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Mr. David Koch  
Village Of Harwood Heights  
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Dear Municipal Water Supply Customer:

I am writing to inform you that today City Council passed Mayor Richard M. Daley's 2008 Budget. Please be advised that water rate increases were approved as follows:

January 1, 2008	15%
January 1, 2009	15%
January 1, 2010	14%

These rate increases are necessary as they will allow us to continue to provide the level of service you expect as a customer, increase our water and sewer infrastructure renewal and replacement program, and to proceed with facility upgrades.

These rate increases are needed to keep up with the increasing costs of operations and maintenance due to increases in labor, materials, energy and fuel costs, rising costs of construction to maintain and replace aging infrastructure, increasing costs of capital projects and costs associated with regulatory compliance.

Our pumping stations and treatment plants are well maintained, but aging. In the last 10 years we have continued with investing in our facilities. An example of some of these projects included the investment of over 215 Million Dollars on projects including the expansion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Outlet Tunnel, the conversion of the Roseland Pumping Station from steam to electric, a roof replacement at the Jardine Purification Plant and new chlorine facilities at the South Water Purification Plant. With each improvement security upgrades are included to ensure that they are not only more efficient but also safer. These rate increases allow us to continue to make improvements to our facilities without delay.

We will continue to invest to efficiently maintain all of our assets used to deliver water to over 5 million people in the Chicagoland area.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-744-7001.

Sincerely,

John F. Spatz, Jr.  
Commissioner

