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To Our Customers,

The Yarmouth Water District (the District) will be filing a revised rate schedule with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, to be effective in two steps with the first step effective January 1, 2025, and the second step effective January 1, 2026. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A-M.R.S.A. Section 6104. The docket number for the filing is 2024-00287.

Present rates were effective January 1, 2022. Since the last rate increase, operating expenses have increased and a new bond is being issued for capital improvements. To pay its current debt service obligations and continue properly maintaining its water system, the District is proposing an overall revenue increase of \$629,783 as shown in the customer class increase chart below. The percentages below are calculated based upon gross revenue net of FPL Energy Wyman, LLC (FPL) revenue which is governed by contract. The chart directly below describes the current bill rate, monthly and quarterly, and what they will be adjusted to at each step.

Examples for Residential 5/8" Meter	Minimum Monthly Bill	Minimum Quarterly Bill	Average* Monthly Bill	Average* Quarterly Bill
<i>Existing Rate</i>	\$19.79	\$59.36	\$32.75	\$98.24
Step One Rate Effective 1/1/2025	\$22.36	\$67.08	\$37.00	\$111.00
Step Two Rate Effective 1/1/2026	\$25.71	\$77.14	\$42.57	\$127.70

***An average residential bill assumes 2,000 cubic feet of water per quarter, individual billing will vary according to usage.**

Customer Class Increases	Step One 1/1/2025		Step Two 1/1/2026	
Residential	\$145,000	13%	\$195,750	15%
Commercial	\$16,875	13%	\$22,781	15%
Industrial (net of FPL)	\$1,250	13%	\$1,688	15%
Public Authorities	\$3,500	13%	\$4,725	15%
Public Fire Protection	\$91,401	15%	\$105,100	15%
Private Fire Protection	\$17,750	13%	\$23,963	15%
	\$275,776	13%	\$354,007	15%

The public fire protection increase is governed by Public Utilities Commission Chapter 69. In accordance with Chapter 69, the public fire protection revenue is set at 30% of total operating revenue net of FPL.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Yarmouth Water District office located at 181 Sligo Road, Yarmouth, at which time complete details will be furnished in support of the increase.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the District before the hearing. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may contact

Eric Gagnon, General Manager, Yarmouth Water District at (207)-846-5821, PO Box 419, Yarmouth, ME 04096. You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the Commission. The Public Advocate is available for assistance to you in this matter upon request. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at (207)-287-3831, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at (207)-624-3687, 112 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 15% of the customers of the District file with the District and the Commission petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the Commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed, and changed in accordance with Section 310. Signatures on the petition are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and address of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.