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Dear Customers:

The Sewer Authority held a Special Meeting on December 5, 2024, to review the operations, maintenance costs planned for 2025, and the remaining capital improvement projects scheduled through December 2026. The Authority wishes to express not a single representative wants to raise the sewer rental charges. We have been fortunate to actively maintain our system without detrimental failures and expenses.

To continue with our proactive management decisions to have an efficient and reliable system into the future, the Authority authorized an increase which will go into effect January 1, 2025, and will be reflected on the May 1, 2025, bill. The sewer rate has been adjusted to \$120 per quarter for 6,000 gallons, with an additional charge of \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. This rate increase compensates for the past two years of increased operational costs and includes the next two years of projected costs.

It is important to remember wastewater treatment facilities expenses are driven by rising costs of chemicals, electricity, biosolids disposal and necessary infrastructure upgrades. Our system was placed into operation in March 1990 with a plant expansion in 2003. The collection system ranges between 28 to 35 years. Many components of our system have reached their end of life and are in need of being replaced.

Over the past 5 years, the Authority updated the lift stations with new control panels and is in the process of installing generators and new mechanical components to each. This \$1.3 million project will be completed early 2025.

The Authority was fortunate to secure through the Commonwealth Financing Authority a \$1.0 million COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA Grant to offset the expense of the \$2.7 million Collection System Improvement project scheduled to begin mid-2025. This project will

Notice of Rate Change

Effective January 1, 2025, Abbottstown Paradise Joint Sewer Authority will increase its sewer rates for all customers.

The quarterly minimum rate of \$108.00 will increase to \$120.00 per dwelling unit (EDU). The overage of \$8.25 per thousand gallons will increase to \$8.50 per thousand.

Current Rate Structure: Base \$108 (0-6,000) Overage \$8.25/1000 over base 6,000
Proposed Rate Increase: Base \$120 (0-6,000) Overage \$8.50/1000 over base 6,000

APJSA service area consists of 1,028 customers utilizing 1,422 dwelling units (EDU).

Based on APJSA variable rate structure, the three (3) highest tiers for **consumption** per quarter are the following:

Highest Consumption:

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| 13,000 gals. EDU: 63 | Quarter Bill: \$165.75 | New Rate: \$179.50* |
| 9,000 gals. EDU: 77 | Quarter Bill: \$132.75 | New Rate: \$145.50* |
| 10,000 gals. EDU: 70 | Quarter Bill: \$141.00 | New Rate: \$154.00* |

(*Base \$120/EDU Overage \$8.50/1000 gallons)

The maximum percentage of **customers** use 7,000 gallons per quarter.

Current Quarter Bill: \$116.25 New Rate: 128.50

Based on 4Q24BC, the increase would generate approximately \$64,000* annually.
(Note: In 2025, only three quarters will be billed at the new rate.)