WHY WE NEED NEW RATES
TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CLEAN, SAFE, AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER AND
PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH SAFE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

OUR COSTS HAVE GONE UP, YOUR BILL HASN’T

$571,000
IT COSTS US $571,000 A DAY TO OPERATE

OUR RATES HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE
2011
IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, OUR OPERATING COSTS HAVE INCREASED
30%

OUR SYSTEM IS GETTING OLD

WATER PIPES

SEWER PIPES

65%

58%

40 YEARS OLD

More than 65%, or around 1,900 miles, of our water pipes are over 40 years old.

More than 58%, or around 1,800 miles, of our sewer pipes are over 40 years old.

WE NEED DEDICATED FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

In addition to your current 10% sewer surcharge, you will see a fee that equals 10% of your water service charge. These fees create dedicated funds for maintaining and upgrading water and sewer infrastructure.

SIR
SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT FEE
(Equals current sewer surcharge)

WIR
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT FEE
(This is new)

EPA REQUIRES SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES

$1.5B
CONSENT DEGREE REQUIRES $1.5 BILLION IN UPGRADES
Clean Water Nashville program was created to address sewer overflows.

2009

60
60 PROJECTS NEED FUNDING
We have 60 projects on hold until we have the funding to move forward.

2019

$400M in upgrades needed to Central Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce sewer overflows

$300M for Mill Creek Tunnel and Storage project needed to reduce sewer overflows

150 miles of sewer main need rehabilitation

PROJECT COSTS ESCALATE THE LONGER WE WAIT

STRONGER REGULATIONS AND HIGHER STANDARDS REQUIRE INVESTMENT

As the EPA determines new regulations, we must upgrade our operations and infrastructure to meet federal standards and ensure the highest quality of water for our customers.