

WATER DIVISION ANNOUNCES RESIDENTIAL DUAL METER PROGRAM 4/24/07

The Board of Public Utilities is once again offering its Residential Dual Water Meter Program to help customers reduce sewer bills for outside watering needs. This is the fourth year the utility is offering the program which is available only to those residential customers whose accounts are current.

The program is being run in whole monthly increments for ease of billing from May 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. An initial deposit of \$50.00 is required when the customer picks up the meter and the deposit will be refunded to the customer's water account after the program ends in September.

The customer's water account will be charged a fee of \$7.50 for the first month the customer has the dual meter. The customer will be charged \$2.00 for each month beyond the first month that they continue to have the dual meter. At the end of the program, the customer's sewer credit will be calculated and applied to their sewer account.

Customers with dual meters must return the meter the BPU Customer Service Department by October 5, 2007, or their deposits could be forfeited along with any sewer credit earned. If the meter is damaged, the deposit will be used to defray the costs to repair the meter.

Rebecca Robbins, Communications Coordinator for the Board of Public Utilities, advised customers that, "This program will be most beneficial for those residential customers who accumulate a sewer credit of more than 8 units, which would probably be a residential customer who is filling a swimming pool or putting in a new lawn.

Limited numbers of dual meters are available in the BPU Customer Service offices at 92 Steele Street. BPU Customer Service is open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily.