

UAJA SHOULD CHARGE CUSTOMERS BASED ON WATER USAGE

The goal of this petition is to get the Centre Region Council of Governments to include the requirement that UAJA (University Area Joint Sewer Authority) Adopt a Rate Resolution that charges a uniform rate for sewer service to all customers based on water meter readings (volumetric billing) as is currently being done in the Borough of State College. This billing practice will allow for fair and uniform billing to all customers and will incentivize customers to use less water which results in less sewage being generated. Volumetric billing for sewer service will help ensure the sustainability of our water and sewer systems and lower our carbon footprint.

UAJA bills each customer in College, Harris, Patton and Ferguson Townships based on an antiquated and outdated Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) system. A single-family detached home is an Equivalent Dwelling Unit and is expected to use 175 gallons of water per day. All residential homes pay \$104 per quarter for sewer service, regardless of how much water is used. We propose that UAJA use volumetric billing for all customers. Each household would pay a base sewer fee of \$28.05 for the first 3,000 gallons of water used. For each additional 1,000 gallons above 3,000 gallons, customers would pay \$9.35 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Currently, if a UAJA customer uses 10,000 gallons of water in a quarter, their sewer bill is \$104. However, under the proposed billing practice, the bill would be \$93.50, a savings of \$10.50. (Go to www.UAJAPetition.com and use the calculator to see what your bill amount would be using the proposed billing practice.) Under this proposed billing practice all customers of UAJA are incentivized to conserve water to reduce their water and sewer bill.

Over 20 years ago, UAJA hired AUS Consultants to perform a professional rate study. The study recommended that metered water usage (volumetric billing) be used to charge customers for sewer service. The State College Borough Sewer Authority and many other municipalities throughout Pennsylvania and the United States use volumetric billing to charge their customers for sewer service. All customers of UAJA should only **PAY FOR THE SEWER SERVICE THEY RECEIVE** based on water meter readings.

For more information on the current billing practice and our proposed billing practice, please go to www.UAJAPetition.com. Please sign this petition in support of our efforts to charge all customers fairly for the sewer service they receive within the UAJA service area.

Please ask all your friends and neighbors who have an interest in promoting water conservation and ensuring the sustainability of our water and sewer systems and lowering our carbon footprint to please sign this petition.

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