



BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT

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Ms. Amy Dumeny
Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
18 State House Station
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May 2, 2025

RE: Brewer Water Department
Proposed Rate Change Pursuant to 35A MRSA §6104

Dear Ms. Dumeny:

Enclosed please find our initial filing in regards to a rate case pursuant to §6104. The Department proposes an effective date of August 1, 2025 for the new rates.

Key dates:

- May 2, 2025: Initial filing and information available for customers at our office
- May 19, 2025: Notices mailed to customers and advertised by two methods
- June 3, 2025: Public hearing at Brewer City Hall

Summary of rate increase:

The Brewer Water Department is proposing a 5% increase in rates for all customer classes. Brewer last changed rates by 3%, effective August 1, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or need additional information at (207) 989-4214.

Sincerely,

Rodney Butler

Superintendent
Brewer Water Department

**CITY OF BREWER
WATER DEPARTMENT
RATE CASE**

SECOND REVISION

**Filed May 2, 2025
with the Maine Public Utilities Commission**

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BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT**EXHIBIT A****STATEMENT OF INCOME****FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, PROJECTED FY2025, AND PRO FORMA**

Line	OPERATING REVENUES	CY 2024	Projected FY2025	Pro Forma
	Water Sales			
1	Residential	\$ 1,532,703	\$ 1,555,835	\$ 1,633,627
2	Commercial	426,471	433,626	455,307
3	Industrial	4,676	3,492	3,667
4	Governmental	103,169	101,356	106,424
5	Public Fire Protection	954,874	973,783	1,022,472
6	Private Fire Protection	160,328	163,260	171,423
7	Interdepartmental Sales	19,548	18,782	18,000
8	Total Water Sales	\$ 3,201,769	\$ 3,250,134	\$ 3,410,919
	Other Operating Revenue			
9	Miscellaneous Services	29,812	23,413	25,000
10	Interest Income	20,727	23,234	15,000
11	Other	27,890	27,290	25,825
12	Total Other Operating Revenue	\$ 78,429	\$ 73,937	\$ 65,825
13	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 3,280,198	\$ 3,324,071	\$ 3,476,744
	OPERATING EXPENSES			
	Operations and Maintenance			
14	Salaries, Wages, Pensions & Benefits	\$ 1,070,070	\$ 1,125,496	\$ 1,166,777
15	Power	145,677	190,760	194,760
16	Chemicals	94,412	87,500	101,500
17	Materials and Supplies	163,514	151,920	158,220
18	Contractual Services	197,307	290,795	307,271
19	Other Expenses	127,309	95,463	99,265
20	Reserve Account Funding	545,895	160,000	177,000
21	Total O&M Expenses	\$ 2,344,184	\$ 2,101,934	\$ 2,204,793
	Depreciation and Amortization			
22	Depreciation	590,618	92,684	109,652
23	Amortization	(62,186)	2,280	2,280
24	Total Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 528,432	\$ 94,964	\$ 111,932
25	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,872,616	\$ 2,196,898	\$ 2,316,725
26	UTILITY OPERATING INCOME	\$ 407,582	\$ 1,127,173	\$ 1,160,019
	INCOME DEDUCTIONS			
27	Debt Retirement	681,193	763,858	778,734
28	Interest	245,551	332,305	340,817
29	Admin Fee	6,316	31,684	40,469
30	TOTAL INCOME DEDUCTIONS	\$ 933,060	\$ 1,127,847	\$ 1,160,019
31	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (525,478)	\$ (674)	\$ (0)

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT
DEBT SERVICE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT B

	2009 ARRA	2010 GO SRF	2011 GO	2013 DWSRF	2020 DWSRF	2022 Refi	2024 LSL	2025 DWSRF					
Orig. Amt.	725,000	593,395	735,000	255,000	1,100,000	2,582,622	7,140,000	223,757	1,783,950				
Princ. Due:	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Jan. 1	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Nov. 1	TOTAL	PLUS	PLUS	TOTAL
	MMBB	MMBB	MMBB	MMBB	MMBB	MMBB	REFI	MMBB	MMBB	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	ADMIN FEE	PAYMENT
CY													
2024	(36,250)	(29,670)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	-	(370,000)			(531,845)	(303,790)	(9,221)	(844,856)
2025	(36,250)	(29,670)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(390,000)	(22,376)	(54,148)	(762,881)	(350,073)	(15,218)	(1,128,172)
2026		(29,670)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(405,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(776,681)	(329,011)	(33,544)	(1,139,237)
2027		(29,670)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(420,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(791,681)	(306,253)	(29,435)	(1,127,369)
2028		(29,670)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(435,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(806,681)	(280,870)	(22,136)	(1,109,688)
2029		(14,835)	(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(455,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(811,846)	(252,559)	(21,105)	(1,085,511)
2030			(36,750)	(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(475,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(817,011)	(223,347)	(20,075)	(1,060,433)
2031				(8,500)	(50,675)	(134,513)	(495,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(800,261)	(198,023)	(17,957)	(1,016,241)
2032					(50,675)	(134,513)	(515,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(811,761)	(172,128)	(17,686)	(1,001,576)
2033					(50,675)	(134,513)	(540,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(836,761)	(140,339)	(17,416)	(994,516)
2034						(134,513)	(470,000)	(22,376)	(89,198)	(716,086)	(113,787)	(14,611)	(844,485)
2035						(134,513)	(415,000)		(89,198)	(638,711)	(94,676)	(13,256)	(746,642)
2036						(134,513)	(425,000)		(89,198)	(648,711)	(76,295)	(13,019)	(738,025)
2037						(134,513)	(230,000)		(89,198)	(453,711)	(60,921)	(12,783)	(527,415)
2038						(134,513)	(230,000)		(89,198)	(453,711)	(48,716)	(12,546)	(514,973)
2039						(134,513)	(145,000)		(89,198)	(368,711)	(37,892)	(12,310)	(418,913)
2040						(134,513)	(115,000)		(89,198)	(338,711)	(28,937)	(12,073)	(379,721)
2041						(134,513)	(125,000)		(89,198)	(348,711)	(20,307)	(11,837)	(380,854)
2042							(125,000)		(89,198)	(214,198)	(12,187)	(4,908)	(231,292)
2043							-		(89,198)	(89,198)	(6,770)	(4,739)	(100,707)
2044									(89,198)	(89,198)	(3,385)	(4,570)	(97,152)
2045									(35,050)	(35,050)	-	(4,401)	(39,451)
TOTAL	(72,500)	(163,184)	(257,250)	(68,000)	(506,750)	(2,286,722)	(6,780,000)	(223,757)	(1,783,950)	(12,142,113)	(3,060,267)	(324,849)	(15,527,230)

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT
CALCULATION OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

EXHIBIT C

Statistics

Population Served = 9,178 (from 2024 PUC rpt Summary tab)
 Peak Hourly Flow = 1,282 GPM (recorded 1/14/2024)
 Required Fire Flow = 2,996 GPM (calculated per Chapter 69)

Calculate Ratio

Peak hourly flow (GPM) = 1,282

 Required Fire Flow (GPM) = 2,996 = 0.42783 Table ≈ 34%

Plot Ratio on Graph

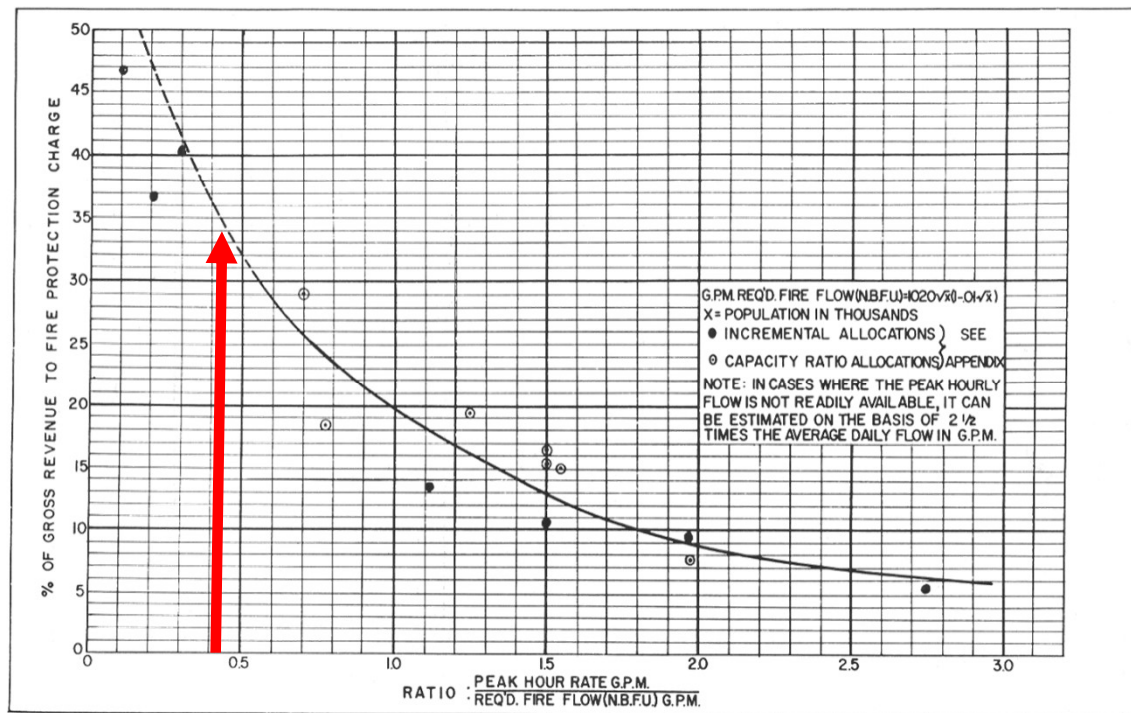


FIG. 1 DETERMINATION OF PERCENTAGE OF GROSS REVENUE FOR PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGE

The percentage of Gross Revenue to Fire Protection Charge exceeds 30%, so the 30% maximum applies per Chapter 690 of Maine Public Utilities Commission Rules (65-407 C.M.R.690).

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT
SUMMARY OF WATER SALE REVENUE

EXHIBIT D

	CY	Projected		Change	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>Pro Forma</u>	<u>from Projected</u>	
				<u>\$\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$ 1,532,703	\$ 1,555,835	\$ 1,633,627	\$ 77,792	5.0%
Commercial	\$ 426,471	\$ 433,626	\$ 455,307	21,681	5.0%
Industrial	\$ 4,676	\$ 3,492	\$ 3,667	175	5.0%
Governmental	\$ 103,169	\$ 101,356	\$ 106,424	5,068	5.0%
Public Fire	\$ 954,874	\$ 973,783	\$ 1,022,472	48,689	5.0%
Private Fire	\$ 160,328	\$ 163,260	\$ 171,423	8,163	5.0%
Interdepartmental Sales	\$ 19,548	\$ 18,782	\$ 18,000	(782)	-4.2%
Total	<u>\$ 3,201,769</u>	<u>\$ 3,250,134</u>	<u>\$ 3,410,919</u>	<u>\$ 160,786</u>	<u>4.9%</u>
Public Fire % of Total	30%	30%	30%		

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT
SAMPLE QUARTERLY BILLS

EXHIBIT E

			Proposed Increase		
	Current Quarterly Bill Amount	Proposed Quarterly Bill Amount	\$ Per Quarter	% Per Quarter	\$ Per Day
<u>Residential Bill based on a 5/8 inch meter</u>					
For 900 Cubic Ft minimum	\$ 94.08	\$ 98.78	\$ 4.70	5.0%	\$ 0.05
For 1,400 Cubic Feet	\$ 117.88	\$ 123.78	\$ 5.90	5.0%	\$ 0.06
For 2,100 Cubic Feet	\$ 151.20	\$ 158.78	\$ 7.58	5.0%	\$ 0.08
<u>Commercial bill based on a 1 inch meter</u>					
For 900 Cubic Ft minimum	\$ 137.38	\$ 144.25	\$ 6.87	5.0%	\$ 0.08
For 2,100 Cubic Feet	\$ 194.50	\$ 204.25	\$ 9.75	5.0%	\$ 0.11
For 10,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 570.54	\$ 599.25	\$ 28.71	5.0%	\$ 0.32
<u>Industrial Customer based on 2 inch meter</u>					
For 900 Cubic Ft minimum	\$ 295.94	\$ 310.74	\$ 14.80	5.0%	\$ 0.16
For 28,000 cubic ft.	\$ 1,459.80	\$ 1,533.14	\$ 73.34	5.0%	\$ 0.81

Note: In 2024, the average residential customer used 1,400 cubic feet per quarter.



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Dear Water Customer:

We would like to make you aware that the Brewer Water Department has filed an application with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for a 5% increase in fire protection and metered water rates. This rate change is necessary to provide funding for water infrastructure replacements, upgrades and repairs. Currently we are working to complete the EPA mandated Service Line Inventory, Route 9 extension bridge crossings and an emergency backup generator to maintain service in the event of an emergency.

Our Challenge-- Brewer Water Department strives to cost-effectively maintain a water system and the required infrastructure that provide our customers with the safest and best possible drinking water. To achieve this goal, we will need to continue replacing main lines that are failing, to upgrade treatment equipment to meet federal and state mandates, and to maintain storage tanks and valve structures.

Our Rates-- With this rate adjustment, our minimum residential customer would see in an increase of \$0.05 per day. Our average residential customer using 1,400 cubic feet of water per quarter would see an increase of \$0.06 per day. If approved, the changes would take effect on August 1, 2025.

Residential Customer	Increase per Quarter	Increase per day	Total water cost per day
Minimum Bill	\$4.70	5¢	\$1.08
Average Bill	\$5.90	6¢	\$1.36

Public fire protection, private hydrant, and sprinkler rates would also increase 5.0%.

Good Financial Stewardship

The Brewer Water Department strives to maintain a safe water system in the best possible condition. Proper maintenance, repair and replacement of infrastructure is key to keeping costs as low as possible for the long term.

What's Next

The formal notice for the rate filing is on the reverse side. It contains additional information on rate changes as well as opportunities for customers to participate. This process also involves the MPUC, which reviews our annual revenue and expense projections and the reasonableness of our rates. The MPUC also caps the amount of money allowed in reserve funds and sets criteria for its use.

Questions?

For more information: Please feel free to visit us at our office at 223 Greenpoint Road, Brewer ME or call us at (207) 989-4214.

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Brewer Water Department
223 Green Point Road
Brewer, ME 04412-5305

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
BREWER, ME
PERMIT NO. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROCKWELL JAIME M
15 TIBBITTS STREET
BREWER, ME 04412

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

May 19, 2025

The Brewer Water Department hereby notifies its customers that a proposed increase in rates has been filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The proposed rate adjustment is being filed pursuant to section 6104 of Title 35-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

The purpose of the rate increase is to dedicate funding to infrastructure renewal projects as allowed under MPUC Chapter 675. The Brewer Water Department is proposing an increase in current water rates to become effective August 1, 2025. The last time Brewer Water rates increased was in August 2024. The proposed rates provide an increase in annual revenue of approximately \$160,786. We are proposing a rate change of 5% for all customer classes.

The minimum residential water bill will increase \$1.57 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$98.78. The average residential water bill will increase \$1.97 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$123.78.

A public hearing, pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104, will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, starting at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 80 North Main Street in Brewer. The hearing will give customers the opportunity to testify, pose questions, and make comments regarding the proposed water rate increase. Customers have the right to an open and fair hearing, and to further hearings before the MPUC. Customers may petition the MPUC to investigate the proposed water rate change. Signatures on customer petitions filed pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104 (7) are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104(7), the petition must include the signatures of at least 550 customers of the Brewer Water Department and be submitted within 30 days of the public hearing. Brewer Water Department will, upon request, provide customers with petition forms that include spaces for signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers. Customers may also request assistance from the Public Advocate, State House Station 112, Augusta, ME 04333, or telephone (207) 624-3687, or OPA.Admin@maine.gov.

Materials supporting the water rate change are available for review at the Brewer Water Department's office, 223 Green Point Road, Brewer, Monday–Friday (excluding holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Customers have the right and are encouraged to review these materials and to request information relating to present and proposed rates.

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BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT**SHEET #1**
SECOND REVISION**METERED WATER RATES****Quarterly Rate:**

0-900 cubic feet	\$ 98.78	minimum	I
901-15,000 cubic feet	\$ 5.00	per 100 cubic feet	I
15,001-90,000 cubic feet	\$ 3.98	per 100 cubic feet	I
90,001 cubic feet or more	\$ 3.10	per 100 cubic feet	I

Monthly Rate:

0-300 cubic feet	\$ 32.93	minimum	I
301-5,000 cubic feet	\$ 5.00	per 100 cubic feet	I
5,001-30,000 cubic feet	\$ 3.98	per 100 cubic feet	I
over 30,000 cubic feet	\$ 3.10	per 100 cubic feet	I

SIZE OF METER	MINIMUM CHARGE		ALLOWANCE (in cubic feet)		
	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	
5/8"	\$ 98.78	\$ 32.93	900	300	I
3/4"	\$ 113.98	\$ 37.99	900	300	I
1"	\$ 144.25	\$ 48.08	900	300	I
1-1/2"	\$ 219.92	\$ 73.31	900	300	I
2"	\$ 310.74	\$ 103.58	900	300	I
3"	\$ 598.34	\$ 199.45	900	300	I
4"	\$ 976.93	\$ 325.64	900	300	I
6"	\$ 1,961.63	\$ 653.88	900	300	I
8"	\$ 2,794.84	\$ 931.61	900	300	I

Symbol Key:

I = Increased rate
S = Same rate
N = New rate
R = Reduced rate

Issued: May 2, 2025
Proposed Effective: August 1, 2025
Approved Effective:
MPUC Docket No.:

Eric Glidden
City Manager

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT**SHEET #2
SECOND REVISION****PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION****AVAILABLE:**

To all consumers using the Department's service for private fire protection and having separate service lines for this protection. The following rates apply to fire protection only and include no allowance of water other than fire purposes.

RATE:

Private fire service rate for automatic sprinkler, standpipes, hose connections, or private hydrants. The first hydrant connected to a sprinkler system is excluded from the calculation; there is no charge for that hydrant.

CLASSIFICATION		ANNUAL CHARGE	
Private Fire Hydrant	\$	2,082.07	I
Light	\$	777.44	I
Ordinary 1	\$	1,151.77	I
Ordinary 2	\$	1,554.87	I
Extra 1	\$	3,867.99	I
Extra 2	\$	5,086.90	I

Symbol Key:

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TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Quarterly in advance March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each year.

NOTE: The Utility reserves the right to meter any fire line where it has reason to believe that water is taken from the line for purposes other than fire protection. Water so metered shall be billed in accordance with the metered water rates, recorded on Sheet 1, in addition to the above rates.

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Eric Glidden
City Manager

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT**SHEET #3
SECOND REVISION****PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION****AVAILABLE:**

For public hydrants connected to the Department's mains on August 1, 2025,
there shall be paid to the Department the following fire protection service charges:

Annual revenue of \$ 1,022,471.79 allocated as follows:

<u>Type</u>		<u>No. of Hydrants</u>	<u>Annual Assessment</u>	
Public	City of Brewer	398	\$ 898,330.63	I
Public	Town of Holden	32	\$ 72,227.59	I
Public	Town of Eddington	19	\$ 42,885.13	I
Public	Town of Orrington	4	\$ 9,028.45	I
Total		<u>453</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,471.79</u>	<u>I</u>

For each fire hydrant installed after August 1, 2025, charges will be governed by
Chapter 690 of the Maine Public Utility Commission Rules and Regulations.

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