



Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission

The Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission (“JWSC”) intends to hold public meetings on June 6, 2023, at 6 p.m. in room 108 of the Glynn County Casino at 550 Beachview Drive on St. Simons Island, and on June 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Howard Coffin Park auditorium at 1402 Sonny Miller Way in Brunswick where it will consider a potential rate adjustment that would go into effect starting July 1, 2023. As required by Section 1-2 of Part I of House Bill 1271 amending Section 7 of the enabling legislation creating the JWSC approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3661), the JWSC is providing the following information as part of its notice of the public hearings:

- 1) A financial justification for the proposed rate adjustment,
- 2) A five-year projection of future operating revenue and expenses with and without such proposed rate adjustment, and
- 3) A history of the dates and amounts of any changes in customer rates, fees, tolls, or charges previously approved by the JWSC during the five-year period immediately preceding the effective date of the proposed adjustment.

1) Financial Justification

The rate adjustment being considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, which begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024, is necessary to:

- A. Continue to support infrastructure investment for the rehabilitation and replacement of existing water and sewer assets with rapidly increasing construction costs.
- B. Fund the increased annual cost requirements of chemicals, fuel, and other consumables used for the effective treatment and conveyance of water and wastewater to meet federal and state regulatory standards.
- C. Fund the purchase of necessary equipment to improve the operations and maintenance of the water and sewer systems.

2a) A Five-Year Projection of Revenue & Expenses without Proposed Rate Adjustment

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Operating Revenues					
Water Variable Charges	7,500,000	7,567,500	7,635,608	7,696,692	7,758,266
Sewer Variable Charges	14,602,725	14,734,150	14,866,757	14,985,691	15,105,576
REU Charges	4,560,000	4,601,040	4,642,449	4,679,589	4,717,026
Administrative Charges	6,560,000	6,619,040	6,685,230	6,818,935	6,955,314
Other Operating Revenue	2,275,000	2,388,750	2,508,188	2,633,597	2,765,277
	<u>35,497,725</u>	<u>35,910,480</u>	<u>36,338,232</u>	<u>36,814,504</u>	<u>37,301,458</u>
Operating Expenses					
Personnel, Administrative and Operations	24,153,983	24,878,602	25,624,961	26,393,709	27,185,521
Capital Expenditures	412,580	950,000	800,000	950,000	950,000
Debt Service	2,986,373	2,988,031	2,984,035	2,984,499	2,984,499
Reserve Transfers	8,417,064	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
	<u>35,970,000</u>	<u>36,316,634</u>	<u>36,908,996</u>	<u>37,828,208</u>	<u>38,620,020</u>
Net Cash Flows	\$ (472,275)	\$ (406,154)	\$ (570,764)	\$ (1,013,704)	\$ (1,318,561)

2b) A Five-Year Projection of Revenue & Expenses with Proposed Rate Adjustment

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Operating Revenues					
Water Variable Charges	7,500,000	7,567,500	7,635,608	7,696,692	7,758,266
Sewer Variable Charges	15,075,000	15,210,675	15,347,571	15,470,352	15,594,114
REU Charges	4,560,000	4,601,040	4,642,449	4,679,589	4,717,026
Administrative Charges	6,560,000	6,619,040	6,685,230	6,818,935	6,955,314
Other Operating Revenue	2,275,000	2,388,750	2,508,188	2,633,597	2,765,277
	<u>35,970,000</u>	<u>36,387,005</u>	<u>36,819,046</u>	<u>37,299,165</u>	<u>37,789,996</u>
Operating Expenses					
Personnel, Administrative and Operations	24,153,983	24,878,602	25,624,961	26,393,709	27,185,521
Capital Expenditures	412,580	1,100,000	800,000	950,000	950,000
Debt Service	2,986,373	2,988,031	2,984,035	2,984,499	2,984,499
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	<u>35,970,000</u>	<u>36,466,634</u>	<u>36,908,996</u>	<u>37,828,208</u>	<u>38,620,020</u>
Net Cash Flows	\$ -	\$ (79,629)	\$ (89,950)	\$ (529,044)	\$ (830,023)

3) The Five-Year Rate History of the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water & Sewer Commission

7/1/17 - 6/30/18

Brunswick District

Water

Administrative Fee	\$	7.57
REU Fee (per REU)	\$	2.31
Usage Rates (per Kgal.)		
1-3	\$	1.54
4-6	\$	2.07
7-12	\$	2.58
13-20	\$	3.20
20+	\$	4.84
Usage Rates - Irrigation		
1-6	\$	2.58
7-14	\$	3.20
15+	\$	4.84

Sewer

Administrative Fee	\$	7.57
REU Fee (per REU)	\$	2.76
Usage Rates (per Kgal.)	\$	7.15

Glynn District

Water

Administrative Fee	\$	7.57
REU Fee (per REU)	\$	1.62
Usage Rates (per Kgal.)		
1-3	\$	1.54
4-6	\$	2.07
7-12	\$	2.58
13-20	\$	3.20
20+	\$	4.84
Usage Rates - Irrigation		
1-6	\$	2.58
7-14	\$	3.20
15+	\$	4.84

Sewer

Administrative Fee	\$	7.57
REU Fee (per REU)	\$	7.83
Usage Rates (per Kgal.)	\$	7.15

New Structure Effective 7/1/18*

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Base Charge	\$7.60	\$13.06
Residential Equivalent Unit ("REU") Fee (per REU)	\$2.27	\$5.57

Volume Charges (per 1,000 gal)

Potable Water

First 1,000 gal	\$0.00
1,001 to 3,000 gal	\$2.16
3,001 to 6,000 gal	\$2.89
6,001 to 20,000 gal	\$3.61
20,001 gal and over	\$4.32

Sewer

First 1,000 gal.	\$0.00
1,001 gal and over	\$7.73
(Sewer Only Flat Rate Calculated Based on 4,200 gal per REU)	

Irrigation

First 1,000 gal	\$0.00
1,001 to 12,000 gal	\$2.89
12,001 to 20,000 gal	\$3.61
20,001 gal and over	\$4.32

*Reaffirmed for effective dates 7/1/19, 7/1/20, 7/1/21

New Structure Effective 7/1/22

	Water	Sewer
Base Charge	\$7.60	\$13.06
Residential Equivalent Unit ("REU") Fee (per REU)	\$2.27	\$5.57
Volume Charges (per 1,000 gal)		
<u>Potable Water</u>		
First 1,000 gal	\$0.00	
1,001 to 3,000 gal	\$2.16	
—▶ 3,001 to 6,000 gal	\$2.89	
—▶ 6,001 to 20,000 gal	\$4.17	
20,001 gal and over	\$4.99	
<u>Sewer</u>		
First 1,000 gal.		\$0.00
1,001 gal and over		\$7.73
(Sewer Only Flat Rate Calculated Based on 4,200 gal per REU)		
<u>Irrigation</u>		
First 1,000 gal	\$0.00	
1,001 to 12,000 gal	\$2.89	
12,001 to 20,000 gal	\$3.61	
20,001 gal and over	\$4.32	

4) Proposed Changes to the Rate Structure

	Water	Sewer
Base Charge	\$7.60	\$13.06
Residential Equivalent Unit ("REU") Fee (per REU)	\$2.27	\$5.57
Volume Charges (per 1,000 gal)		
<u>Water</u>		
First 1,000 gal	\$0.00	
1,001 to 3,000 gal	\$2.16	
3,001 to 6,000 gal	\$2.89	
6,001 to 20,000 gal	\$4.17	
20,001 gal and over	\$4.99	
<u>Sewer</u>		
First 1,000 gal.		\$0.00
—▶ 1,001 gal and over		\$7.98
(Sewer Only Flat Rate Calculated Based on 4,200 gal per REU)		