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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Greater Augusta Utility District gives notice to the public that at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 22, 2024, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed drinking water and fire protection rate increase. Further information relating to the public hearing and supporting documents for the rate increase may be found at www.gaud.ws.

Effective on June 1, 2024:

Class	Percentage	Amount
Residential	30%	\$570,515
Commercial	30%	\$300,422
Governmental	30%	\$73,460
Private fire protection	30%	\$216,700
Public fire protection	30%	\$329,712
Overall increase	30%	\$1,490,809

The increase in rates will be effective starting on or after June 1, 2024. Since its last adjustment in 2023, the District has incurred continuous increases in operating, maintenance and debt service costs. The proposed 30% adjustment will increase the District's annual revenue by an estimated \$1,490,809. The District invoices customers for water, sewer, stormwater and fire service. Only the water and fire service portion of the invoice will be affected by this rate increase. A customer with a 5/8" meter who uses five hundred (500) cubic feet of water (3,740 gallons) per month will see an increase of about \$8.36 per month.

The rate adjustment proceedings are governed by Maine law and reviewed by the Public Utilities Commission. Pursuant to 35-A MRS Section 6104, a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the

present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRS Section 6104 to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the District's rates pursuant to 35-A MRS Section 310, if, on or before thirty (30) days following the public hearing 15% of the District customers (or 1,000 District customers, whichever is less), file with the Greater Augusta Utility District's General Manager and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with the petition forms that include space for the signatures, printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of materials supporting the proposed rate changes is available at the Greater Augusta Utility District's office for inspection and online at www.gaud.ws.

For more information, call Brian Tarbuck, General Manager, at (207) 622-3701, or the Administrative Director of the Maine Public Utilities Commission at (207) 287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, 112 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0112, (207) 624-3687.