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Board of Directors Adopts Budget and 2011 Water and Sewer Rates

ROANOKE, VA – After holding a public hearing June 17, 2010, the Western Virginia Water Authority (Authority) Board of Directors voted to adopt new water and sewer rates for all of its customers in 2011. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2011.

Water rates for 2011 include a base rate increase for Roanoke area water customers from \$6.25 to \$7.75 per month. There is no change to the water volume rate.

The 2011 sewer rates include a base rate increase for Roanoke area wastewater customers from \$9.25 to \$11.20 per month. The increase in wastewater rates continues to help fund capital projects and meet the collection system renovation requirements of the consent order executed between the Authority and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). There is no change to the wastewater volume rate.

There are no changes in fire service fees.

For customers in Franklin County, a monthly base charge for undeveloped lots of \$16.00, which includes a minimum usage of 2,000 gallons per month, is the only rate change.

The Authority's 2011 rates are below the 2009 average for customers in Virginia as identified by the 21st Annual Virginia Water and Wastewater Rate Report by Draper Aden Associates and are in line with rate benchmarks set by the Board.

The Board of Directors also approved an annual budget for fiscal year 2011. This budget provides for the reliable operation of the utility, continued commitment to replacing infrastructure, system improvements and provides for growth while maintaining a healthy financial standing.

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