



Responses to Questions Regarding the City of Dublin, Ohio Water and Sewer Rate Study RFP

January 11, 2019

1. Is the City wanting to keep the current rate structure in place and increase the current approved rates and charges across-the-board (the same percentage) to make sure there are adequate revenues for the utility revenue requirements? Or is the City wanting to adjust the water and sewer rate structures. Changing the rate structures would require much more in-depth studies where a full consumer analysis and cost of service study would be necessary.

*The City is relying on the expertise of the selected firm to determine what rates and charges should be imposed. The City is amenable to consideration of both across-the-board changes as well as more individualized changes based on the outcome of the analysis.*

2. Do you want the capacity fees updated also or just the monthly user rates and charges?

*The City is willing to consider a change to any fee or charge imposed by the City.*

3. It look like from the proposal we should allow for two meetings. Is that correct or should we allow for more?

*We expect two presentations – one preliminary presentation, likely to the City project team; and one final presentation to City Council (or a committee of Dublin City Council). However, it is anticipated that in preparation for the final deliverables, meetings (assume 6 for the proposal) between the firm and the City's project team will be necessary. Additionally, City Council (or a committee of Dublin City Council) may request the firm's participation at additional meetings. If additional meetings are necessary, the City will work with the selected consultant on appropriate compensation.*

4. Is there a capital replacements and improvements plan prepared and available for the 10-year horizon?

*The City of Dublin has a five-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that is updated annually. The 2019-2023 CIP can be found on the City's website:*

<https://dublinohiousa.gov/finance/capital-improvements-program/>

*In addition to the CIP, the City has completed 'tentative' schedule for the extension of water and sewer lines to the unserved areas in the City. Part of this analysis should take into consideration the timeline to implement these projects given the proposed changes in rates and fees.*

*Finally, the Engineering Division has compiled a schedule of maintenance for the water and sewer assets (including Water Towers, booster stations, etc.) which will be provided to the selected consultant.*

5. Will there be any significant changes to operations for the water and sewer utilities?

*The City does not anticipate any significant changes to operations in the water and sewer utilities for the foreseeable future.*

