

**CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM STATISTICS**

Largest Sewer Customers

The following schedule presents information concerning the ten largest customers of the Sewer Facilities for the twelve month period ended June 30, 1999. The total charges to such customers represent approximately 4.2% of the System Gross Revenues and 9.4% of Sewer Facilities' gross charges during such period.

<u>Customer</u>	<u>Gross Charges</u>
1. Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	\$ 9,251,064
2. City of Houston	2,609,500
3. Houston Independent School District	2,577,302
4. Gerald D. Hines	2,304,131
5. Harris County	1,994,244
6. University of Houston	1,867,691
7. General Foods	1,367,192
8. Methodist Hospital	1,014,306
9. Herman Hospital	983,127
10. Dr. Pepper Bottling Company	968,709
Total	<u>\$ 24,937,266</u>

Current Rates

Current water rates are based on customer class. The amount of the bill is the sum of the minimum charge based on meter size and an additional charge based on the volume of consumption above a minimum volume. The water rates vary from \$1.92 per thousand gallons for multi-family customers to \$4.30 for outdoor customers.

Usage of the Sewer Facilities is not metered for rate purposes. Instead, sewer rates vary from \$1.08 per thousand gallons for wholesale customers to \$3.98 for industrial customers. Additionally, industrial customers may be subject to a sewer surcharge based on the quality of their wastewater discharge.

The bill for a typical single family residential customer using 7,000 gallons per month would be \$41.96 for both water and sewer services. However, the City has lower-user rates ranging from \$8.50 to \$29.88 per month for water and sewer services for single-family residential customers using less than 6,000 gallons per month, which are below the cost of providing services.

Rate Adjustments

In recent years, the water and sewer rates have been adjusted on the average as follows:

<u>Date of Change</u>	<u>Average Percent Rate Increase (Decrease)</u>	
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
January 1983	31.0%	
July 1983		20.0%
July 1985		22.0%
September 1986	20.0%	21.7%
April 1987		32.3%
August 1987	21.0%	
November 1987		(5.0)%
July 1988	8.5%	7.6%
August 1989	6.0%	7.5%
July 1990	5.5%	7.5%
February 1992	2.0%	6.0%
March 1993	2.5%	4.0%