

# 2021 Electric & Water Utilities Rate Studies

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# **Overall** Residential Utility Bill Impact



Based on Electric residential average of 844 kWh per month; Water average of 750 cubic ft/month & staff recommended capital scenario w/financing

# **Electric Study Overview**

### GOALS

- Revenue-neutral PPA
- Cost-of-service equity
- Appropriate infrastructure funding

# **ITEMS OF NOTE**

- Time of Use Rate Examination
  - Testing
  - Policy creation
  - PUAB and Council review
  - Communication

# OUTCOMES

# **RATE CHANGES**

- No changes in 2022 for all classes
- Residential: 1% increase/year in 2023 & 2024
- Commercial: Less than 1% increase in some classes in 2023 & 2024, no change or decrease for others

# **PPA BASE RATE ADJUSTMENT**

- Increase from \$0.0855 to \$0.0860
  - Meets revenue neutral goal

# APPROPRIATE CAPITAL FUNDING

- Increased spending by \$1M to \$15M/year through 2024
  - Tollway substation improvements for increased reliability for downtown/I-88 customers

# Water Study Overview

### GOALS

### COST OF SERVICE EQUITY

No one rate class subsidizes another

#### **GENERATIONAL EQUITY**

Long-term assets paid over time by all who use them

#### INCREASED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

- Based on asset evaluation studies
- Increase level of watermain replacement to help reduce watermain breaks
- Regulatory compliance driven process
  improvements at treatment plan
- Reduce/eliminate sanitary sewer overflows

# OUTCOMES

# RATE CHANGES

- Allows for cost-of-service equity
- Residential: 4.7% increase 2022-2024 (average use)
- Commercial: 4.2%, 4.5%, 4.6% (average use, 2,000 cubic ft/month, 2" meter)

# EXPANDED CAPITAL PROGRAM

- Yearly investment to staff-recommended \$27M/year
  - Incorporated annual watermain replacement program expansion (additional 3 miles/year) and Springbrook process improvements
  - Blended customer rates/financing model to further generational equity

## **New Water Capital Charge**

- Dedicated revenue source to support capital assets that deliver water that is not dependent on usage variables (weather, conservation trends)
- Approx. \$800K in first year (residential & commercial)





# Questions?

