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**Jamestown BPU Adopts 2017 Wastewater Division Budget:
*First Increase since 2009***

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today voted to approve the 2017 Wastewater (WW) Division budget with the first increase for the division in eight years. The rate increase equals three percent for next year.

“For seven consecutive years, we have been able to hold the line on rate increases in the Wastewater Division,” stated BPU General Manager David Leathers. “We work to control rates on behalf of our customers while still providing high quality services with our committed and experienced employees. Unfortunately, this year, we find it necessary to increase rates to provide an anticipated \$132,000 in new revenues.”

In the approved 2017 Wastewater Division budget, operating expenses will total \$4,763,179. Budgeted increases in the coming year include collection system costs at and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The 2017 capital budget stands at \$1.82 million. Major items included are \$1.1 Million for a new belt press and polymer system and \$410,000 for slip lining and replacement of sewer lines. In addition, \$150,000 is allocated for meter change-outs and \$50,000 for a replacement boiler needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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