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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

May 18, 2015

Mr. Curt Gassert, Director  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street - Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Damon Run Conservancy District – Wholesale Sewer Cost Tracking  
Application for Customers Located Outside District Boundaries

Enclosed are three copies of the Verified Statement in Support of Change in Schedule of Rates, together with supporting schedules for filing on behalf of Damon Run Conservancy District (the "District"). Also included are copies of the proposed Appendix A to the existing tariff and copies of the existing tariff. We will forward a copy of the legal notice publisher's claim once we receive it.

The District is requesting approval to establish a wholesale cost tracking factor of \$0.65 per 1,000 gallons of sewage billed flow for customers located outside District boundaries through the 30-day filing procedure. This factor is requested to pass through changes in the cost of sewage treatment purchased from the City of Portage.

Please forward a stamped approved tariff to our office once approved. If you or members of your staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

UMBAUGH



Eric J. Walsh

EJW/TVB/jb

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor  
Ms. Jennifer Beauchamp (letter only)  
Mr. William A. Ferngren (letter only)

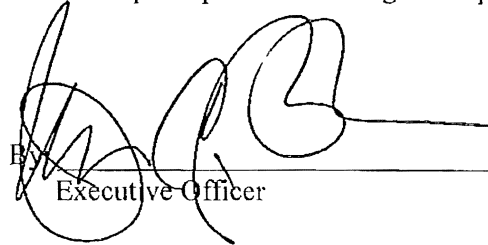


**APPLICATION FOR SEWER TRACKER**  
State Form 54663 (3-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF RATES

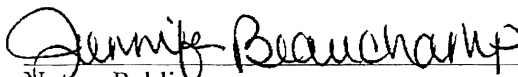
TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION:

1. Damon Run Conservancy District, Porter County, Indiana under and pursuant to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Act, as amended, hereby files with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, ☒ an increase ☐ a decrease (*check one*) in its schedule of rates for sewage disposal service sold in the amount of \$0.65 per ☐ 100 cu. ft. ☒ 1,000 gals (*check one*) to customers located outside District boundaries.
2. The accompanying changes in schedule of rates are based solely upon the change in the cost of sewage disposal service purchased by this utility computed in accordance with 170 IAC 8.6-1.
3. All of the matters and facts stated herein and in the attached exhibits are true and correct. The rate changes shall take effect for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Officer

STATE OF INDIANA            )  
  )       SS:  
COUNTY OF PORTER        )

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, John C Barbo, who, after having been duly sworn according to law, stated that he/she is an officer of DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT; that he/she has read the matters and facts stated above, and in all exhibits attached hereto, and that the same are true; that he/she is duly authorized to execute this instrument for and on behalf of the applicant herein.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: (month, day, year) 02-16-17

Sewage Treated by Supplier During Test Year\*  
(1,000 gallons or 100 cu. ft.)

Month	in 1,000 Gallons
<u>January 2014</u>	<u>1,801.754</u>
<u>February 2014</u>	<u>1,783.989</u>
<u>March 2014</u>	<u>716.801</u>
<u>April 2014</u>	<u>1,924.423</u>
<u>May 2014</u>	<u>2,052.704</u>
<u>June 2014</u>	<u>1,964.341</u>
<u>July 2014</u>	<u>1,964.341</u>
<u>August 2014</u>	<u>3,476.593</u>
<u>September 2014</u>	<u>2,016.534</u>
<u>October 2014</u>	<u>2,193.702</u>
<u>November 2014</u>	<u>2,250.280</u>
<u>December 2014</u>	<u>1,562.505</u>
Total	<u>23,707.967</u>

\*Test year is the twelve (12) most recent months for which information is available to the sewer utility at the time it receives notice of a supplier rate change.

COMPUTATION OF CHANGE IN COST OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE PURCHASED  
DUE TO CHANGE IN SUPPLIER'S RATE

Company Name Damon Run Conservancy District  
Address P.O. Box 472, Valparaiso, Indiana 46384  
Name of Supplier Changing Rates Portage Municipal Sewage Works  
Effective Date of Rate Change (*month, day, year*) January 1, 2015  
Based Upon Sewage Disposal Service Purchased for Twelve (12) Months Ended December 31, 2014

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		<u>Supplier's Rate</u>		<u>Annual Cost of Sewage Disposal Service Purchased</u>		
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Immediately</u>	<u>Changed</u>	<u>100 cu.ft.</u>	<u>At Rates Effective</u>	<u>At Changed</u>
	<u>Component</u>	<u>Prior to</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>or 1,000</u>	<u>Immediately Prior</u>	<u>Rate</u>
		<u>Change</u>		<u>gallons</u>	<u>to Change</u>	
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All Over	<u>1 gallon</u>	<u>\$5.22</u>	<u>\$5.98</u>	<u>1,000 gal.</u>	<u>\$123,755.59</u>	<u>\$141,773.64</u>
Total Cost of Sewage Disposal Service					<u>\$123,755.59</u>	<u>\$141,773.64</u>

COMPUTATION OF SEWER TRACKER

(Per 100 cu. ft. or Per 1,000 gals)

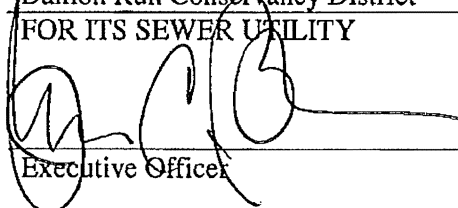
1.	Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 6	New Rates	<u>\$141,773.64</u>	
2.	Cost of Purchases from Exhibit 3, Column 5	Old Rates	<u>\$123,755.59</u>	
3.	Increased Purchase Sewage Disposal Service: (1) - (2)		<u>\$18,018.05</u>	
4.	Increase in Utility Receipts Taxes and Other Similar Revenue Based Tax Charges _____%		<u>\$0.00</u>	
5.	Increased Revenue Requirements (3) + (4)		<u>\$18,018.05</u>	
6.	Total metered Water Sales: Test Year (in 100 cu. ft. or <u>1,000 gals</u> ) or Number of customers (flat rate)		<u>27,826.00</u>	Gallons (in 1,000s)
7.	Tracking factor: (5) ÷ (6)		<u>\$ 0.65</u>	Per 1,000 gallons

\*In case of a refund, this exhibit is to be modified in accordance with the sewer tracking procedure.

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING FOR A CHANGE OF SEWER RATES BY  
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Notice is hereby given that Damon Run Conservancy District, Porter County,  
Indiana, under and pursuant to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Act as amended, has  
filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on or about May 20, 2015 for  
☒ an increase ☐ a decrease (*check one*) in the schedule of rates for sewage disposal services  
sold by its sewer utility in the amount of \$0.65 per ☐ 100 cu.ft ☒ 1,000 gals (*check one*)  
for customers located outside District boundaries. The changes in schedules and rates submitted to  
the Commission are based solely upon the change in the cost, effective January 1, 2015, of purchased  
sewage disposal service. The rate changes shall apply for the next practical consumption period  
following final approval by the Commission.

Damon Run Conservancy District  
FOR ITS SEWER UTILITY  
By:   
Executive Officer

APPENDIX A  
SEWER TRACKER

Applicable to All Outside District Boundary Rates

The Sewer Tracker occasioned solely by changes in the cost of sewage disposal service  
is \$0.65 approved by the Commission in conference on \_\_\_\_\_.

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ISSUED PURSUANT TO

CANCELLING ALL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TARIFFS

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Date JUN 19 2013  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
2 West Shakespeare Drive  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46385

**SUMMARY OF SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

Pursuant to IURC Order in Cause No. 44146

Approved June 19, 2013

**Outside District Boundary Customers**

**Sewer**

Monthly User Fee per EDU

\$76.13

Sewage Treatment Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)

\$5.22

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**EFFECTIVE**

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**INDIANA UTILITY  
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**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN SEWAGE RATES AND  
CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE SEWAGE WORKS  
SYSTEM OF THE DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND OTHER  
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Damon Run Conservancy District (the "District") has constructed a sewage works system for the purpose of collecting and disposing of the sewage of the District in a sanitary manner in Porter County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to recover an increase in the costs associated with sewage treatment by submitting an application for sewer tracker to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Engineering Division (the "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, the District's sewage provider has increased in sewage rates; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is being considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District on 5-12, 2015, pursuant to the requirements of 170 IAC 8.6-1.

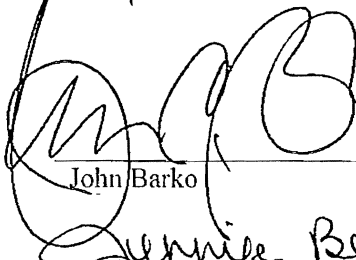
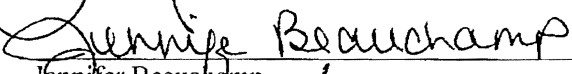
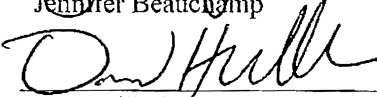
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District:

Section 1. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for the District to make an application to increase the sewage rates of the District due to the rate increases of the City of Portage, the sole provider of the District's sewage treatment, by utilizing the sewer tracker application process pursuant to 170 IAC 8.6-1 et seq.

Section 2. The District is authorized to publish notice of the filing for a sewage rate change as provided in 170 IAC 8.6-1.

Section 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

Passed and adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
John Barko  
  
Jennifer Beauchamp  
  
Don Wilhelm

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Month Treated	Month Billed	Gallons Billed To Outside District Customers (In 1,000s)				Gallons Treated (In 1,000s)		
		Duneland Schools (1)	Porter Hospital (1)	Porter Co. Park* (1)	Total	District Total Gallons Treated (2)	Times: Allocation Percentage (3)	Outside District Treated Flow
January 2014	February 2014					2,996.431	60.13%	1,801.754
February 2014	March 2014	221.00	3,822.00	-	4,043.00	2,966.887	60.13%	1,783.989
March 2014	April 2014					1,192.085	60.13%	716.801
April 2014	May 2014	269.00	3,398.00	-	3,667.00	3,200.438	60.13%	1,924.423
May 2014	June 2014					3,413.776	60.13%	2,052.704
June 2014	July 2014	334.00	4,482.00	-	4,816.00	3,266.823	60.13%	1,964.341
July 2014	August 2014					3,266.823	60.13%	1,964.341
August 2014	September 2014	72.00	5,596.00	-	5,668.00	5,781.795	60.13%	3,476.593
September 2014	October 2014					3,353.624	60.13%	2,016.534
October 2014	November 2014	297.00	5,772.00	-	6,069.00	3,648.265	60.13%	2,193.702
November 2014	December 2014					3,742.358	60.13%	2,250.280
December 2014	January 2015	303.00	3,260.00	-	3,563.00	2,598.545	60.13%	1,562.505
Totals		1,496.000	26,330.000	-	27,826.000	39,427.850		23,707.967

\* Not connected to system.

(1) See Appendix B "Outside District Sewer Billings".

(2) See Appendix C "2014 Portage Sewage Treatment Bills".

(3) Based on 27,826,000 gallons billed to outside District customers in 2014 divided by 46,279,960 gallons billed to all District customers in 2014 (see Appendix D).

**Calculation of Outside District Treated Flow:**

The Damon Run Conservancy District operates a sewage collection system for customers located both inside (not regulated) and outside of the District (regulated by the IURC). Upon collecting sewage from its customers, the District transmits the raw sewage to the City of Portage for treatment. The City of Portage then bills the District based on monthly meter readings it receives from a master flow meter. The monthly 2014 treatment bills from the City of Portage are included in Appendix B. Because the monthly treatment bills from the City of Portage are based on a single meter reading, it is not possible to specifically identify the gallons of treated flow related to the outside District customers. Therefore, we have calculated outside District customer treated flow by allocating the total 2014 treated flow pro rata based on the actual gallons billed to outside District customers (Appendix B) in relation to the total actual gallons billed to all District customers (Appendix D). The result is that 23,707,967 gallons, or 60.13% of treated flow has been allocated to the Outside District customers.

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**APPENDIX B**

**OUTSIDE DISTRICT SEWER BILLINGS**

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**OUTSIDE DISTRICT SEWER BILLINGS**

(In 1,000s of Gallons)

Month Billed	Duneland Schools			Porter Hospital			Porter Co. Park*	Total Outside District Billings
	Acct. #6224	Acct. #6225	Total	Acct. #6226	Acct. #6303	Total	Acct. #XXXX	
March 2014	127	94	221	3,777	45	3,822	-	4,043
May 2014	159	110	269	3,356	42	3,398	-	3,667
July 2014	178	156	334	4,421	61	4,482	-	4,816
September 2014	10	62	72	5,532	64	5,596	-	5,668
November 2014	170	127	297	5,709	63	5,772	-	6,069
January 2015	156	147	303	3,199	61	3,260	-	3,563
Total	800	696	1,496	25,994	336	26,330	-	27,826

\* Not connected to system.

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**APPENDIX C**

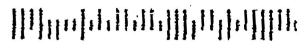
**2014 PORTAGE SEWAGE TREATMENT BILLS**

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PORTAGE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
6071 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

Service Location		
STATE RD 149		
Customer Number		Billing Date
2 01490 00		02/01/14
From 01/01/14	To 01/31/14	
85900895	88897326	2996431
Service		Charge
SEWER		17409.26

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
02/28/14	\$19,150.19	\$17,409.26



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<b>UTILITY SERVICE BOARD</b> 6071 CENTRAL AVENUE PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587		
Location STATE RD 149		
Customer Number	Billing Date	
2 01490 00	03/01/14	
From 02/01/14	To 02/28/14	2966887
88897326	91864213	
Service	Charge	
SEWER	17237.61	

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
03/31/14	\$18,961.37	\$17,237.61

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UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

11 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

STATE RD 149

Customer Number

Billing Date

2 01490 00

04/01/14

From 03/01/14

To 03/31/14

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93056298

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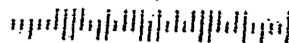
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Charge

SEWER

6926.01

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
04/30/14	\$7,618.61	\$6,926.01



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UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
71 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

RD 149

Customer Number	Billing Date
2 01490 00	05/01/14

From 04/01/14	To 04/30/14	3200438
93056298	96256736	

Service	Charge
SEWER	18594.54

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
05/31/14	\$20,453.99	\$18,594.54

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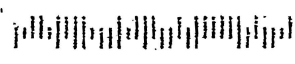
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**SERVICE BOARD**  
CENTRAL AVENUE  
INDIANA 46368-3587

STATE RD 149

Customer Number	Billing Date
2 01490 00	06/01/14
From 05/01/14	To 05/31/14
96256736	99670512
3413776	
Service	Charge
SEWER	19834.04

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
06/30/14	\$21,817.44	\$19,834.04



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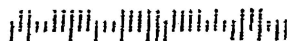
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ALLOWED IN THE STATE OF INDIANA  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
JULY 1, 2015

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
6071 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

Service Location	
STATE RD 149	
Customer Number	Billing Date
2 01490 00	07/01/14
From 06/01/14	To 06/30/14
99670512	102937335
3266823	
Service	Charge
SEWER	18980.24

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
07/31/14	\$20,878.26	\$18,980.24



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**SERVICE BOARD**  
 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 AGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

RD 149

Customer Number	Billing Date
2 01490 00	08/01/14

From 07/01/14	To 07/31/14	
102937335	106204158	3266823

Service	Charge
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SEWER	18980.24
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Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
08/31/14	\$20,878.26	\$18,980.24



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**SEWER UTILITY SERVICE BOARD**  
6071 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

Service Location		
STATE RD 149		
Customer Number		Billing Date
2 01490 00		09/01/14
From 08/01/14	To 08/31/14	
106204158	111985953	5781795
Service		Charge
SEWER		33592.23
Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
09/30/14	\$36,951.45	\$33,592.23

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46368-3587

Water Reclamation

No. 6440 P. 1

RD 149  
Customer Number 21490-00 Billing Date 10/1/14

**Portage Utility  
Service Board**

Consumption 3,353,624

Service Charge

Sewer 19484.54

annifer From: Portage Utility Sally  
Pages:  
Date: October 20, 2014  
CC:

Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
0/31/14	21432.99	19484.54

☐ Urgent ☒ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

Account: 201490-00 DAMON RUN

The estimation for October 2014 was too high. We had to manually estimate the last six months.

Consumption for October was ~~3,353,624~~ 3,353,624

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

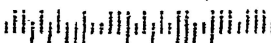
Sally  
(219) 762-2016



10/20/14: Estimated due to excessive readings. Eagle Ridge had to be reset therefor creating estimate.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD.		
6071 CENTRAL AVENUE		
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587		
Location		
STATE RD 149		
Customer Number	Billing Date	
2 01490 00	11/01/14	
From 10/01/14	To 10/31/14	
115339583	118987848	3648265
Service	Charge	
SEWER	21196.42	
Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
11/30/14	\$23,316.06	\$21,196.42

**AGE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD**  
6071 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587

Service Location		
STATE RD 149		
Customer Number	Billing Date	
2 01490 00	12/01/14	
From 11/01/14	To 11/30/14	3742358
118987848	122730206	
Service	Charge	
SEWER	21743.10	
Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
12/31/14	\$23,917.41	\$21,743.10



 <b>PORTAGE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD</b> 6071 CENTRAL AVENUE PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368-3587		RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED YZAO 45 9840 Enclose this stub with payment		PRE-SORTED FIRST CLASS MAIL U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 30 PORTAGE, INDIANA
Service Location		STATE RD 149		
Customer Number	Billing Date	Billing Date	Customer Number	
2 01490 00	01/01/15	01/01/15	2 01490 00	
From 12/01/14	To 12/31/14			
122730206	125328751	2598545		
Service	Charge	Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
SEWER	15539.30	01/31/15	\$17,093.23	\$15,539.30
				
		No parking on street after 2 inches of snow. Thank you!		
		DAMON RUN P.O. BOX 472 VALPARAISO IN 46384-0000		

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**APPENDIX D**

**DISTRICT-WIDE SEWER BILLINGS**

**DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT-WIDE SEWER BILLINGS**

(In 1,000s of Gallons)

<u>Month Billed</u>	<u>Gallons Billed</u>
March 2014	7,075.00
May 2014	6,631.00
July 2014	8,486.00
September 2014	9,804.00
November 2014	9,422.00
January 2015	6,704.00
Sprinkling credits	(1,842.04)
Total	<u>46,279.96</u>
<u>Calculation of Allocation Percentage</u>	
Outside District Sewer Billings (Appendix B)	27,826.00
Divided by: District-Wide Sewer Billings	<u>46,279.96</u>
Allocation Percentage	<u>60.13%</u>