

ELECTRONICALLY FILED ON 6/05/20

Harry Lanphear
Administrative Director
Public Utility Commission
State House Station #18
Augusta, Maine 04333-0018

**RE: GARDINER WATER DISTRICT
Proposed Rate Change Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 6104-A
(\$41,468.00 or 2.52% Increase in Revenue) Effective October 1, 2020**

Dear Mr. Lanphear:

We are submitting this informational rate filing pursuant to 35-A, M.R.S.A., Section 6104, on behalf of the Gardiner Water District. We have also included a copy of the draft public notice and a proposed rate schedule. A copy of supporting material will be available for review at the Gardiner Water District Office.

If you require additional information or clarification, inquiries should be directed to Cathy Robinson at 846-4155, Kirsten Hebert at 737-4092, or Paul Gray, Gardiner Water District at 582-5500.

Sincerely,



Cathy Robinson
Financial Analyst

Cc: Barry Hobbins, Public Advocate
Paul Gray, Gardiner Water District
Kirsten Hebert, Maine Rural Water Association
Via e-mail

GARDINER WATER DISTRICT

INFORMATIONAL RATE FILING

EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

FILED UNDER 35-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 6104-A

Submitted:	June 5, 2020
Proposed Hearing Date:	July 8, 2020
District Meeting Date:	July 8, 2020
Proposed Effective Date:	October 1, 2020

**Prepared by: Maine Rural Water Association
254 Alexander Reed Road
P.O. Box 263
Richmond, Maine 04357
207/737-7144**

GARDINER WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF MAINE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF RATES

**NO SUPPLEMENT WILL BE ISSUED
CHANGES WILL BE MADE BY REVISED
OR ADDITIONAL SHEETS**

Submitted: June 5, 2020
Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2020

**JEFFREY KOBROCK
CHAIRMAN**

GARDINER WATER DISTRICT

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Gardiner Water District Water Utility Expense Accounts

Acct	Account Name	2016	2017	2018	2019	Adjustments*	Pro Forma	
					Unaudited			
601	Salaries and Wages - Employees	\$ 352,221	\$ 344,562	\$ 351,594	\$ 420,343	1	25,157	\$ 445,500
603	Salaries and Wages - Directors	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,000	2	-	\$ 3,000
604	Employee Pensions and Benefits	\$ 252,065	\$ 280,114	\$ 280,590	\$ 229,449	3	25,651	\$ 255,100
610	Purchased Water	\$ 7,623	\$ 8,401	\$ 7,769	\$ 6,637	4	863	\$ 7,500
612	Sewer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,370	\$ 2,284	5	716	\$ 3,000
615	Purchased Power	\$ 103,351	\$ 111,427	\$ 130,868	\$ 104,211	6	17,139	\$ 121,350
618	Chemicals	\$ 10,536	\$ 27,201	\$ 10,656	\$ 29,647	7	(14,647)	\$ 15,000
620	Materials & Supplies	\$ 29,602	\$ 37,192	\$ 43,675	\$ 45,319	8	14,681	\$ 60,000
631	Contractual Services - Eng	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	9	10,000	\$ 10,000
632	Contractual Services - Acct	\$ 11,121	\$ 8,025	\$ 10,300	\$ 9,675	10	1,325	\$ 11,000
633	Contractual Services - Legal	\$ 806	\$ 13,609	\$ -	\$ -	11	10,000	\$ 10,000
635	Contractual Services - Other	\$ 49,051	\$ 54,162	\$ 47,111	\$ 77,180	12	(31,680)	\$ 45,500
642	Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15		(15)	\$ -
650	Transportation Expenses	\$ 17,520	\$ 18,768	\$ 14,310	\$ 33,481	13	1,519	\$ 35,000
656	Insurance - Vehicle	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,026	\$ 2,065	14	935	\$ 3,000
657	Insurance - General Liability	\$ 22,135	\$ 23,321	\$ 24,728	\$ 24,994	15	2,006	\$ 27,000
658	Insurance - W/C	\$ 6,565	\$ 9,462	\$ 8,657	\$ 7,814	16	2,186	\$ 10,000
	Insurance - Other							
660	Advertising Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		-	\$ -
666	Normalization of Rate Case Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,728	\$ 11,128	17	1,372	\$ 12,500
667	Regulatory Commission Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,417	\$ 3,088	18	412	\$ 3,500
670	Bad Debt Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		-	\$ -
675	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 10,638	\$ 12,507	\$ 12,105	\$ 10,868	19	132	\$ 11,000
	Total Expenses	\$ 879,234	\$ 955,751	\$ 965,154	\$ 1,021,199	A	67,751	\$ 1,088,950
	Meter Replacement	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,930	20	19,070	40,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES and Meter Replacement	\$ 924,234	\$ 1,000,751	\$ 984,154	\$ 1,042,129	B	86,821	\$ 1,128,950
	Principal Repayment	\$ 429,679	\$ 419,688	\$ 419,688	\$ 263,661	C	(17,586)	\$ 246,075
	Interest Payments	\$ 67,972	\$ 53,356	\$ 53,356	\$ 24,590	D	32,386	\$ 56,975
	Fees	\$ 17,468	\$ 17,368	\$ 17,368	\$ 14,493	E	6,255	\$ 20,748
	TOTAL EXPENSES PLUS DEBT	\$ 1,439,353	\$ 1,491,163	\$ 1,474,566	\$ 1,344,872		107,876	\$ 1,452,748
	Contingency Allowance							
	Operating Expense	\$ 1,128,950						
	Depreciation	\$ 287,386						
	Amortization	\$ 13,275						
	Taxes Other than Income	\$ 35,000						
	Income Items	\$ (68,111)						
	Debt Service:							
	Principal	\$ 246,075						
	Interest	\$ 56,975						
	Fees	\$ 20,748						
	TOTAL BASE	\$ 1,720,298						
	Contingency Allowance	5%						
		\$ 86,015	F					
	GROSS REVENUE							
	All expenses	\$ 1,720,298						
	Contingency Allowance	\$ 86,015						
	Gross Revenue	\$ 1,806,313						
	Gross Revenue Required for District	\$ 1,703,609						

* Numbers correspond to Page 1-A, Adjustments
Letters correspond to Page 1-A, Adjustments and Page 4, Operating Statement

PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Expenses</u> 2019	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Pro Forma</u>	
<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>					
1	Salaries	Expected Salary Changes	\$420,343	\$25,157	\$445,500
2	Salaries and Wages - Directors	Projected Trustee Expenses	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
3	Employee Pensions and Benefits		\$229,449	\$25,651	\$255,100
4	Purchased Water	Purchase of water from Hallowell WD	\$6,637	\$863	\$7,500
5	Sewer		\$2,284	\$716	\$3,000
6	Purchased Power	Projected Increase	\$104,211	\$17,139	\$121,350
7	Chemicals		\$29,647	(\$14,647)	\$15,000
8	Materials & Supplies	Projected Increases	\$45,319	\$14,681	\$60,000
9	Contractual Services - Engineering	Estimated annual expense	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
10	Contractual Services - Accounting	Actual expenses	\$9,675	\$1,325	\$11,000
11	Contractual Services-Legal	Estimated annual expense	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
12	Contractual Services - Other		\$77,180	(\$31,680)	\$45,500
	Equipment Rental		\$15	(\$15)	\$0
13	Transportation Expenses	Fuel, Tires, Equipment Maint & Repair	\$33,481	\$1,519	\$35,000
14	Insurance - Vehicle	Projected Increase	\$2,065	\$935	\$3,000
15	Insurance - General Liability	Based on prior years	\$24,994	\$2,006	\$27,000
16	Insurance - Worker Comp	Based on prior years	\$7,814	\$2,186	\$10,000
17	Normalization of Rate Case Expenses		\$11,128	\$1,372	\$12,500
18	Regulatory Commission Expenses	Reclassified	\$3,088	\$412	\$3,500
	Bad Debt Expense		\$0	\$0	\$0
19	Miscellaneous Expenses	Based on prior year	\$10,868	\$132	\$11,000
20	Meters	Repair & Replacement of Meters	\$20,930	\$19,070	\$40,000
B	Operating Expense Adjustments		\$1,042,129	\$86,821	\$1,128,950
C	Principal Payment	2 year projected payment average	\$263,661	(\$17,586)	\$246,075
D	Interest Expenses	2 year projected payment average	\$24,590	\$32,386	\$56,975
E	Fees	SRF Fees 2 year average	\$14,493	\$6,255	\$20,748
	Total Operating and Debt Service Adjustments		\$1,344,872	\$107,876	\$1,452,748

**Gardiner Water District
Billing Analysis and Representative Bills**

DRAFT DTD 6/2/20

			Current		Pro Forma		\$ Change	% Change
Range	Number of Readings	Usage 100 c.f.	Minimum	Revenues Generated	Pro Forma Minimum	Pro Forma Revenues		
5/8"								
0-1,200	7,368	50,932	\$ 56.65	\$ 413,882	\$ 58.08	424,312	10,430	
1,201-6,000	5,033	105,314	\$ 56.65	\$ 285,119	\$ 58.08	292,304	7,185	
over 6,000	171	22,237	\$ 56.65	\$ 9,687	\$ 58.08	9,931	244	
		Excess	\$ 3.07	\$ 161,064	\$ 3.15	165,261	4,197	
			\$ 1.70	\$ 14,686	\$ 1.74	15,032	346	
				884,438		906,840	22,402	
3/4"								
0-1,800	83	617	\$ 75.07	\$ 5,822	\$ 76.98	5,969	147	
1,801-6,000	91	3,092	\$ 75.07	\$ 6,831	\$ 76.98	7,005	174	
over 6,000	39	4,188	\$ 75.07	\$ 2,928	\$ 76.98	3,002	74	
		Excess	\$ 3.07	\$ 9,411	\$ 3.15	9,656	245	
			\$ 1.70	\$ 3,062	\$ 1.74	3,134	72	
				28,054		28,766	712	
1"								
0-3,000	51	446	\$ 111.91	\$ 4,783	\$ 114.78	4,903	121	
3,001-6,000	27	1,091	\$ 111.91	\$ 3,022	\$ 114.78	3,099	77	
over 6,000	24	2,929	\$ 111.91	\$ 2,686	\$ 114.78	2,755	69	
		Excess	\$ 3.07	\$ 3,045	\$ 3.15	3,125	79	
			\$ 1.70	\$ 2,491	\$ 1.74	2,550	59	
				16,027		16,432	405	
1.5"								
0-6,000	57	2,100	\$ 204.00	\$ 10,760	\$ 209.28	11,031	271	
over 6,000	68	15,373	\$ 204.00	\$ 13,872	\$ 209.28	14,231	359	
		Excess	\$ 1.70	\$ 13,282	\$ 1.74	13,594	313	
				37,914		38,856	943	
2"								
0-9,000	60	2,726	\$ 255.00	\$ 15,020	\$ 261.48	15,399	379	
over 9,000	81	28,252	\$ 255.00	\$ 20,655	\$ 261.48	21,180	525	
	145	Excess	\$ 1.70	\$ 35,372	\$ 1.74	36,204	832	
				71,048		72,783	1,735	
3"								
0-18,000	4	470	\$ 408.00	\$ 1,620	\$ 418.08	1,661	41	
over 18,000	4	830	\$ 408.00	\$ 1,632	\$ 418.08	1,672	40	
		Excess	\$ 1.70	\$ 192	\$ 1.74	196	5	
				3,444		3,529	86	
4"								
0-30,000	8	840	\$ 612.00	\$ 4,860	\$ 626.88	4,983	122	
over 30,000	-	-	\$ 612.00	\$ -	\$ 626.88	-	-	
				4,860		4,983	122	
6"								
0-60000	3	1,200	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 3,366	\$ 1,148.88	3,451	85	
60000+	1	900	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,148.88	1,149	27	
		Excess	\$ 1.70	\$ 431	\$ 1.74	441	10	
				4,919		5,041	122	
TOTAL METERED				1,050,703		1,077,230	26,526	2.52%
TOTAL METERED AND UNMETERED				1,050,703		1,077,230	26,526	2.52%
Private Fire Protection				94,387		96,766	2,379	2.52%
Other Revenues			471	-		-	-	
Public Fire Protection			462.1	498,520		511,083	12,563	2.52%
TOTAL REVENUES				1,643,610		1,685,078	41,468	2.52%

Calculation of Percent Increase	
Revenue Requirement	1,703,609
Less Public Fire Protection	511,083
Amount Generated by Other Users	1,192,526
Divided by:	1,145,090
Equals:	1.04143
Rate Increase required by District	1.02520
Overall Rate Increase	2.52%

Gardiner Water District Long Term Debt

Issuer	Date of Issue	Maturity	Par Amount Authorized	Principal Forgiveness/Grant	Loan Outstanding 6/1/3020	Rate
MMBB 2014FS	11/30/15	2035	\$ 1,700,000	\$0	\$1,386,513	1.00%
MMBB SRF Bridge Connections/DOT Est	09/01/20	2040	\$ 467,000	\$0	\$467,000	1.00%
MMBB/Hallowell Est. Hallowell/Gardiner Joint Well Proj. Es	04/01/21	2041	\$ 4,040,000	\$0	\$4,040,000	1.75%

Maturity schedule of the above bonds:			
Years Ending 31-Dec	Bond Principal	Bond Interest	Fees
2019	\$263,661	\$24,590	\$14,493
2020	\$138,444	\$25,159	\$20,814
2021	\$160,457	\$23,260	\$20,770
2022	\$331,694	\$90,690	\$20,725
2023	\$335,731	\$85,769	\$20,681
2 year average	\$246,075	\$56,975	\$20,748

Gardiner Water District Operating Statement

	2016	2017	2018	2019	Adjustment	Pro Forma
				Unaudited		
400	1,602,919	1,593,378	1,599,850	1,643,610	41,468	1,685,078
401	879,234	955,751	965,154	1,021,199	A 67,751	1,088,950
	45,000	45,000	19,000	20,930	19,070	40,000
403	283,895	292,830	287,386	287,386	-	287,386
407	-	-	-	-	-	-
408.1	10,341	11,255	17,022	32,385	2,615	35,000
	1,173,470	1,259,836	1,269,562	1,340,970	110,366	1,451,336
413	40,628	41,848	43,103	43,384	(234)	43,150
414	-	-	-	-	-	-
	470,077	375,390	373,391	346,024	(69,132)	276,892
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
415	34,434	32,554	37,697	22,961	(0)	22,961
419	2,306	2,316	2,156	2,835	(835)	2,000
421	-	-	-	-	-	-
	429,679	419,688	419,688	263,661	C (17,586)	246,075
	17,468	17,368	17,368	14,493	E 6,255	20,748
	(410,406)	(402,186)	(397,203)	(252,358)	10,496	(241,862)
426	-	-	-	-	-	-
427	\$ 81,300	\$ 65,727	\$ 49,604	\$ 24,590	D 32,386	56,975
428	(8,389)	(8,279)	(13,275)	13,275	-	13,275
	72,911	57,448	36,329	37,865	32,386	70,250
433	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(13,240)	(84,244)	(60,141)	55,802	F (91,022)	(35,220)

Gardiner Water District Water Operating Revenues

		2016	2017	2018	2019	Adjustment	Pro Forma
					Unaudited		
	OPERATING REVENUES						
	SALES OF WATER						
460	Unmetered Sales to Residential Customers	-				-	
461	Metered Sales to General Customers						
461.1	Residential	892,331	883,193	887,999	901,078	22,749	923,826
461.2	Commercial	118,615	116,212	120,984	124,229	3,136	127,365
461.3	Industrial	655	655	655	669	17	686
461.4	Public Authorities	21,927	23,384	24,698	24,727	624	25,352
	Total	1,033,528	1,023,444	1,034,336	1,050,703	26,526	1,077,230
462.1	Public Fire-Protection Services	505,884	505,884	494,192	498,520	12,563	511,083
462.2	Private Fire-Protection Services	62,717	63,269	71,322	94,387	2,379	96,766
	Other Sales to Public Authorities	-				-	
	Total Sales of Water	1,602,129	1,592,597	1,599,850	1,643,610	41,468	1,685,078
	OTHER OPERATING REVENUES					-	
471	Miscellaneous Service Revenue	790	781	-	-	-	-
474	Other Water Revenues	-				-	-
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,602,919	1,593,378	1,599,850	1,643,610	41,468	1,685,078

**Gardiner Water District
PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CALCULATION**

**APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 69
DETERMINATION OF FIRE PROTECTION REVENUE
(PUC DOCKET 87-5)**

No. of Customers: 3,493
 POPULATION SERVED: 8,733 X= 8.7325

REQUIRED FIRE FLOW FORMULA:

$$1020 * \text{Sq. Rt. X} \quad \text{times} \quad (1-0.01 \text{ Sq. Rt. X}) = \text{GPM}$$

$$1,020 * 8.7325 \quad \text{times} \quad 1-0.01 * 8.7325$$

$$1,020 * \frac{\text{SQ. RT.}}{2.955080371} \quad X \quad 1-0.01 * \frac{\text{SQ. RT.}}{2.95508}$$

$$3014.18 \quad X \quad 0.970449196 = \text{GALLONS PER MINUTE} \quad 2925 \text{ GPM}$$

PEAK FLOW

AVERAGE DAILY FLOW EQUALS $\frac{\text{GALLONS PER YEAR}}{365 \text{ DAYS X } 24 \text{ HRS X } 60 \text{ MIN.}}$ X 2-1/2

TOTAL FOR TOWN $\frac{311,812,000}{525,600} = 593.25 \text{ X } 2-1/2 = 1483.124 \text{ GPM}$

RATIO
 TOTAL FOR TOWN $\frac{1483.124049}{2925} = 0.5070318 \text{ TO BE APPLIED TO CHART} = 33\% +$

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHARGE LIMITED TO 30% PER CHAPTER 69.

Gardiner Water District BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		2018	2017	2016
UTILITY PLANT				
101-105	Utility plant	\$16,070,276	\$16,051,991	\$15,658,875
108-110	Less accumulated depreciation	<u>\$7,010,949</u>	<u>\$6,733,417</u>	<u>\$6,482,373</u>
	Net Plant	<u>\$9,059,327</u>	<u>\$9,318,574</u>	<u>\$9,176,502</u>
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS				
121	Nonutility Property	\$0	\$0	\$0
122	Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	\$0	\$0	\$0
125	Other Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0
127	Other Special Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Other Property and Investments	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS:				
131	Cash	\$461,698	\$596,704	\$843,326
132	Special Deposits	\$0	\$0	\$0
134	Working Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
141-144	Accounts and Notes Receivable, Less Uncollectible Accounts	\$103,034	\$99,573	\$94,324
151	Materials and Supplies	\$23,103	\$23,363	\$21,714
162	Prepayments	\$12,395	\$25,776	\$11,841
174	Misc. Current and Accrued Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Current and Accrued Assets	<u>\$600,230</u>	<u>\$745,416</u>	<u>\$971,205</u>
181-190	DEFERRED DEBITS	\$319,896	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$9,979,453</u>	<u>\$10,063,990</u>	<u>\$10,147,707</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
EQUITY CAPITAL				
211	Other Paid-In Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
214	Appropriated Retained Earnings	\$8,377,228	\$7,952,690	\$7,533,303
215	Unappropriated Retained Earnings	<u>-\$1,608,032</u>	<u>-\$1,560,409</u>	<u>-\$1,493,834</u>
		<u>\$6,769,196</u>	<u>\$6,392,281</u>	<u>\$6,039,469</u>
LONG TERM DEBT				
221	Bonds	\$2,114,997	\$2,539,535	\$2,959,222
224	Other Long-Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Long Term Debt	<u>\$2,114,997</u>	<u>\$2,539,535</u>	<u>\$2,959,222</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES				
231	Accounts Payable	\$9,016	\$25,546	\$13,772
232	Notes Payable	\$11,650	\$23,061	\$39,254
233	Accounts Payable to Associated Companies	\$0	\$0	\$0
235	Customer Deposits	\$0	\$0	\$0
237	Accrued interest	\$6,125	\$9,271	\$12,741
241	Misc Current and Accrued Liabilities	\$96,400	\$93,580	\$92,090
	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$123,191</u>	<u>\$151,458</u>	<u>\$157,857</u>
251	Unamortized Premium on Debt	\$8,023	\$21,298	\$29,577
253	Other Deferred Credits	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Deferred Credits	<u>\$8,023</u>	<u>\$21,298</u>	<u>\$29,577</u>
261-265	OPERATING RESERVES	<u>\$189,496</u>	<u>\$174,496</u>	<u>\$159,496</u>
CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION				
271	Contributions in Aid of Construction	\$1,526,748	\$1,520,251	\$1,520,539
272	Accumulated Amortization of CIAC	<u>\$752,198</u>	<u>\$735,329</u>	<u>\$718,453</u>
	Total Net CIAC	<u>\$774,550</u>	<u>\$784,922</u>	<u>\$802,086</u>
	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	<u>\$9,979,453</u>	<u>\$10,063,990</u>	<u>\$10,147,707</u>

APPENDIX

GARDINER WATER DISTRICT

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE
DRAFT CUSTOMER NOTICE
TARIFF SHEETS NOS. 1, 2 and 3**

GARDINER WATER DISTRICT

RATE FILING

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RATE FILING

	<u>On or before:</u>
Submit rate case information package to: Public Utilities Commission Public Advocate	June 5, 2020
	<u>No later than:</u>
Send notices to all customers and Publish the legal notice	June 22, 2020
Hold public hearing and District Meeting	July 8, 2020
File final rate case documents	August 31, 2020
Proposed Effective date	October 1, 2020

Gardiner Water District Legal Notice

The Gardiner Water District gives notice to the public that on **July 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**, a virtual public hearing will be held to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase. To gain access to the public hearing, you may either join by phone or via an online Zoom Meeting:

By Phone: (646)-558-8656

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81910063856?pwd=MjdvTXpUVmZSL1g4dkpSTW5vZXFSUT09.>

Meeting ID: 819 1006 3856

Password: 037883

This information can also be found on the District's website, www.gardinerwaterdistrict.com as well as the City of Gardiner's website, www.gardinermaine.com.

	Effective on October 1, 2020	
	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential Customers	2.52%	\$ 22,749
Commercial Customers	2.52%	\$ 3,136
Industrial Customers	2.52%	\$ 17
Governmental Customers	2.52%	\$ 624
Private Fire Protection	2.52%	\$ 2,379
Public Fire Protection	<u>2.52%</u>	<u>\$ 12,563</u>
Overall Increase	2.52%	\$ 41,468

Public Fire protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 69 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules. Since the last rate increase of 2018, operating and maintenance costs have continued to increase, and the District will be increasing debt by borrowing to cover a new project for bridge connections as part of a Department of Transportation (DOT) project and for the Hallowell Gardiner joint well project. Rates are to become effective on October 1, 2020.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104-A), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the Gardiner Water District for inspection on and after **June 5, 2020**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call Paul Gray, Superintendent, Gardiner Water District, at (207)-582-5500, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207)-287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207)-624-3687.

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SCHEDULE OF METERED RATES

This rate is available to all residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers not covered by any other special rates in this schedule.

Quarterly Billing

For the First 1,200 Cubic Feet or less	\$ 58.08
For the Next 4,800 Cubic Feet per quarter	\$ 3.15 per 100 cu. ft.
In excess of 6,000 Cubic Feet per quarter	\$ 1.74 per 100 cu. ft.

If billed monthly, consumption steps and the Minimum Charge will be one-third of the quarterly charges.

Minimum Charge

The minimum for different sizes of meters will be billed on a quarterly basis in accordance with the District's billing procedure and these minimums will apply:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>		<u>Monthly</u>	
	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8"	1,200	\$ 58.08	400	\$ 19.36
3/4"	1,800	\$ 76.98	600	\$ 25.66
1"	3,000	\$ 114.78	1,000	\$ 38.26
1-1/2"	6,000	\$ 209.28	2,000	\$ 69.76
2"	9,000	\$ 261.48	3,000	\$ 87.16
3"	18,000	\$ 418.08	6,000	\$ 139.36
4"	30,000	\$ 626.88	10,000	\$ 208.96
6"	60,000	\$ 1,148.88	20,000	\$ 382.96

Terms of Payment

Bills under this rate are net and will be due and payable upon presentation. Whether bills are rendered monthly or quarterly will be at the option of the District.

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**SHEET #2
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PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

AVAILABLE:

To the City of Gardiner, and the Towns of Farmingdale and Randolph,
for Municipal Fire Protection

RATE:

The rate for existing hydrants as installed on the system at October 1, 2020,
shall have a charge of

	Hydrants	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
Gardiner	181	\$312,520	\$78,130	\$26,043
Farmingdale	66	\$113,958	\$28,489	\$9,496
Randolph	49	\$84,605	\$21,151	\$7,050
	296	\$511,083	\$127,771	\$ 42,590

Rate for hydrants installed after October 1, 2020, shall be determined
in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations
of Chapter 69.

All public fire hydrants now existing or to be installed will be cared for and maintained
in good working order [unavoidable accidents accepted] by the District.

Once any fire hydrant is actually installed and in operation, the total annual fire
protection service charge then in effect will not be reduced should the municipality
served order one or more hydrants discontinued.

Should the municipality order any hydrant or hydrants moved to a different location,
the municipality shall pay to the District all costs of removing and
and re-installing said hydrant or hydrants.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Charges under these rates are net and will be billed and payable monthly, quarterly or
annually in advance, at the option of the District.

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PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

AVAILABLE:

To customers using the District's services for private fire protection, the following rates apply to fire protection only and include no allowance for water for other than fire fighting purposes.

RATES:

Private fire service for automatic sprinklers, standpipes, or hose connections to be used only for fire protection inside of buildings.

Service charges per inch of service pipe diameter, per year \$194.22

Each private hydrant with service connection furnished, installed maintained by user for private fire protection, per year. \$1,028.34

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Charges for private fire protection shall be billed and payable quarterly in advance/arrears

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