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Dear Customers:

On August 9th, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved a series of incremental rate adjustments for water and wastewater services provided by Lee County Utilities. Commercial water and wastewater rates are provided in more detail on the back of this letter.

These adjustments are necessary to recover the rising cost of operation and maintenance, the funding of improvements to our existing facilities and infrastructure, and repayment of debt, to provide safe and reliable service.

To minimize the impact on the customer's utility bills, the rate increase will be adjusted incrementally as follows:

	Effective Dates			
	<u>10/01/11</u>	<u>10/01/12</u>	<u>10/01/13</u>	<u>10/01/14</u>
Water Services	6.0%	6.0%	2.3%	2.3%
Wastewater Services	8.0%	8.0%	4.6%	4.6%
Combined Services	7.0%	7.0%	3.5%	3.5%

The following table illustrates the estimated effects of the upcoming 10/01/11 rate increase to a typical customer's monthly bill:

	<u>5/8"</u>	<u>1"</u>	<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>2"</u>
Billed Usage (Gallons)	7,000	18,000	18,000	63,000
Water Only Customers:				
Existing Rates	\$31.13	\$75.35	\$92.85	\$253.74
Approved Rates	<u>\$32.74</u>	<u>\$79.05</u>	<u>\$97.45</u>	<u>\$266.05</u>
Increase in Billed Amount	\$1.61	\$3.70	\$4.60	\$12.31
Wastewater Only Customers:				
Existing Rates	\$48.75	\$118.16	\$150.16	\$394.06
Approved Rates	<u>\$51.95</u>	<u>\$128.00</u>	<u>\$164.00</u>	<u>\$429.95</u>
Increase in Billed Amount	\$3.20	\$9.84	\$13.84	\$35.89
Water & Wastewater Customers:				
Existing Rates	\$79.88	\$193.51	\$243.01	\$647.80
Approved Rates	<u>\$84.69</u>	<u>\$207.05</u>	<u>\$261.45</u>	<u>\$696.00</u>
Increase in Billed Amount	\$4.81	\$13.54	\$18.44	\$48.20

Should you have questions about the upcoming rate change, please contact Customer Service at 239-533-8845 or email LCUCUSTSERV@leegov.com.



LEE COUNTY UTILITIES
NEW COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER & WASTEWATER RATE CHANGES
EFFECTIVE 10/01/2011
APPROVED BY LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 9, 2011

Monthly Service & Administrative Charges

Commercial Type of Service (Per Meter)	Water				Wastewater			
	Effective Dates				Effective Dates			
	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14
5/8" (1.0 ERU)	\$11.35	\$12.04	\$12.31	\$12.59	\$17.30	\$18.68	\$19.55	\$20.45
3/4" (1.5 ERU)	\$15.48	\$16.42	\$16.79	\$17.17	\$24.50	\$26.46	\$27.69	\$28.96
1" (2.5 ERU)	\$23.73	\$25.17	\$25.74	\$26.32	\$38.90	\$42.01	\$43.96	\$45.98
1-1/2" (5.0 ERU)	\$44.35	\$47.04	\$48.11	\$49.19	\$74.90	\$80.88	\$84.63	\$88.53
2" (8.0 ERU)	\$69.10	\$73.29	\$74.96	\$76.64	\$118.10	\$127.53	\$133.44	\$139.59
3" (16.0 ERU)	\$135.10	\$143.29	\$146.56	\$149.84	\$233.30	\$251.93	\$263.60	\$275.75
4" (25.0 ERU)	\$209.35	\$222.04	\$227.11	\$232.19	\$362.90	\$391.88	\$410.03	\$428.93
6" (50.0 ERU)	\$415.60	\$440.79	\$450.86	\$460.94	\$722.90	\$780.63	\$816.78	\$854.43
8" (80.0 ERU)	\$663.10	\$703.29	\$719.36	\$735.44	\$1,154.90	\$1,247.13	\$1,304.88	\$1,365.03
10" (145.0 ERU)	\$1,199.35	\$1,272.04	\$1,301.11	\$1,330.19	\$2,090.90	\$2,257.88	\$2,362.43	\$2,471.33

ERU = Equivalent Residential Connection

Usage Charges (per 1,000 Gallons) *

Water					Wastewater				
Usage Charges (Per ERU)	Effective Dates				Usage Charges	Effective Dates			
	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14		10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14
0 to 6,000 Gallons	\$2.95	\$3.13	\$3.20	\$3.27	All Billed Flow	\$4.95	\$5.35	\$5.59	\$5.85
6,001 to 12,000 Gallons	\$3.69	\$3.91	\$4.00	\$4.09					
12,001 to 18,000 Gallons	\$4.43	\$4.70	\$4.80	\$4.91					
18,001 and above	\$5.90	\$6.25	\$6.40	\$6.54					

* Note: An additional wellfield development surcharge of \$0.50 per ERU will be assessed those commercial customers whose monthly water consumption exceeds their initial water conservation block during the monthly billing period. (6,000 gallons per ERU)

Irrigation

Water Usage Charges (per 1,000 Gallons)

Usage Amount	Effective Dates			
	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14
0 to 6,000 Gallons	\$3.69	\$3.91	\$4.00	\$4.09
6,001 to 12,000 Gallons	\$4.43	\$4.70	\$4.80	\$4.91
12,001 and above	\$5.90	\$6.25	\$6.40	\$6.54

Non-Irrigation

Water Usage Charges (per 1,000 Gallons)

Usage Amount	Effective Dates			
	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13	10/01/14
0 and above	\$3.10	\$3.29	\$3.36	\$3.44

Fire Line Monthly Charge

Meter Size	Effective 10/01/11
5/8"	\$4.98
3/4"	\$4.98
1"	\$4.98
1 1/2"	\$4.98
2"	\$4.98
3"	\$9.96
4"	\$14.95
6"	\$29.89
8"	\$48.76
10"	\$59.78