

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

**COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION**

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

..Title

Request Authority to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Dear Sir:

An in-house review of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) User Charge Ordinance (Ordinance) by the Monitoring and Research Department established the need to amend the Ordinance to provide modification of certain provisions of the Ordinance.

The amendments are summarized as follows:

1. Section 7.I. is amended to add standard domestic waste strength concentrations for eligibility under the automatic billing option.
2. Appendix E, Section I is amended to increase the Minimum Pretreatment Requirement (MPR) charges applicable to significant industrial users (SIU) to provide greater administrative cost recovery for the Pretreatment Program, as required by federal regulation. The charges to ensure MPR cost recovery are as follows:

<b><u>SIU Annual Flow Volume (gallons)</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Charge</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended 2015 Charge</u></b>
<1,296,760	\$ 775	\$ 855
1,296,760 to 3,478,200	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,735
3,478,200 to 6,036,040	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,475
6,036,040 to 10,464,520	\$ 4,720	\$ 5,210
10,464,520 to 18,613,980	\$ 6,310	\$ 7,000
18,613,980 to 28,329,770	\$ 7,875	\$ 8,700
28,329,770 to 56,498,000	\$ 9,345	\$ 10,320
>56,498,000	\$ 11,020	\$ 12,170

<b><u>MPR Activity</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Charge</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended 2015 Charge</u></b>
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Inspection	\$ 310	\$ 345
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Each sample point specified in the SIU's Discharge Authorization

	\$ 425	\$ 470
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3. Appendix F, Section I is amended to modify the User Charge rates applicable to Large Commercial-Industrial and Tax-Exempt User classes. The 2015 billing rates for flow, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) are as follows:

**LARGE COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL AND TAX EXEMPT USER RATES:**

	<b>2014 Rates</b>	<b>Recommended 2015 Rates</b>
(1) Volume	\$246.08 per million gallons	\$250.51 per million gallons
(2) 5-day BOD	\$245.75 per thousand pounds of BOD	\$240.49 per thousand pounds of BOD
(3) SS	\$159.72 per thousand pounds of SS	\$154.08 per thousand pounds of SS

4. Appendix F, Section III is amended to modify the Operations, Maintenance and Replacement (OM&R) Factor as follows:

<b>2014 OM&amp;R Factor</b>	<b>Recommended 2015 OM&amp;R Factor</b>
0.435	0.391

The recommended charges and rates were agreed upon by the User Charge Blue Ribbon Panel in 2013. Attached is "An Ordinance to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, As Amended." We recommend adoption of the proposed Ordinance amendments. These Ordinance amendments will take effect on January 1, 2015.

Requested, Thomas C. Granato, Director of Monitoring and Research, TCG:RMH:MJ:EPI:lk

Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel

Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick D. Thompson, Chairman, Committee on Industrial Waste and Water Pollution

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 18, 2014

Attachment