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Munhall Sanitary Sewer Municipal Authority
c/o Ms. Jackie Coles
1900 West Street, Suite #4
Munhall, PA 15120

RE: RATE RESOLUTION- 2020 BUDGET

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Ms. Coles:

A four-year ALCOSAN rate structure was approved by the Board of Directors at its public meeting on November 16, 2017. This rate structure is designed to enable ratepayers and our municipal customers to strategically plan for future expenses. The increases for the third and fourth year, effective for water used beginning January 1 of each year, will be 7% for 2020 and 2021.

Effective January 1, 2020, the wastewater treatment charge will increase by 56 cents, from \$7.94 to \$8.50 for each thousand gallons used and the customer service charge will increase by \$1.17, from \$16.69 to \$17.86 per bill issued. The average customer, who uses 12,000 gallons of water per quarter, will pay \$7.89 more for a three-month service period, increasing their quarterly charge from \$111.97 to \$119.86. The rates for effluent surcharges, commercial disposals and auxiliary meters will remain the same.

Having chosen the alternate method of billing, as provided in the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority sewage agreement, your municipality has agreed to pay ALCOSAN sewage charges for the properties located within your municipality.

The agreement requires the municipality to provide, in its annual budget, funds equal to at least 120% of the amount ALCOSAN estimates will become due within such year. For the 2020 calendar year, the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority estimates the requirement for your municipality to be \$2,207,789.07, which at 120% is \$2,649,346.88.

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority hereby requests that your municipality take timely and appropriate action to collect or obtain during 2020, by any lawful means, the sum of at least \$2,649,346.88. This money shall be deposited in a restricted "Sewage Agency Fund" which is to be used for the purpose of meeting the municipality's wastewater collection system requirements.

We recommend that you communicate these increases to your customers by the actual cash amount of the increase; studies show that using percentages confuses the average customer and creates a perception that the rate increase is actually bigger than it is.

Low-income homeowners in the ALCOSAN territory can reduce their bills by applying to the Authority's Clean Water Assistance Fund. Details of the application process are available at www.alcosan.org and through Dollar Energy Fund, at www.dollarenergy.org. We are including a fact sheet for the Clean Water Assistance Fund.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the estimated budget for 2020, please contact Dan Thornton at 412-734-8368 or daniel.thornton@alcosan.org.

Sincerely,

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY



Arletta Scott Williams
Executive Director

Enclosure