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Holland BPW announces water rate increase

HOLLAND, MI – July 20, 2010 – The Holland Board of Public Works and City of Holland have approved an 8.0% increase in water charges. The rate adjustment approved at the July 7 City Council meeting will help to meet the HBPW's water system 2011 Fiscal Year budget.

The approval came following an extensive review of the revenue requirements and costs underlying the rate proposal. Revenue from the rate increase will help allow the Holland BPW to meet bond payments and fixed operating costs; as well as to address the replacement of aging pipes.

"The HBPW is sensitive to raising rates during these tough economic times," said Director of Utility Services John Van Uffelen. "However, we must ensure that we keep up with actual costs while maintaining to provide a safe, reliable, and sustainable water supply to our customers."

An average HBPW residential customer who uses 81,000 gallons of water each year will see an increase of \$1.17 per month (approximately 4 cents per day).

The new rate went into effect July 1, 2010. Customers will see the change in their July bill. For water saving tips and additional information, visit www.hollandbpw.com.

The Holland Board of Public Works is a municipally owned utility, providing electricity, fiber optics, water filtration and wastewater treatment to the City of Holland and selected areas.

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