delta (inc)/dec               | 471,267 | (91,367) | (106,419) | (168,206) | (119,995) | (54,644) | (190,836) | (215,119) | (96,892) | (6,060) | (409,140) | (987,410)   | (1,244,343) |



### **Recommendations**

- Recommend to the full Board the adoption of the proposed FY 2023 and FY 2024 rates, charges and fees and begin the public hearing process
  - 6.0% increase in FY 2023
  - 5.4% increase in FY 2024
  - Groundwater Rate:
    - 21.0% increase in FY 2023
    - 2.3% increase in FY 2024
  - High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate:
    - 6.0% increase in FY 2023
    - 2.8% increase in FY 2024
- ◆ Recommend to the full Board the adoption of the proposed FY 2022 FY 2031 Financial Plan
  - 10-year CIP disbursement budget
  - Projected water and sewer rate increases



# Next Steps



# Committee Workplan Timelines

| DC Retail Water & Sewer Rates Committee Reviews, Recommendations, and Actions               | Dates  |
|---|--|
| Update Committee on Proposed<br>FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates                                     | January 25, 2022                                       |
| Committee Recommendation on Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates                                | February 22, 2022                                      |
| Independent Review of Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates and Budget by Consultant             | February 22, 2022                                      |
| Board approval of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates | March 3, 2022  |
| Public Hearing  | May 11, 2022   |
| Committee Recommendation on Final FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates                                   | June 28, 2022  |
| Board approval of Notice of Final Rulemaking (NOFR) for Proposed FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates    | July 7, 2022   |
| Rates go-live   | October I, 2022 (FY 2023)<br>October I, 2023 (FY 2024) |



## **Budget Adoption Calendar**

- Board Member Questions & Follow Up
  - Submit budget-related questions to Board Secretary
  - Board Secretary will distribute questions to appropriate staff
- Wholesale Customer Briefing January 7

|   | Environmental Quality & Operations | DC Retail Water &<br>Sewer Rates | Finance &<br>Budget |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2022 - FY 2031 Capital Budget (Disbursements & Lifetime)           | Action Required                    |                                  | Action<br>Required  |
| FY 2023 Operating Budget  |                                    |                                  | Action<br>Required  |
| Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures with Proceeds of a Borrowing |                                    |                                  | Action<br>Required  |
| FY 2023 and 2024 Rates, Charges & Fees                                |                                    | Action Required                  |                     |
| FY 2022 – FY 2031 Financial Plan                                      |                                    | Action Required                  | Action<br>Required  |



Board Adoption – March 3

# DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee Action Items

- FY 2023 & FY 2024 Water and Sewer Rates, Charges & Fees, Retail Groundwater Sanitary Sewer Service Rate and High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate (Action Item 1)
- 2. Proposed Ten-Year Financial Plan FY 2022 FY 2031 (Action Item 2)

#### **ACTION ITEM 1**

FY 2023 & FY 2024 Water and Sewer Rates, Charges & Fees, Retail Groundwater Sanitary Sewer Service Rate And High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate (Effective October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023)

Management recommends the following revisions to the Retail Water and Sewer Rates, Charges and Fees, Rates for Discharge of Groundwater and High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate for FY 2023 & FY 2024:

#### 1. FY 2023 & FY 2024 Rates, Charges & Fees

#### **Water Service Rates**

The proposed increased retail rates for metered water services are as follows:

#### Metered Water Services

| Residential customers - (0 - 4) |
|---------------------------------|
| Residential customers - (> 4)   |
| Multi-Family customers          |
| Non-Residential customers       |

| Ī |         |            |         |            |         |            | FY 2023 v       | s. FY 2022 | FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 |            |
|---|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|   | FY 2022 |            | FY 2023 |            | FY 2024 |            | Incr. / (Decr.) |            | Incr. / (Decr.)     |            |
|   | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf             | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf                 | 1,000 Gal. |
|   | \$3.63  | \$4.85     | \$4.28  | \$5.72     | \$4.38  | \$5.86     | \$0.65          | \$0.87     | \$0.10              | \$0.14     |
|   |         |            |         |            |         |            |                 |            |                     |            |
|   | \$4.74  | \$6.34     | \$5.58  | \$7.46     | \$5.70  | \$7.62     | \$0.84          | \$1.12     | \$0.12              | \$0.16     |
|   |         |            |         |            |         |            |                 |            |                     |            |
|   | \$4.15  | \$5.55     | \$4.90  | \$6.55     | \$5.00  | \$6.68     | \$0.75          | \$1.00     | \$0.10              | \$0.13     |
|   |         |            |         |            |         |            |                 |            |                     |            |
|   | \$4.91  | \$6.56     | \$5.78  | \$7.73     | \$5.89  | \$7.87     | \$0.87          | \$1.17     | \$0.11              | \$0.14     |

#### **Sanitary Sewer Service Rates**

The proposed increased retail rates for metered sanitary sewer services are as follows:

| Residential customers     |
|---------------------------|
| Multi-Family customers    |
| Non-Residential customers |

|         | Metered Sewer Services |         |            |         |            |           |                 |           |                 |  |  |
|---------|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--|
|         |                        |         |            |         |            | FY 2023 v | s. FY 2022      | FY 2024 v | s. FY 2023      |  |  |
| FY 2    | 2022                   | FY 2023 |            | FY 20   | FY 2024    |           | Incr. / (Decr.) |           | Incr. / (Decr.) |  |  |
| Ccf     | 1,000 Gal.             | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf       | 1,000 Gal.      | Ccf       | 1,000 Gal.      |  |  |
| \$10.64 | \$14.22                | \$11.26 | \$15.05    | \$11.70 | \$15.64    | \$0.62    | \$0.83          | \$0.44    | \$0.59          |  |  |
|         |                        |         |            |         |            |           |                 |           |                 |  |  |
| \$10.64 | \$14.22                | \$11.26 | \$15.05    | \$11.70 | \$15.64    | \$0.62    | \$0.83          | \$0.44    | \$0.59          |  |  |
|         |                        |         |            |         |            |           |                 |           |                 |  |  |
| \$10.64 | \$14.22                | \$11.26 | \$15.05    | \$11.70 | \$15.64    | \$0.62    | \$0.83          | \$0.44    | \$0.59          |  |  |

- Decreasing the annual CRIAC from \$220.80 to \$217.68 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in FY 2023.
- Increasing the annual CRIAC from \$217.68 to \$262.32 per ERU in FY 2024.
  - The proposed CRIAC charge per ERU will be billed monthly as follows:

Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC)

|         |         |         | ,                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|         |         | FY 2024 | FY 2023 vs. FY 2022<br>Incr. / (Decr.) | FY 2024 vs. FY 2023<br>Incr. / (Decr.) |  |  |  |  |
| ERU     | ERU     | ERU     | ERU                                    | ERU                                    |  |  |  |  |
| \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | (\$0.26)                               | \$3.72                                 |  |  |  |  |
|         |         |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | (\$0.26)                               | \$3.72                                 |  |  |  |  |
|         |         |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$18.40 | \$18.14 | \$21.86 | (\$0.26)                               | \$3.72                                 |  |  |  |  |

Residential customers

**Multi-Family customers** 

Non-Residential customers

## District of Columbia Pass Through Charge Right-of-Way Occupancy / PILOT Fee

- There is no increase in the Right-of-Way Occupancy Fee in FY 2023 and FY 2024:
- The Right-of-Way Occupancy Fee for FY 2023 and FY 2024 shall be as follows:

|        | ROW        |         |            |         |            |           |            |                 |            |  |  |  |
|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|------------|--|--|--|
|        |            |         |            |         |            | FY 2023 v | s. FY 2022 | FY 2024 v       | s. FY 2023 |  |  |  |
| FY 2   | 2022       | FY 2023 |            | FY 2024 |            | Incr. /   | (Decr.)    | Incr. / (Decr.) |            |  |  |  |
| Ccf    | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf       | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf             | 1,000 Gal. |  |  |  |
| \$0.19 | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.00    | \$0.00     | \$0.00          | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
|        |            |         |            |         |            |           |            |                 |            |  |  |  |
| \$0.19 | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.00    | \$0.00     | \$0.00          | \$0.00     |  |  |  |
|        |            |         |            |         |            |           |            |                 |            |  |  |  |
| \$0.19 | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.19  | \$0.25     | \$0.00    | \$0.00     | \$0.00          | \$0.00     |  |  |  |

Residential customers

Multi-Family customers

Non-Residential customers

The proposed increased Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Fee for FY 2023 and FY 2024 are as follows:

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|---|---|----|
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Residential customers

Multi-Family customers

Non-Residential customers

|         |            |         |            |         |            | FY 2023 v       | s. FY 2022 | FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 |            |  |
|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| FY 2022 |            | FY 2023 |            | FY 2024 |            | Incr. / (Decr.) |            | Incr. / (Decr.)     |            |  |
| Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf     | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf             | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf                 | 1,000 Gal. |  |
| \$0.56  | \$0.75     | \$0.59  | \$0.79     | \$0.61  | \$0.82     | \$0.03          | \$0.04     | \$0.02              | \$0.03     |  |
|         |            |         |            |         |            |                 |            |                     |            |  |
| \$0.56  | \$0.75     | \$0.59  | \$0.79     | \$0.61  | \$0.82     | \$0.03          | \$0.04     | \$0.02              | \$0.03     |  |
|         |            |         |            |         |            |                 |            |                     |            |  |
| \$0.56  | \$0.75     | \$0.59  | \$0.79     | \$0.61  | \$0.82     | \$0.03          | \$0.04     | \$0.02              | \$0.03     |  |

#### 2. Retail Groundwater Sanitary Sewer Service Rate

- The retail rates for sanitary sewer service for the discharge of groundwater, cooling water, and non-potable water sources shall be:
  - (a) The retail groundwater sewer charge for an unimproved real property, property under construction or under groundwater remediation shall be three dollars and forty-two cents (\$3.42) per Ccf (\$4.57 per 1,000 gallons) for FY 2023 and three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per Ccf (\$4.68 per 1,000 gallons) for groundwater discharged into the District's wastewater sewer system.
  - (b) The retail cooling water sewer charge shall be the retail sanitary sewer service rate as provided in section 4101.1(a) for cooling water discharged into the District's wastewater sewer system.
  - (c) The retail non-potable water source sewer charge shall be the retail sanitary sewer service rate as provided in section 4101.1(a) for non-potable water discharged into the District's wastewater sewer system.
- The Groundwater Rate for FY 2023 and FY 2024 shall be as follows:

#### FY 2023 vs. FY 2022 FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 Incr. / (Decr.) FY 2022 FY 2023 FY 2024 Incr. / (Decr.) Ccf 1,000 Gal. Ccf 1,000 Gal. 1,000 Gal. 1,000 Gal. 1,000 Gal. Ccf Ccf \$4.68 \$0.59 \$0.79 \$0.08 \$3.78 \$3.42 \$3.50 \$0.11

#### Groundwater

#### 3. High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate

- High Flow Filter Backwash Wastewater retail sewer rate shall be three dollars and twenty-one cents (\$3.21) per Ccf (\$4.29 per 1,000 gallons) for FY 2023 and three dollars and thirty cents (\$3.30) per Ccf (\$4.41 per 1,000 gallons) for FY 2024 and applicable to the following conditions:
  - (a) the discharge must exceed an annual average of one (1) million gallons per day (MGD), but not more than an annual average of ten (10) MGD;
  - (b) the discharge must be interruptible and only occur during periods of dry weather flow, as determined by DC Water; and
  - (c) the discharge is subject to a wastewater discharge permit.

The High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Rate for FY 2023 and FY 2024 shall be as follows:

High Flow Filter Backwash Wastewater Retail Sewer Rate

|        |            |        |            |        |            | FY 2023 v | s. FY 2022 | FY 2024 v | s. FY 2023 |
|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| FY     | 2022       | FY 2   | 2023       | FY 20  | )24        | Incr. /   | (Decr.)    | Incr. /   | (Decr.)    |
| Ccf    | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf    | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf    | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf       | 1,000 Gal. | Ccf       | 1,000 Gal. |
| \$3.03 | \$4.05     | \$3.21 | \$4.29     | \$3.30 | \$4.41     | \$0.18    | \$0.24     | \$0.09    | \$0.12     |

#### **ACTION ITEM 2**

#### Proposed Ten Year Financial Plan FY 2022 – FY 2031

1. Attached is a summary of the 10-year Financial Plan, which is based on the following key assumptions for FY 2023 and FY 2024:

#### FY 2023

- Operating receipts totaling \$799.99 million, an increase of \$41.51 million over FY 2022 funded through;
  - Retail Revenue increase of \$43.38 million
  - Wholesale Revenue increase of \$1.05 million
  - Other Revenue decrease of \$2.92 million
- Operating disbursements of \$655.97 million in FY 2023; and
- A ten-year capital improvement plan (FY 2022 FY 2031) of \$6.42 billion on a cash disbursement basis.

#### FY 2024

- Operating receipts totaling \$827.70 million, an increase of \$27.71 million over FY 2023 funded through;
  - Retail Revenue increase of \$21.99 million
  - Wholesale Revenue increase of \$3.42 million
  - Other Revenue increase of \$2.30 million
- Operating disbursements of \$679.83 million in FY 2024; and
- A ten-year capital improvement plan (FY 2022 FY 2031) of \$6.42 billion on a cash disbursement basis.

The FY 2022 – FY 2031 Financial Plan is projected to meet the Board's policy requirement of combined debt service coverage of 160 percent and an operating reserve of 250 days of budgeted operations and maintenance costs.

#### District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority FY 2022 – FY 2031 Financial Plan (In 000's)

| OPERATING   | FY 2022  | FY 2023                        | FY 2024                        | FY 2025                        | FY 2026                  | FY 2027                        | FY 2028                         | FY 2029                         | FY 2030                     | FY 2031                        |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Retail*<br>Wholesale*<br>Other<br>RSF   | \$<br>622,165 \$<br>84,669<br>41,153<br>52,100 | 667,024 \$<br>85,720<br>47,249 | 689,378 \$<br>89,142<br>49,184 | 735,355 \$<br>91,817<br>51,608 | 778,670 \$ 94,571 55,781 | 830,705 \$<br>97,408<br>60,678 | 879,018 \$<br>100,330<br>59,678 | 939,516 \$<br>103,340<br>58,527 | 991,672 \$ 106,440 58,854 - | 1,041,654<br>109,634<br>59,895 |
| Operating Receipts (1)  | \$<br>800,087 \$                               | 799,993 \$                     | 827,705 \$                     | 878,779 \$                     | 929,022 \$               | 988,791 \$                     | 1,039,026 \$                    | 1,101,383 \$                    | 1,156,967 \$                | 1,211,182                      |
| Operating Expenses  | (364,345)                                      | (374,597)                      | (386,094)                      | (398,023)                      | (409,935)                | (422,213)                      | (434,869)                       | (447,914)                       | (461,361)                   | (475,221)                      |
| Debt Service  | (223,513)                                      | (234,679)                      | (245,482)                      | (272,262)                      | (289,036)                | (311,322)                      | (338,312)                       | (358,587)                       | (367,280)                   | (374,011)                      |
| Cash Financed Capital Improvement   | \$<br>(37,830) \$                              | (46,692) \$                    | (48,256) \$                    | (58,828) \$                    | (70,080) \$              | (74,763) \$                    | (79,112) \$                     | (84,556) \$                     | (89,251) \$                 | (93,749)                       |
| Net Revenues After Debt Service   | \$<br>174,400 \$                               | 144,025 \$                     | 147,872 \$                     | 149,666 \$                     | 159,971 \$               | 180,492 \$                     | 186,733 \$                      | 210,326 \$                      | 239,076 \$                  | 268,202                        |
| Operating Reserve-Beg Balance   | 196,286  | 235,600                        | 242,600                        | 251,600                        | 261,600                  | 266,600                        | 276,600                         | 284,600                         | 293,600                     | 300,600                        |
| Other Misc (Disbursements)/Receipts<br>Wholesale/Federal True Up<br>Project Billing Refunds<br>Transfers To RSF | (8,460)<br>-<br>-                              | (9,188)<br>-<br>-              | (4,500)<br>-<br>-              | -<br>-<br>-                    | -<br>-<br>-              | -<br>-<br>-                    | -<br>-<br>-                     | -<br>-<br>-                     | -<br>-<br>-                 | -<br>-<br>-                    |
| Pay-Go Financing  | (126,625)                                      | (127,837)                      | (134,372)                      | (139,666)                      | (154,971)                | (170,492)                      | (178,733)                       | (201,326)                       | (232,076)                   | (259,202)                      |
| Operating Reserve - Ending Balance  | \$<br>235,600 \$                               | 242,600 \$                     | 251,600 \$                     | 261,600 \$                     | 266,600 \$               | 276,600 \$                     | 284,600 \$                      | 293,600 \$                      | 300,600 \$                  | 309,600                        |
| Rate Stabilization Fund Balance RSF (2)   | \$<br>(35,644) \$                              | (35,644) \$                    | (35,644) \$                    | (35,644) \$                    | (35,644) \$              | (35,644) \$                    | (35,644) \$                     | (35,644) \$                     | (35,644) \$                 | (35,644)                       |
| Senior Debt Service Coverage  | 589%   | 539%                           | 646%                           | 707%                           | 681%                     | 649%                           | 666%                            | 719%                            | 724%                        | 767%                           |
| Combined Debt Service Coverage  | 201%   | 187%                           | 188%                           | 185%                           | 188%                     | 190%                           | 186%                            | 189%                            | 196%                        | 204%                           |
| Actual/Projected Water/Sewer Rate Increases   | 7.8%   | 9.5%                           | 3.3%                           | 10.0%                          | 7.5%                     | 8.5%                           | 8.0%                            | 8.0%                            | 7.5%                        | 7.5%                           |
| *Operating Receipts \$ Increase/Decrease<br>Retail<br>Wholesale   | 37,277<br>1,682                                | 44,859<br>1,051                | 22,354<br>3,422                | 45,976<br>2,674                | 43,315<br>2,754          | 52,036<br>2,837                | 48,313<br>2,922                 | 60,498<br>3,010                 | 52,156<br>3,100             | 49,981<br>3,193                |
| *Operating Receipts % Increase/Decrease   |  |                                |                                |                                |                          |                                |                                 |                                 |                             |                                |
| Retail<br>Wholesale   | 6.4%<br>2.0%                                   | 7.2%<br>1.2%                   | 3.4%<br>4.0%                   | 6.7%<br>3.0%                   | 5.9%<br>3.0%             | 6.7%<br>3.0%                   | 5.8%<br>3.0%                    | 6.9%<br>3.0%                    | 5.6%<br>3.0%                | 5.0%<br>3.0%                   |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> FY 2023 planned transfer of \$0.0 million to Rate Stabilization Fund and \$0.0 million utilization will keep the total fund balance at \$35.644 million.

#### District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority Average Residential Customer Monthly Bill FY 2022 - FY 2031

|   |       |              | Current      | Proposed     | Proposed     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Units | FY 2021      | FY 2022      | FY 2023      | FY 2024      | FY 2025      | FY 2026      | FY 2027      | FY 2028      | FY 2029      | FY 2030      | FY 2031      |
| DC Water Water and Sewer Retail Rates (1) | Ccf   | \$<br>73.30  | \$<br>78.92  | \$<br>86.07  | \$<br>89.03  | \$<br>97.94  | \$<br>105.30 | \$<br>114.27 | \$<br>123.40 | \$<br>133.30 | \$<br>143.27 | \$<br>154.01 |
| DC Water Clean Rivers IAC (2)             | ERU   | 19.52        | 18.40        | 18.14        | 21.86        | 22.27        | 23.92        | 25.83        | 26.88        | 29.86        | 31.15        | 31.43        |
| DC Water Customer Metering Fee            | 5/8"  | 4.96         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         | 7.75         |
| DC Water Water System Replacement Fee (4) | 5/8"  | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         | 6.30         |
| Subtotal DC Water Rates & Charges         |       | \$<br>104.08 | \$<br>111.37 | \$<br>118.26 | \$<br>124.94 | \$<br>134.26 | \$<br>143.27 | \$<br>154.15 | \$<br>164.33 | \$<br>177.21 | \$<br>188.47 | \$<br>199.49 |
| Increase / Decrease                       |       | \$<br>6.73   | \$<br>7.29   | \$<br>6.89   | \$<br>6.68   | \$<br>9.32   | \$<br>9.01   | \$<br>10.88  | \$<br>10.18  | \$<br>12.88  | \$<br>11.26  | \$<br>11.02  |
| District of Columbia PILOT Fee (1)        | Ccf   | \$<br>2.93   | \$<br>3.04   | \$<br>3.20   | \$<br>3.3 I  | \$<br>3.36   | \$<br>3.41   | \$<br>3.47   | \$<br>3.52   | \$<br>3.58   | \$<br>3.63   | \$<br>3.69   |
| District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee (1) | Ccf   | 1.03         | 1.03         | 1.03         | 1.03         | 1.03         | 1.08         | 1.08         | 1.08         | 1.14         | 1.14         | 1.14         |
| District of Columbia Stormwater Fee (3)   | ERU   | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         | 2.67         |
| Subtotal District of Columbia Charges     |       | \$<br>6.63   | \$<br>6.74   | \$<br>6.90   | \$<br>7.01   | \$<br>7.06   | \$<br>7.16   | \$<br>7.22   | \$<br>7.27   | \$<br>7.39   | \$<br>7.44   | \$<br>7.50   |
| Total Amount Appearing on DC Water Bill   |       | \$<br>110.71 | \$<br>118.11 | \$<br>125.16 | \$<br>131.95 | \$<br>141.32 | \$<br>150.43 | \$<br>161.37 | \$<br>171.60 | \$<br>184.60 | \$<br>195.91 | \$<br>206.99 |
| Increase / Decrease Over Prior Year       |       | \$<br>6.90   | \$<br>7.40   | \$<br>7.05   | \$<br>6.79   | \$<br>9.37   | \$<br>9.11   | \$<br>10.94  | \$<br>10.23  | \$<br>13.00  | \$<br>11.31  | \$<br>11.08  |
| Percent Increase in Total Bill            |       | 6.6%         | 6.7%         | 6.0%         | 5.4%         | 7.1%         | 6.4%         | 7.3%         | 6.3%         | 7.6%         | 6.1%         | 5.7%         |

<sup>(</sup>I) Assumes average monthly consumption of 5.42 Ccf, or (4,054 gallons)

<sup>(2)</sup> Assumes average I Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

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

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

#### District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority Retail Rates, Charges and Fees FY 2022 - FY 2024

|  |       | Current | Proposed | Proposed |
|--|-------|---------|----------|----------|
|  | Units | FY 2022 | FY 2023  | FY 2024  |
| DC Water Retail Rates Water (Residential Lifeline 0 - 4 Ccf) | Ccf   | \$3.63  | \$4.28   | \$4.38   |
| DC Water Retail Rates Water (Residential > 4 Ccf)            | Ccf   | \$4.74  | \$5.58   | \$5.70   |
| DC Water Retail Rates Water (Multi-Family)                   | Ccf   | \$4.15  | \$4.90   | \$5.00   |
| DC Water Retail Rates Water (Non-Residential)                | Ccf   | \$4.91  | \$5.78   | \$5.89   |
| DC Water Retail Rates Sewer                                  | Ccf   | \$10.64 | \$11.26  | \$11.70  |
| DC Water Clean Rivers IAC                                    | ERU   | \$18.40 | \$18.14  | \$21.86  |
| DC Water Customer Metering Fee                               | 5/8"  | \$7.75  | \$7.75   | \$7.75   |
| DC Water Water System Replacement Fee                        | 5/8"  | \$6.30  | \$6.30   | \$6.30   |
| District of Columbia PILOT Fee                               | Ccf   | \$0.56  | \$0.59   | \$0.61   |
| District of Columbia Right-of-Way Fee                        | Ccf   | \$0.19  | \$0.19   | \$0.19   |
| District of Columbia Stormwater Fee                          | ERU   | \$2.67  | \$2.67   | \$2.67   |

|    | FY 2022 Propos  | ed RRC Committee V                                     | Vorkplan  |                              |
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|    | Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task  | Date of Activity                                       | Completed | Responsible<br>Department    |
| 1  | Adjust Retail Rates for FY 2023 & FY  |  | 1         | <u> </u>                     |
| "  | 2024  |  |           |                              |
|    | Present FY 23 & FY 24 Budget to Board<br>Present Proposed FY 23 & FY 24   | January 6, 2022<br>January 25, 2022                    | √<br>√    | EVP F&P<br>Rates and Revenue |
|    | Rates, Fees & Charges in the Joint Meeting of RRC and F&B Committees  | , ,  |           |                              |
| C. | Independent Review of Rates –<br>Presentation by Consultant   | February 22, 2022                                      |           | Rates and Revenue            |
| d. | RRC recommendation on Proposed FY<br>23 & FY 24 Rates, Fees and Charges   | February 22, 2022                                      |           | Rates and Revenue            |
| e. | Submit Independent Review of<br>Proposed Rates and 2022 Cost of   | February 25, 2022                                      |           | Rates and Revenue            |
|    | Service Study to Mayor and Council and post both on DC Water's website  |  |           |                              |
| f. | Board approves Notice of Proposed<br>Rulemaking (NOPR) for Proposed FY  | March 3, 2022  |           | Board of Directors           |
| g. | 23 & FY 24 Rates, Fees and Charges.<br>Publish NOPR in D.C. Register for<br>Proposed FY 23 & FY 24 Rates, Fees<br>and Charges | March 18, 2022   |           | DGLA                         |
| h. | Outreach and Public Comment Period  | March 18 - May 16, 2022                                |           | OMAC & Board<br>Secretary    |
| i. | Public Hearing  | May 11, 2022   |           | Board of Directors           |
| j. | Public Hearing Record Closes  | May 16, 2022   |           | Board Secretary              |
| k. | Submit Response to Public Comments report to Board and post on DC Water   | May 31, 2022   |           | Rates and Revenue            |
| 1. | website Present final FY 23 & FY 24 Rates,  | June 28, 2022  |           | Rates and Revenue            |
|    | Fees and Charges to RRC for recommendation to Board   | L.L. 7, 0000   |           | Decord of Director           |
| m. | Board approves Notice of Final<br>Rulemaking (NOFR) for FY 23 & FY 24   | July 7, 2022   |           | Board of Directors           |
| n. | Rates, Charges & Fees Publish NOFR in D.C. Register for Amended Rates, Fees and Charges                                       | July 22, 2022  |           | DGLA                         |
| О. | Amended Rates, Fees and Charges Amended Rates, Fees and Charges Go-Live   | October 1, 2022 (FY 2023)<br>October 1, 2023 (FY 2024) |           | Rates and Revenue            |
|    |   |  |           |                              |

| Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task                             | Date of Activity                      | Completed | Responsible<br>Department |
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| 2. 2022 Cost of Service Study (COS) for Water, Sewer and CRIAC |                                       |           |                           |
| a. Present COS to RRC b. Post Final COS on DC Water's website  | January 25, 2022<br>February 25, 2022 | V         | Rates & Revenue           |

| FY 2022 Proposed RRC Committee Workplan  |                  |           |                           |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task   | Date of Activity | Completed | Responsible<br>Department |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. 2022 Potomac Interceptor Cost of<br>Service Study (FY 2023 – FY 2025)                           |                  |           |                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Present 2022 Potomac Interceptor Cost<br>of Service Study for FY 2023 – FY 2025<br>rates to RRC | April 26, 2022   |           | Rates & Revenue           |  |  |  |  |  |

|           | Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task   | Date of Activity         | Completed    | Responsible                        |
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|           | •  | •                        | -            | Department                         |
| 4.        | New High Flow Filter Backwash Sewer Service Rate   |                          |              |                                    |
| a.        | Presentation to RRC amend Retail<br>Sewer Rates Regulations to Establish<br>new Filter Backwash Sewer Rate   | July 27, 2021            | V            | Clean Water Quality and Technology |
| b.        | RRC recommend approval of proposal<br>to amend the Retail Sewer Rates<br>Regulations to Establish new Filter<br>Backwash Sewer Rate                                | July 27, 2021            | √            | RRC                                |
| C.        | Board approval to publish Notice of<br>Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) to<br>amend the Retail Sewer Rates<br>Regulations to Establish new Filter<br>Backwash Sewer Rate | September 2, 2021        | ٨            | Board of Directors                 |
| d.        | Post COS on website  | September 14, 2021       | $\sqrt{}$    | Rates & Revenue                    |
| e.        | Publish NOPR and Notice of Public<br>Hearing in D.C. Register  | September 17, 2021       | V            | DGLA                               |
| f.        | Outreach and Public Comment Period   | Sept. 17 – Nov. 15, 2021 | $\sqrt{}$    | Marketing &                        |
| g.        | Submit Cost of Service study to Mayor  | September 20, 2021       | , ,          | Comm.Rates and                     |
|           | and Council and post on DC website   | -                        |              | Revenue                            |
| h.        | Submit Independent Review of   | October 6, 2021          |              |                                    |
|           | Proposed Rates to Mayor and Council  |                          |              | Rates and Revenue                  |
|           | and post on website  |                          | $\checkmark$ |                                    |
| i.        | Public Hearing   | November 10, 2021        |              |                                    |
| j.        | Public Comment Period Closes   | November 15, 2021        | $\sqrt{}$    | Board of Directors                 |
| k.        |  | November 16, 2021        |              | Board Secretary                    |
| ١,        | to RRC and post on DC Water website  |                          |              | Rates and Revenue/Pretreatment     |
| <i>1.</i> | RRC approves final proposal to amend Retail Sewer Rates Regulations to   | November 16, 2021        |              | Revenue/Pretreatment               |
|           | Establish new Filter Backwash Sewer  | 14076111061 10, 2021     |              | RRC                                |
|           | Rate   |                          | $\checkmark$ | 14140                              |
| m.        | Board approval to publish Notice of  | December 2, 2021         | ,            |                                    |
|           | Final Rulemaking (NOFR)  |                          | $\checkmark$ | Board of Directors                 |
| n.        | Publish NOFR in D.C. Register  | December 17, 2021        | $\checkmark$ | Dodiu di Dilectois                 |
| Ο.        | Implementation of the new High Flow  | December 17, 2021        |              | DGLA                               |
|           | Filter Backwash Sewer Rate   |                          |              | CWQT                               |
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#### FY 2022 Proposed RRC Committee Workplan

| Objective/ <i>Activities/</i> Task  | Date of Activity  | Completed   | Responsible<br>Department            |
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| 5. Proposal to Amend CAP Regulations<br>to Extend DC Water Cares Residential<br>and Multi-family Programs for FY 2022<br>and Waive FY 2021 CAP2 Customer<br>Recertification Requirement for FY<br>2022  |   |             |                                      |
| a. Update to RRC on DC Water Cares<br>Residential and Multi-family Assistance<br>Programs (RAP and MAP Programs for<br>FY 2022)   | June 22, 2021   | V           | Customer Service                     |
| b. Presentation of Proposal to RRC to<br>Amend CAP Regulations to Extend DC<br>Water Cares RAP and MAP Programs<br>for FY 2022 and publication of NOEPR   | July 27, 2021   | √           | Customer Service                     |
| c. RRC Recommends Approval of Proposal<br>to Board to Amend the CAP Regulations<br>to Extend DC Water Cares RAP and<br>MAP Programs for FY 2022   | July 27, 2021   | <b>√</b>    | RRC                                  |
| d. Update RRC to recommend CAP amendments to waive FY 2021 CAP2 Customer's Recertification requirements for FY 2022   | August 31, 2021   | <b>√</b>    | Customer Service/<br>DGLA            |
| e. RRC recommends Approval of Proposal<br>to Board to Amend te CAP Regulations<br>to waive FY 2021 CAP2 Customer's<br>Recertification Requirement for FY 2022<br>with other CAP amendments  | August 31, 2021   | √           | Customer Service/<br>DGLA            |
| f. Board Approval to Publish Notice of<br>Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking<br>(NOEPR) to Amend CAP Regulations to<br>Extend DC Water Cares RAP and MAP<br>Programs for FY 2022 and Waive FY<br>2021 CAP2 Customer's Recertification<br>Requirement for FY 2022 | September 2, 2021   | <b>V</b>    | Board of Directors                   |
| g. Publish NOEPR and Notice of Public<br>Hearing in D.C. Register   | September 17, 2021  | V           | DGLA                                 |
| h. Public Comment Period Begins i. Implement extended DC Water Cares RAP and MAP Programs for FY 2022 and Waiver of FY 2021 CAP2 Customer's Recertification Requirement   | Sept. 17 – Nov. 15, 2021<br>October 1, 2021                 | 1           | Marketing & Comm.<br>Customer Servic |
| for FY 2022 j. Public Hearing k. Public Comment Period Closes l. Present proposal to RRC for Notice of Final Rulemaking (NOFR) for DC Water Cares RAP, MAP and CAP2 including responses ro comments   | November 10, 2021<br>November 15, 2021<br>November 16, 2021 | \<br>\<br>\ | RRC<br>Board Secretary<br>RRC        |

| Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task   | Date of Activity                       | Completed | Responsible<br>Department |
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| 5. Proposal to Amend CAP Regulations<br>to Extend DC Water Cares Residential<br>and Multi-family Programs for FY 2022<br>and Waive FY 2021 CAP2 Customer<br>Recertification Requirement for FY<br>2022 (Continued) |  |           |                           |
| m. RRC recommendation for Board to<br>approve and adopt for publication of<br>NOFR for DC Water Cares RAP and<br>MAP Programs and Waiver of CAP2<br>Recertification for FY 2022                                    | November 16, 2021                      | ~         | RRC                       |
| n. Board approval and adoption for publication of NOFR for DC Water Cares RAP and MAP Programs and Waiver of CAP2 Recertification for FY 2022 o. Publish NOFR in the D.C. Register                                 | December 2, 2021                       | v         | Board of Directors        |
| p. Continue Implementing DC Water Cares<br>RAP and MAP Programs and Waiver of<br>FY 2021 CAP2 Customer's<br>Recertification Requirement for FY 2022  | December 17, 2021<br>December 17, 2021 | <b>V</b>  | DGLA<br>Customer Service  |

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| 6. Amend 21 DCMR Chapter 4  |   |             |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Present Proposed Revisions to<br>Regulations for Customers<br>Challenging their Bills to RRC   | July 27, 2021   | <b>√</b>    | Customer Service                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. RRC recommendations for Board<br>approval for of proposal proposed to<br>amendments to 21 DCMR Chapter 4   | July 27, 2021   | <b>√</b>    | RRC   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| regulations c. Board Approval to Publish Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) to Amend 21 DCMR Chapter 4 regulations  | September 2, 2021   | V           | Board of Directors                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Publish NOPR in DC Register e. Outreach and Public Comment Period f. RRC recommendation for Board approval and adoption of final amendments to 21 DCMR Chapter 4 regulations | September 17, 2021<br>Sept. 17 – Oct. 18, 2021<br>November 16, 2021 | \<br>\<br>\ | Legal Affairs<br>OMAC & Board<br>Secretary<br>RRC |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| g. Board Approval and Adoption of<br>Notice of Final Rulemaking (NOFR) to<br>Amend 21 DCMR Chapter 4<br>regulations   | December 2, 2021  | √           | Board of Directors                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| h. Publish NOFR in the DC Register i. Chapter 4 Rules and Billing System – Go Live  | December 17, 2021<br>December 17, 2021                              | √<br>√      | DGLA<br>Customer Service                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| FY 2022 Proposed RRC Committee Workplan | FY 2022 Pro | posed RRC | Committee | Workplan |
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|  | Objective/ <i>Activities</i> /Task  | Date of Activity       | Completed | Responsible<br>Department                       |
| 7.   | 2022 Cost of Service<br>Miscellaneous Fees and Charges  |                        |           |   |
| a.   | RRC COS Update and Recommendation on Proposed Amendments to Miscellaneous Fees & Charges      | March 22, 2022         | -         | Rates & Revenue                                 |
| b.   | Board Approval of Notice of<br>Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for<br>Miscellaneous Fees & Charges | April 7, 2022          | [         | Board of Directors                              |
| C.   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   | April 22, 2022         |           | OGLA  |
| d.   | Public Comment period   | April 22 – May22, 2022 |           | Board Secretary                                 |
| e.   | RRC Final Recommendation to<br>Approve Amendments for<br>Miscellaneous Fees & Charges         | May 24, 2022           |           | Rates & Revenue                                 |
| f.   | Board Approval of Notice of Final<br>Rulemaking (NOFR)  | June 2, 2022           |           | Board of Directors                              |
| g.   |   | June 17, 2022          | ]         | OGLA  |
| h.   | Miscellaneous Fees & Charges Go-<br>Live  | June 17, 2022          |           | Rates & Revenue/<br>Permitting/Customer<br>Care |

| 8. | Delinquent Accounts        |                    |      |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------|------|
| a. | Soldiers Home Negotiations | Monthly, as needed | DGLA |
|    |                            |                    |      |

| , | . Rate Stabilization Fund |                    |                 |
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|   | . Rate Stabilization Fund | Monthly, as needed | Rates & Revenue |
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# D.C. WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETAIL WATER & SEWER RATES COMMITTEE MEETING

## Tuesday, March 22, 2022; 9:30 a.m. AGENDA

Call to Order Committee Chairman

Monthly Updates Chief Financial Officer

Committee Workplan Chief Financial Officer

Agenda for April 26, 2022 Committee Meeting Committee Chairman

Other Business Chief Financial Officer

**Adjournment** 

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