

From The President

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PSC Decision on Water Rates

Yesterday the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a ruling on the rate case for Bristol Water Works Corporation. It's important to remember that the owners of the water company were seeking an increase of 116%. I'm pleased to say they did not get it. The PSC did grant them an increase of 73.82% or additional revenues of \$95,816. What is interesting is that the PSC accepted their staff's and our engineer's recommendation to reallocate the way the usage is charged. Prior to the rate increase the residential customers used approximately 50% of the water, but we were paying for 81% of the usage. With the new rate structure, the residential customers will now be paying 59% of the total usage.



So, what does all of this mean to all of you. In the simplest terms, if you live in a condo, you are getting a 5% decrease in your service cost. If you live in a townhouse or a single-family home you are getting a 51% increase in your total bill. There are 3 tables in the appendix of the report that clearly show the impact on everyone. See the appendix D: Revenue Allocations, Appendix E: Summary of Rates and Appendix F: Bill Impact:

[Appendix D Through F](#)

I am attaching the reports provided by the PSC that explain in detail how they reached their decision. I think the main takeaway is that for the first time ever, the commercial customers of the water company are paying their fair share of the costs of the water usage. Of the \$95,816 increase that was granted the commercial customers are paying \$67,496.

The following are the links to the actual reports.

0293<<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?Mattercaseno=17-W-0293>>

<[http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?
Mattercaseno=17-W-0049](http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?Mattercaseno=17-W-0049)>

