

**COMPARISON OF CURRENT  
WATER & SEWER RATE SETTING  
TO PROPOSED  
INDEPENDENT UTILITY COMMISSION**

<b>Current Process</b>	<b>Proposed Process</b>
<p><b>Water and Sewer Bureaus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Develop budget and rate requests with input from Budget Advisory Committees and Portland Utility Review Board.</li> <li>. Submit requested budgets to the Mayor, at the direction of the Commissioner-in-Charge.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mayor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Conduct public budget forums and Council work sessions to review budget requests. Include reviews by Financial Planning Division and Portland Utility Review Board.</li> <li>. Set proposed budgets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Conduct public hearings on proposed utility budgets and rates.</li> <li>. Adopt final utility budgets and rates.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Water and Sewer Bureaus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Develop budgets with input from Budget Advisory Committees and Portland Utility Review Board.</li> <li>. Submit requested budgets and rates to Independent Utility Commission, at the direction of the Commissioner-in-Charge.</li> </ul> <p><b>Independent Utility Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Review requested budgets with the assistance of its professional staff.</li> <li>. Hold public hearings on the requested rates and budgets.</li> <li>. Set proposed budgets and rates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Auditor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Submit proposed utility budgets and rates to Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Conduct public hearings on proposed utility budgets and rates.</li> <li>. Adopt final utility budgets and rates.</li> </ul>