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March 26, 2021

Harry Lanphear
Public Utilities Commission
18 State House Station
Augusta Maine 04333-0018

**THIS IS A VIRTUAL DUPLICATE OF THE ORIGINAL HARDCOPY SUBMITTED TO THE
COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Dear Harry:

The Greater Augusta Utility District is submitting this informational rate filing pursuant to 35-A, MRS §6104. Included please find supporting materials for a 10% rate increase:

1. Proposed new water rates
2. Exhibits for water rates
 - a. Operating and Maintenance Expenses
 - b. Debt Service
 - c. Operating Statement - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 Unaudited & Pro Forma
 - d. Operating Revenue - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 Unaudited & Pro Forma
 - e. Balance Sheet
3. Legal Notice regarding public hearing

The District will mail a notice of the public hearing to all its customers on April 5, 2021. A notice of the public hearing will be published in the local newspaper on April 12, 2021. A public hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2021. Rates will be filed with the PUC on May 7, 2021. Increased rates will be effective starting with invoices dated on or after July 1, 2021.

A copy of this letter and the enclosures has also been sent to the Office of the Public Advocate. A copy of these materials is also on file for review by any customer of the Greater Augusta Utility District during regular business hours at its office located at 12 Williams Street in Augusta, Maine.

If you have any questions please contact either Sherry Kenney or me at (207) 622-3701.

Sincerely,

Brian Tarbuck
General Manager

Cc: Office of the Public Advocate

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
Proposed water rates

<u>Rate per 100 cubic feet (HCF) of water:</u>				
			<u>Proposed</u>	
	Cost > 1 HCF		\$2.640	
<u>Service charge based on meter size:</u>				
	<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
	5/8"	\$12.46	\$37.39	\$91.05
	3/4"	\$14.50	\$43.51	\$115.52
	1"	\$16.54	\$49.63	\$140.00
	1 1/2"	\$24.19	\$72.58	\$231.80
	2"	\$30.82	\$92.47	\$311.36
	3"	\$39.49	\$118.48	\$415.39
	4"	\$56.32	\$168.97	\$617.35
	6"	\$93.56	\$280.65	\$1,064.11
<u>Fire protection:</u>				
	<u>Service diameter</u>		<u>Annual</u>	
	1"		\$278.78	
	1 1/2"		\$418.18	
	2"		\$557.44	
	3"		\$836.22	
	4"		\$1,115.00	
	6"		\$1,672.44	
	8"		\$2,230.01	
	10"		\$2,787.44	
	12"		\$3,345.01	
	<u>Public hydrants</u>		<u>Annual</u>	
		\$	1,798.50	

**GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER DIVISION OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS**

Acct	Account Name	2017	2018	2019	2020 Unaudited	Adjustments	Pro Forma	
601	Salaries and Wages - Employees	801,321	832,717	910,689	967,615	1	143,138	1,110,753
603	Salaries and Wages - Trustees	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,900	2	-	9,900
604	Employee Pensions and Benefits	339,846	124,954	316,587	369,311	3	112,143	481,454
615	Purchased Power	167,244	184,741	175,992	163,284	4	24,516	187,800
618	Chemicals	26,937	38,461	31,328	30,497	5	1,938	32,435
620	Materials and Supplies	303,715	324,784	413,231	453,413	6	(34,263)	419,150
631	Contractual Services - Engineering	798	-	47,919	129,204	7	(129,204)	-
632	Contractual Services - Accounting	12,600	13,500	11,000	13,830	8	(830)	13,000
633	Contractual Services - Legal	5,736	817	339	12,540	9	(2,540)	10,000
635	Contractual Services - Other	227,882	274,322	309,327	243,340	10	120,843	364,183
642	Rental of Equipment	924	2,828	2,942	7,145	11	(4,365)	2,780
650	Transportation Expenses	(3,695)	20,581	40,878	13,187	12	7,198	20,385
656	Insurance - Vehicle	15,378	14,831	13,154	18,441	13	1,559	20,000
657	Insurance - General Liability	15,693	21,097	17,491	19,077	14	923	20,000
658	Insurance - Workers Compensation	22,044	18,401	17,570	24,783	15	1,217	26,000
659	Insurance - Other	23,721	24,649	21,249	26,589	16	911	27,500
660	Advertising Expense	1,078	672	1,036	2,941	17	259	3,200
670	Bad Debt Expense	1,501	2,242	4,316	-	18	2,500	2,500
675	Miscellaneous Expenses	48,991	63,016	77,802	60,750	19	13,493	74,243
Total Water Utility Expenses		2,021,614	1,972,513	2,422,750	2,565,847	B	259,436	2,825,283
	Interest Expense	183,153	163,086	139,126	135,568		(27,412)	108,156
	Principal Repayment	615,225	615,225	615,225	615,225		(70,000)	545,225
Total Expenses Plus Debt		2,819,992	2,750,824	3,177,101	3,316,640		162,024	3,478,664
Contingency Allowance								
	Operating Expense	2,825,283						
	Depreciation	950,000						
	Taxes other than Income	127,400						
	Income Items	(210,251)						
Debt Service:								
	Interest	108,156						
	Principal	545,225						
	Total Base	4,345,813						
	Contingency Allowance	5%						
		217,291						
Gross Revenue:								
	All Expenses	4,345,813						
	Contingency Allowance	217,291						
	Gross Revenue	4,563,104						

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
ADJUSTING JOURNAL ENTERIES

Operations & Maintenance

601 Salaries and Wages - Employees	Pro Forma	1,110,753			
	Less 2020	<u>967,615</u>	143,138	#1	Assume 3% wage increase per year plus average split between divisions
603 Salaries and Wages - Trustees	Pro Forma	9,900			
	Less 2020	<u>9,900</u>	-	#2	No change
604 Employee Pensions and Benefits	Pro Forma	481,454			
	Less 2020	<u>369,311</u>	112,143	#3	Health, Retirement, OPEB, NPL, unemployment
615 Purchased Power	Pro Forma	187,800			
	Less 2020	<u>163,284</u>	24,516	#4	Assumes higher power cost
618 Chemicals	Pro Forma	32,435			
	Less 2020	<u>30,497</u>	1,938	#5	Estimated (Hypo, sodium fluoride, polyorthophosphate)
620 Materials & Supplies	Pro Forma	419,150			
	Less 2020	<u>453,413</u>	(34,263)	#6	Less meters/mxu's to be purchased
631 Contractual Services - Engineering	Pro Forma	-			
	Less 2020	<u>129,204</u>	(129,204)	#7	Assumes less use of outside vendors
632 Contractual Services - Accounting	Pro Forma	13,000			
	Less 2020	<u>13,830</u>	(830)	#8	Actuarial service not needed this year
633 Contractual Services - Legal	Pro Forma	10,000			
	Less 2020	<u>12,540</u>	(2,540)	#9	Estimated
635 Contractual Services - Other	Pro Forma	364,183			
	Less 2020	<u>243,340</u>	120,843	#10	City of Augusta, landscaping, paving, customer service
642 Rental of Equipment	Pro Forma	2,780			
	Less 2020	<u>7,145</u>	(4,365)	#11	Rental of backhoe in 2020
650 Transportation expenses	Pro Forma	20,385			
	Less 2020	<u>13,187</u>	7,198	#12	Increased fuel prices
656 Insurance - Vehicle	Pro Forma	20,000			
	Less 2020	<u>18,441</u>	1,559	#13	Cross Insurance - premium increase
657 Insurance - General Liability	Pro Forma	20,000			
	Less 2020	<u>19,077</u>	923	#14	Cross Insurance - premium increase
658 Insurance - Workers Compensation	Pro Forma	26,000			
	Less 2020	<u>24,783</u>	1,217	#15	Cross Insurance - premium increase
659 Insurance - Other	Pro Forma	27,500			
	Less 2020	<u>26,589</u>	911	#16	Cross Insurance - premium increase
660 Advertising Expense	Pro Forma	3,200			
	Less 2020	<u>2,941</u>	259	#17	Board meetings, hydrant flushing, CCR
670 Bad Debt Expense	Pro Forma	2,500			
	Less 2020	<u>-</u>	2,500	#18	Estimated write offs
675 Miscellaneous Expenses	Pro Forma	74,243			
	Less 2020	<u>60,750</u>	13,493	#19	Increased fees: heating oil, postage, bank fees, phone
Total			259,436		
400 Operating Revenues	Pro Forma	3,701,713			
	Less 2020	<u>3,676,050</u>	25,663	A	See Operating Revenues
403 Depreciation Expense	Pro Forma	950,000			
	Less 2020	<u>924,540</u>	25,460	C	

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER DIVISION LONG TERM DEBT

Issuer	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Par Value Authorized	Par Value Outstanding 12/31/2020	Rate
MABB SRF 2009SR	2009	2027	190,000	33,302	0.00%
MABB 2011C	2011	2034	700,000	385,000	2.12-5.625%
TD Bank 2013	2013	2023	2,000,000	600,000	2.79%
MABB 2014B	2014	2034	2,400,000	1,680,000	.043-3.78%
MABB 2014B	2014	2034	1,100,000	770,000	.043-3.78%
TD Bank 2020	2020	2030	1,300,000	1,300,000	2.07%

Year Ending	31-Dec	Principal	Interest	Total
	2017	615,225	196,710	811,935
	2018	615,225	174,332	789,557
	2019	615,225	151,118	766,343
	2020	615,225	126,421	741,646
	2021	545,225	127,716	672,941
	2022	545,225	114,804	660,029
	2023	545,225	101,508	646,733
	2024	345,225	88,137	433,362
	2025	345,225	80,208	425,433
	2026	345,225	71,857	417,082
	2027	341,952	62,986	404,938
	2028	340,000	53,963	393,963
	2029	340,000	44,901	384,901
	2030	340,000	35,415	375,415
	2031	210,000	26,148	236,148
	2032	175,000	19,768	194,768
	2033	175,000	13,174	188,174
	2034	175,000	6,626	181,626
2 year average		545,225	108,156	653,381

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
OPERATING STATEMENT

	2017	2018	2019	2020		Adjustments	Pro Forma
Utility Operating Income				Unaudited			
400 Operating Revenues	3,690,129	3,769,978	3,652,727	3,676,050	A	25,663	3,701,713
401 Operating Expenses	2,021,614	1,967,046	2,422,750	2,565,847	B	259,436	2,825,283
403 Depreciation Expense	853,281	862,086	882,615	924,540	C	25,460	950,000
408.1 Taxes Other Than Income	91,018	97,419	106,949	110,894		16,506	127,400
Total Utility Operating Expenses	2,965,913	2,926,551	3,412,314	3,601,281		301,402	3,902,683
Utility Operating Income	724,216	843,427	240,413	74,769		(275,739)	(200,970)
414 Gains (Losses) From Disposition of Utility Property		(5,467)	-				-
Total Utility Operating Income	724,216	837,960	240,413	74,769		(275,739)	(200,970)
415 Revenues From Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work	37,751	40,936	42,785	38,396		855	39,251
419 Interest and Dividend Income	5,288	8,981	12,882	4,349		(3,349)	1,000
421 Nonutility Income	183,552	204,442	150,342	172,050		(2,050)	170,000
Total Other Income and Deductions	226,591	254,359	206,009	214,795		(4,544)	210,251
427 Interest Expense	183,153	163,086	139,126	135,568		(27,412)	108,156
428 Amortization of Debt Discount & Expense	6,796	5,623	903	877		(877)	-
Total Interest Expense	189,949	168,709	140,029	136,445		(28,289)	108,156
NET INCOME	760,858	923,610	306,393	153,119		(251,994)	(98,875)

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER OPERATING REVENUES

	2017	2018	2019	2020	
				Unaudited	Pro Forma
OPERATING REVENUES					
SALES OF WATER					
461	Metered Sales to Gen. Customers				
461.1	1,348,579	1,406,859	1,315,015	1,418,330	1,372,196
461.2	729,257	748,617	733,555	664,649	719,020
461.3	-	-	-	-	
461.4	270,163	269,256	255,222	239,621	258,566
	<u>2,347,999</u>	<u>2,424,732</u>	<u>2,303,792</u>	<u>2,322,600</u>	<u>2,349,781</u>
462.1	Public Fire-Protection Service				
	816,001	819,135	818,999	819,135	819,132
462.2	Private Fire-Protection Service				
	519,551	520,261	523,773	527,560	526,800
	<u>3,683,551</u>	<u>3,764,128</u>	<u>3,646,564</u>	<u>3,669,295</u>	<u>3,695,713</u>
OTHER OPERATING REVENUES					
471	Miscellaneous Service Revenues				
	6,578	5,850	6,163	6,755	6,000
	<u>3,690,129</u>	<u>3,769,978</u>	<u>3,652,727</u>	<u>3,676,050</u>	<u>3,701,713</u>

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		2017	2018	2019
UTILITY PLANT				
101-105	Utility Plant	46,250,439	46,885,932	47,765,916
108-110	Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	16,813,439	17,664,593	18,507,045
	Net Plant	<u>29,437,000</u>	<u>29,221,339</u>	<u>29,258,871</u>
114-115	Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustments (Net)	-	-	-
	Total Net Utility Plant	<u>29,437,000</u>	<u>29,221,339</u>	<u>29,258,871</u>
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS				
121	Nonutility Property	88,640	88,640	88,640
	Total Other Property & Investments	<u>88,640</u>	<u>88,640</u>	<u>88,640</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS				
131	Cash	1,889,197	2,128,063	2,037,426
135	Temporary Cash Investments	250	-	-
141-144	Accounts and Notes Receivable, Less Accumulated Provision for Uncollectible Accounts	262,168	326,941	423,800
151	Material and Supplies	110,579	107,366	112,636
162	Prepayments	40,161	31,313	44,480
171	Accrued Interest and Dividends Receivable	-	-	-
174	Misc. Current and Accrued Assets	201,068	267,127	234,399
	Total Current and Accrued Assets	<u>2,503,423</u>	<u>2,860,810</u>	<u>2,852,741</u>
181-190	DEFERRED DEBITS	121,632	129,358	135,546
	TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>32,150,695</u>	<u>32,300,147</u>	<u>32,335,798</u>
EQUITY CAPITAL				
214	Appropriated Retained Earnings	18,144,325	18,144,325	19,297,714
215	Unappropriated Retained Earnings	2,743,459	3,378,881	3,378,881
	Total Equity Capital	<u>20,887,784</u>	<u>21,523,206</u>	<u>22,676,595</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT				
221	Bonds	5,313,977	4,698,752	4,083,527
224	Other Long-Term Debt	-	-	-
	Total Long-Term Debt	<u>5,313,977</u>	<u>4,698,752</u>	<u>4,083,527</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES				
231	Accounts Payable	81,580	84,952	415,907
232	Notes Payable	-	-	-
237	Accrued Interest	41,821	36,556	28,552
241	Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities	891,851	923,006	944,665
	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>1,015,252</u>	<u>1,044,514</u>	<u>1,389,124</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS				
253	Other Deferred Credits	11,961	161,985	157,547
255	Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits	50,031	-	-
	Total Deferred Credits	<u>61,992</u>	<u>161,985</u>	<u>157,547</u>
261-265	OPERATING RESERVES	842,685	842,685	-
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION				
271	Contributions In Aid Of Construction	4,661,845	4,661,845	4,661,845
272	Accumulated Amortization of Contrib. In Aid of Construc	632,840	632,840	632,840
	Total Net C.I.A.C	<u>4,029,005</u>	<u>4,029,005</u>	<u>4,029,005</u>
	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	<u>32,150,695</u>	<u>32,300,147</u>	<u>32,335,798</u>