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Let's Stop the Gouging

Dear Queens Civic Congress member,

This note follows my November 26 [letter](#) urging everyone to speak out against the City's proposed water tax hike. Please register to testify with Kevin Kunkle at (718) 595 -3601 or email: kkunkle@dep.nyc.gov. I include the Thanksgiving Day NY Post [article](#) that reports City Hall intends to gouge us some more. Three hearings take place Thursday, December 13: 9:00 a.m. (The Bronx), 1:00 p.m. (Queens) and 6:00 p.m. (Manhattan) and Friday, December 14: 9:00 a.m. (Staten Island) and 1:00 p.m. (Brooklyn). While the public notice website for NYCDEP – http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/public_notices/index.shtml – does not include the information, DEP provided the Queens Civic Congress with the hearing information that appears below. Please also refer for talking points to the October 22 Queens Civic Congress Testimony to the Joint hearing of City Council Finance and Environmental Protection Committees: [2007-10-22 Queens Civic Congress Opposes \(18 percent\) Water and Sewer Tax Hike](#).

Thank you.

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This is the link to the Thanksgiving Day NY Post Story:

http://www.nypost.com/seven/11222007/news/regionalnews/city_water_customers_about_to_get_hosed_281205.htm

This is the information from public notice that will be posted on the DEP site:

NEW YORK CITY WATER BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with Section 1045-j (3) of the Public Authorities Law, public hearings will be held on December 13 and 14, 2007, concerning proposed rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2008, for the use of, or services furnished, rendered or made available by the Water and Wastewater System of the City of New York (the "System"). The hearings will be held as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
Bronx	Herbert H. Lehman College Carman Hall, Room B34 290 Bedford Park Blvd. West, Bronx, NY 10468	Thursday December 13, 2007 9:00 a.m.
Queens	Department of Environmental Protection Lecture Room, 6 th Floor 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11373	Thursday December 13, 2007 1:00 p.m.
Manhattan	St. John's University – Manhattan Saval Auditorium 101 Murray Street, New York, NY 10007	Thursday December 13, 2007 6:00 p.m.
Staten Island	College of Staten Island Center for the Arts, Room 1P-116E 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10314	Friday December 14, 2007 9:00 a.m.
Brooklyn	Brooklyn College Student Center - Alumni Lounge (opposite Whitehead Hall) East 27 th St. & Campus Rd., Brooklyn, NY 1121	Friday December 14, 2007 2:00 p.m.

It is anticipated that there will be a change from currently effective water rates and wastewater charges for services provided by the System, to be effective commencing January 1, 2008.

(1) Metered and unmetered water rates will increase by an amount not to exceed 18%.

(2) Wastewater charges will remain at 159% of water charges.

(3) The rate for water supply provided to users outside the City that is in excess of the allowance quantities set forth in Section 24-360 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York will be continued at a level equal to the in-City metered rate which will be increased by an amount not to exceed 18% in accordance with (1) above.

All members of the public who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Kevin Kunkle, New York City Water Board, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 8th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373, Telephone (718) 595-3601, email: kkunkle@dep.nyc.gov, not later than December 11, 2007. Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes duration. A copy of any prepared or written statement may be submitted to the Water Board at the above address by the close of business December 14, 2007.