

## Where to Begin



When you think of it, almost all of your revenue is going to come from the amount of water that is being metered at each customer. Think of this as your cash register. If the cash registering is under ringing or under metering this will result in lost revenue. Make sure your meters are reading accurately.



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# Rate Study

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*Protecting and preserving the water and wastewater resources of rural Illinois through education, representation and on-site technical assistance.*



## State Funded Program

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) awarded a contract to the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) to assist public drinking water staff, owners, operators, clerks, Board & Council members and others involved in the operation, maintenance or management of a small public water system. By providing this on-site technical assistance and training services, small systems will be able to more efficiently operate and maintain their system.



### What Information Will I Need to Supply For a Rate Study?

- ⇒ Financial statements for the most current fiscal year (audit report preferred)
- ⇒ Amount of water produced and/or purchased during the most current fiscal year
- ⇒ Amount of water sold during the most current fiscal year
- ⇒ Current rate structure
- ⇒ Number of customers in each rate class
- ⇒ Amount of debt (if any)

### What Information Will the Rate Study Provide?

- ⇒ Breakdown of expenses
- ⇒ The cost to produce the water (if applicable)
- ⇒ Amount of nonrevenue water
- ⇒ Amount of lost revenue from water loss
- ⇒ Annual gain or shortfall in revenue
- ⇒ Different rate scenarios

## Why Have a Rate Study Conducted?

With the amount of grant dollars available for water and wastewater projects continuing to dwindle, coupled with the aging water and/or wastewater infrastructure, it is increasingly more important that decision makers for systems throughout the state become more educated about system finances. This **FREE** rate study takes an in-depth look into the expenses and revenue that a system has. Once all of the data has been gathered and entered into a spreadsheet a detailed report is generated to explain the findings and recommendations. This easy to read report and any rate changes recommended will assist Boards and Councils in mapping out the financial future of their respective systems.

If your system is interested in having a rate study conducted, please contact Clark Cameron at (217) 287-2115(Office) or (217) 820-3814 (Cell).

