

2007 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Residential Metered and Flat Rate Accounts – City of Toronto

Issue/Background:

- At its meeting of January 8, 2007, Budget Committee requested, amongst other things, “Respecting Metres.- Within the residential sector, number of flat rate residential, total revenue and the average monthly cost of billing; and for metred residential water service, number of residential metres, total revenue and average monthly billing. And the same thing for multi-residential.”

Key Points:

- Chart 1 below presents an estimated breakdown of 2006 Flat Rate Account billing by the various property types serviced on a flat-rate basis. The other category includes a small number of other residential (eg. 5-6 plexes) and small commercial and institutional properties.
- Multi-Residential apartment buildings are all metered. Typically, a single bulk-meter services the entire property (see Chart 2)

Chart 1
Estimated Accounts and 2006 Billing for Flat Rate Accounts
(former City of Toronto – 70,685 accounts; former Etobicoke – 1,454 accounts)

Property Description	No. Accounts	% of Accounts	Estimated 2006 Total Billing (\$000's)	% of Total Billing	Average Annual Cost	Average Monthly Cost
Semi-Detached	26,002	36%	11,946	32%	\$ 459	\$ 38.29
Detached	22,178	31%	11,252	30%	\$ 507	\$ 42.28
Duplex	10,046	14%	6,025	16%	\$ 600	\$ 49.98
Townhouse	7,013	10%	3,206	9%	\$ 457	\$ 38.10
Triplex	2,610	4%	2,042	6%	\$ 782	\$ 65.20
Residential over Retail	974	1%	700	2%	\$ 718	\$ 59.85
Other	3,316	5%	1,774	5%	\$ 535	\$ 44.58
Total Flat Rate	72,139	100%	36,945	100%	\$ 512	\$ 42.68

- Chart 2 below presents an estimated breakdown of 2006 Metered Account billings.
- Residential uses (not including multi-residential) represents 88% of metered accounts and 56% of total metered revenue. Multi-residential apartment buildings represent 1% of metered accounts and 28% of total metered revenue.
- Non-residential uses represent 11% of metered accounts and 16% of total metered revenue.

Chart 2
Breakdown of Metered Accounts and Estimated 2006 Revenue from Metered Accounts

	No. Accounts	% of Accounts	Total 2006 Consumption	% Consumption	Average Consumption (M3/y)	Average Annual Cost	Average Monthly Cost
Detached Residential	249,950	67%	74,272,008	20.9%	297	\$ 425	\$ 35.40
Apartment Buildings	3,571	1%	59,846,419	16.8%	16,759	\$ 24,658	\$ 2,054.85
Industrial	4,067	1%	19,681,361	5.5%	4,839	\$ 7,095	\$ 591.21
Semi-Detached Residential	52,591	14%	15,264,207	4.3%	290	\$ 415	\$ 34.56
Commercial	1,255	0%	14,462,371	4.1%	11,524	\$ 16,977	\$ 1,414.74
Condominium Residential	4,312	1%	12,993,008	3.6%	3,013	\$ 4,413	\$ 367.76
Retail w/ Residential Above	9,074	2%	7,784,782	2.2%	858	\$ 1,248	\$ 104.03
Duplex	9,932	3%	3,608,272	1.0%	363	\$ 522	\$ 43.50
Townhouse	9,446	3%	2,573,247	0.7%	272	\$ 389	\$ 32.38
Other Residential	12,874	3%	11,329,817	3.2%	880	\$ 1,281	\$ 106.73
Other Commercial	5,785	2%	16,200,273	4.6%	2,800	\$ 4,101	\$ 341.72
Other Industrial	1,636	0.4%	12,252,691	3.4%	7,489	\$ 11,004	\$ 917.00
Institutional	502	0.1%	8,144,300	2.3%	16,224	\$ 23,873	\$ 1,989.45
Government/Special Purpose	1,535	0.4%	5,049,108	1.4%	3,289	\$ 4,819	\$ 401.55
Not Specified/Mixed Use	19,163	5.1%	92,538,136	26.0%	4,829	\$ 7,079	\$ 589.95
Total Metered	385,693	100%	356,000,000	100.0%			

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