FPUA Rate Adjustments

Presented to the City Commission

February 17, 2015

Rate Adjustment Objectives

- Eliminate support of water utility by electric utility
- Maintain competitive rates in all utilities
- Maintain 60 days operating cash reserve
- Utilize excess cash reserves to support deficient rates until revenue sufficiency in all utilities is achieved (i.e., excess cash back to customers)

Impact of 2015 Proposed Water Rate Adjustment on Customer Bill

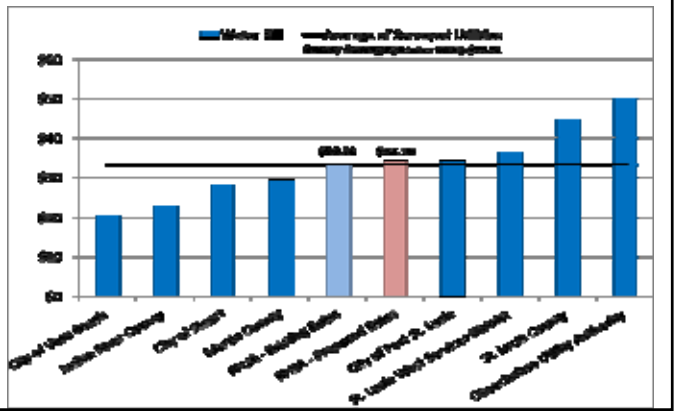
	February Bill	Proposed April Bill	Change	Average Number of Services Billed
6,000 gallons	$ 33.19	$ 34.18	$ 0.99	19,756

Fort Pierce City Charter Article XII, Sec. 176 (6)

Reads, in part:

"Rates shall be sufficient to pay all operating and maintenance expenses of each respective utility operation, capital outlay, all bond interest and redemption costs, and payments authorized by this article."

Residential Water Bill Comparison Based on 6,000 Monthly Gallons



Future Planned Base Rate Adjustments

Funds 65% of the Rate Funded Capital Plan

	4/1/2015	4/1/2016	4/1/2017	4/1/2018	4/1/2019	4/1/2020
Electric	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Water	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Wastewater	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Gas	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Water Rate Increases Can Be Offset By Conservation

- Average customer would only have to decrease consumption by about 350 gallons per month
- This is easily attainable
- The EPA states that a bathroom faucet can use 2 gallons of water per minute. By turning off the tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving, you can save up to 240 gallons of water per month. Additionally, by eliminating one load of laundry a week can save up to 2,100 gallons of water annually.

FPUA Conservation Resources

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Conservation Display Area located in Customer Service

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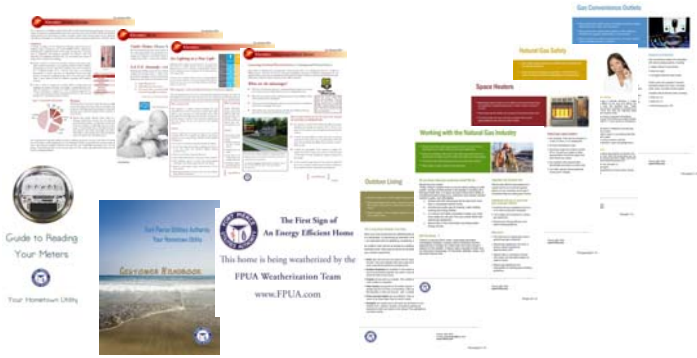

Bill Inserts, Brochures, Coloring Books, Flyers, and Conservation Giveaways

LED Streetlight Rates

City of Fort Pierce
Streetlight Retrofit Program

- Rate per light is less due to lower energy use
- Reduced maintenance cost

Request Approval
FPUA Rate Adjustments

- Resolution No. UA 2015-01 provides for a 3% increase in the water customer and volume charges,
- Resolution No. UA 2015-02 adds three rates for LED Streetlights