



MCWA'S 2019 WATER RATES TO ENHANCE REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY

At its December meeting the Monroe County Water Authority Board ratified a 4.5% rate increase that will reinvest in capital water projects, enabling dependable water service for customers for many years to come.

The modest rate increase will mean the typical MCWA Customer's utility bill will increase only 83-cents per month. The anticipated additional revenue will help the Authority replace aging water system components throughout the region and keep the Authority on track with its recently updated Infrastructure Renewal Plan.

"Water systems throughout the United States, including some here in NY State, are struggling due to the deferred investments in their water supply infrastructure. In contrast, the Water Authority continues with its program of proactive investments in the replacement of aging infrastructure to provide high quality, reliable water service to customers we serve in our service area," said Nick Noce, MCWA Executive Director.

The new water rates will also allow multiyear projects to move forward, major technology upgrades, and the following improvements:

- 10 miles of Water Main Rehabilitation & Replacements
- 15,000 Residential Meter Replacements
- Electrical system upgrades at the Shoremont Water Treatment Plant
- Tank Painting and Rehabilitation

"In addition to these and other water system improvements, we are committed to containing operational costs wherever possible in order to keep rates affordable for our rate payers", Noce said.

The new rates will go into effect on January 1, 2019.