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Electric, Water and Wastewater Rate Increases Effective January 1

As a valued customer of Marietta Power and Water, you know that we continuously strive to provide reliable, quality service while keeping your utility costs down. Unfortunately, there are times when we must increase our rates in order to build, operate and maintain our utility systems. Effective January 1, 2010, our rates for electricity, water and wastewater will increase.

In addition to our wholesale cost increases, we have capital improvement projects that must be completed in order to replace and/or rehabilitate our utility infrastructure and ensure system reliability. Our utility systems also require routine maintenance, and we continue to see increased costs in this area due to material cost increases.

Our Purchased Power Adjustment for electric services will increase by 5.9%. This

will be an increase of \$5.43 for a residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt hours per month. Our water rates and wastewater rates will also be increasing by 8%. A residential customer who uses 4,000 gallons of water per month will see an increase of \$1.78 in water charges and an increase of \$2.08 for wastewater services. Even with these increases our rates are still competitive with comparable suppliers. For additional information on these cost increases, please visit our Web site at www.mariettopowerandwater.com.

Marietta Power and Water appreciates your business, and we pledge to continue to provide dependable utility services to our customers at the lowest possible price. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (770) 794-5150. ⚡

Energy Saving Tip

Lower your water temperature. Your hot water is probably hotter than necessary. Most heaters are set at 140 degrees F, and this high a setting is only needed if you have a dishwasher without a booster heater. Turn the temperature down to 120 degrees F (medium setting on a gas heater dial), and you'll cut your water-heating costs by 6 to 10 percent. Most electric heaters have both an upper and a lower thermostat to adjust. Be sure to first turn the electricity off at the circuit breaker before making any adjustments. ⚡

Your water heater probably represents 10 to 15 percent of your total energy use. This is partly due to the equipment itself – its size and energy-efficiency.



Learn about the Marietta Power and Water Marathon Water Heater Program at www.mariettopowerandwater.com, under Power, Programs & Products.

Prevent Your Pipes from Freezing this Winter With a Few Simple Precautions

Being proactive with the maintenance of your home can save a considerable amount of time, money, and frustration — especially when it comes to repairing frozen pipes. Both plastic and copper pipes can burst, and the pipes located in unheated spaces, such as your home's crawl space and attic, are the most vulnerable to freezing.

Fortunately, preventing this costly inconvenience is easy.

Insulation Methods Are Available To Fit a Wide Range of Budgets.

A relatively minimal investment can provide big peace of mind. There are several ways of accomplishing this task such as:

- Using insulated tape wrapped over the entire length of the exposed pipe.
- Wrapping with pre-slit pipe foam cut to size and fastened with duct tape.
- Using thermostatically controlled heat cables; be sure to use a product that has been approved by a reputable,

independent testing organization such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL).

No matter which method you choose, always apply insulation to clean pipes only, insulate both hot and cold water pipes, and be sure to cover all valves and pipe fittings.

Other preventive measures include sealing air leaks around pipes, draining outside water lines and shutting off the valve supplying outside water lines.

Inside your home, place some fiberglass insulation between the pipes and walls to help keep them warm. And when the digits drop below freezing, open cabinet doors to allow heat to circulate around pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

The time invested now in protecting your pipes will also pay off in the warmer months because unprotected cold water pipes tend to sweat — encouraging mold growth.

For more money-saving tips, visit www.mariettagov.com. ↗

The time invested now will payoff throughout the year.

Calendar of Events

January 20 through February 21, 2010

Caught In The Net

Theatre in the Square
The farce master is at his reckless best in this out-of-control outing. A bigamist taxi driver's teenage son and daughter meet on the internet and are anxious to get together as their father juggles to keep them apart.

For more information and ticket call (770) 422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

Sunday, February 7

Daddy Daughter Dance

2:30 to 5 p.m.
Monsour Center, 995 Roswell Street
Marietta fathers and their daughters ages 5-12 years old love to attend the city's annual Daddy Daughter Dance. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

February 19 through March 7, 2010

"The All Night Strut!" presented by Atlanta Lyric Theatre

3 to 5:30 a.m.
The Earl Smith Strand Theatre - 117 North Park Square
For more information call (404) 377-9948 or visit www.atlantalyrictheatre.com.

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