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## **UTILITY RATE INCREASES SET FOR 2006**

After many weeks of study, the Board of Public Utilities voted today to support staff-recommended rate increases for 2006 utility services in the Water Division.

The rate increases translate to the following monthly increases based upon average residential Jamestown customer consumption:

Water	\$1.03 per month	
District Heat	Large customers	\$ .30 per million BTUs
	Small customers	\$ .36 per million BTUs

BPU General Manager Wally Haase explained, "The Board felt compelled to initiate the increases to fund significant capital projects in the Water Division. The project includes the repair of three water storage tanks from 2006 to 2008. This work cannot be postponed any longer. The tanks must be drained, cleaned, repaired and inspected."

Haase went on to explain, "A District Heat base rate increase will take affect on January 1, 2006 affecting 67 heating customers in Jamestown. This increase is the first since 1998 and is needed to pay for increased expenses in operation and maintenance of the Division. The division's basic service charge and monthly meter charge will remain the same."

"These increases are all very specific to significant repairs, equipment purchases and operations and maintenance that must be made to continue optimum utility operations," Haase continued, "Just as homeowners and businesses must budget for maintenance and equipment replacement issues, the BPU does too. We have chosen to implement smaller increases now, rather than larger ones later."

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