



Press Release

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The North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority (NHTMA) took action at its regular meeting on May 2, 2007 to adopt a \$5.7 million annual budget, as well as update its \$5.9 million capital improvement plan designed to continue upgrading its aging infrastructure. The Authority's 2008 fiscal year began on May 1, 2007.

Operating expenses are projected to increase by \$560,000, attributable in part to routine cost of living adjustments for wages and benefits, as well as higher costs for fuel, insurance, utilities and regulatory compliance.

Monthly rates for NHTMA residential customers will increase by \$1.00 per month beginning with service for May, 2007, for a total of \$36.20 per month. This increase will result in a resident paying an additional \$12.00 per year for sewage service. Commercial customers will see a similar increase of \$1.00 per month for each 4,200 gallons of water used. The rate increase will go directly towards capital improvements.

The newly adopted budget predicts that \$180,000 in new operating revenue will be derived from the increase in monthly rates as well as adding new customers to the system.

Residential customers will see the effect of the rate increase beginning with the bills that are sent out in May covering service for the three previous months. The June prepayment stub will reflect the new rates. Customers who have paid for a year in advance in order to receive the 5% yearly discount should contact NHTMA. Customers in this situation will receive the discount on the additional charges when they are paid in full.

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The Capital Improvement Plan maps out the Authority's capital expenses through Fiscal Year 2011. Projects anticipated in Fiscal Year 2008 total \$1.9 million and include replacing lines on Marbury, Diane Merle, Lower Five Pines and a portion of Niagara, replacing transfer switches at 3 pump stations, complying with an ALCOSAN Consent Order and Agreement, and televising the Brush Creek collection system.

NHTMA has budgeted approximately \$800,000 per year for line and manhole replacement and rehabilitation.

NHTMA provides sanitary sewer service to approximately 11,300 residential and commercial customers. With 24 full-time employees, the Authority maintains over 225 miles of sewer lines, 12 pumping stations, and one 3.31 mgd treatment plant.