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MAWSS Approves Budget with Rate Increase for 2015

The Board of Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) today approved a \$57.1 million operating budget for 2015 that includes a 5 percent increase in water and sewer rates. The increase takes effect January 1, and applies to water and sewer usage rates only. It will not affect the administration fee on the bill. Water and sewer customers using an average of 5000 gallons of water a month will see an increase of about \$2.35 in their monthly bill. The average bill will go from \$50.95 to \$53.30 a month.

The rate hike is the fourth in a five year plan started in 2012 to raise rates 5 percent each year to increase the amount of capital funds available to repair and replace aging infrastructure, keep drinking water safe and meet new regulatory requirements that better protect the environment.

Complete information on rates is available at www.mawss.com.