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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 30 January 2014

**SUBJECT:** Water and Wastewater Rates—Final Report for Approval

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The attached report prepared in response to House Bill 600 by Representative Timothy Hill (Senate Bill 735 by Green), sent to the Commission to study by the House Local Government Committee, is submitted for your approval. That bill would have capped water and wastewater rates for those who live outside Johnson City and in Sullivan County at one and one-half times the rates charged inside the city.

The report reflects the Commission's decision not to recommend House Bill 600 in its current form and its consensus that rates should be both reasonable and justified and that whether a customer lives inside or outside the city is not enough on its own to justify a rate difference. The report includes a recommendation that some means of ensuring that rate differentials are fairly set is warranted, either through representation on the utility board or through an appeal process or both.