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Dear Customer,

The New Minas Water Commission has applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations. This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Louis Millett Community Complex
9489 Commercial Street
New Minas, Nova Scotia

You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**. You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**.

For a 5/8" meter (residential customer), the average current quarterly water bill is \$54.29 and it is proposed to increase to \$64.88 (19.5%) on April 1, 2024. The Utility is also requesting increases for other metered services ranging from an increase of 14% to 19%.

This is the Utility's first request for an increase since 2008. The New Minas Water Commission rates are among the lowest in the province, and the proposed rate increases are necessary to keep up with inflationary pressures for the operation of the system. Base rates for 5/8" meters along with corresponding consumption rates for comparable utilities are included below:

- New Minas (current): \$25.40 base and \$0.642 per 1000 litres
- New Minas (proposed): \$30.09 base and \$0.773 per 1000 litres

- Town of Amherst: \$36.95 base and \$0.83 per 1000 litres
- Town of Annapolis Royal: \$97.45 base and \$0.86 per 1000 litres
- Town of Antigonish: \$53.05 base and \$0.63 per 1000 litres
- Town of Bridgewater: \$68.13 base and \$1.35 per 1000 litres
- Town of Digby: \$61.10 base and \$0.51 per 1000 litres
- Town of Kentville: \$32.67 base and \$0.72 per 1000 litres
- Town of Middleton: \$92.01 base and \$1.22 per 1000 litres
- Town of New Glasgow: \$59.23 base and \$1.46 per 1000 litres
- Town of Pictou: \$80.14 base and \$1.87 per 1000 litres
- Town of Truro: \$63.44 base and \$0.98 per 1000 litres
- Town of Wolfville: \$43.72 base and \$1.07 per 1000 liters
- Town of Yarmouth: \$54.87 base and \$1.38 per 1000 liters
- Village of Canning: \$52.05 base and \$1.21 per 1000 liters
- Village of Greenwood: \$67.95 base and \$2.28 per 1000 liters
- Village of Port Williams: \$60.61 base and \$0.94 per 1000 liters