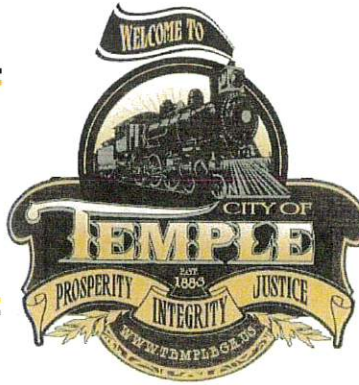


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TO: City of Temple Water Customer

RE: Installation of New Water Meters at Residences and Businesses in Temple

During the next four months, new water meters are going to be installed at residences, businesses, and other buildings throughout the City of Temple. Your city government is happy to be able to announce that installation of these new water meters will start in mid-January, and it is expected that the entire changeover to the new remote read meters will be completed during the spring.

Basically, this changeover will provide City of Temple water customers with state-of-the-art water meters. From a technological standpoint, this will be an Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Fixed Base radio communications system for reading Temple's water meters.

No longer will a city employee have to walk from water meter to water meter, remove the lid and then clean dirt and other debris off the meter face until the recorded reading can be seen and read. Instead, the meters will be read remotely, using modern technology.

This should improve accuracy, greatly shorten the time it takes to get the individual "meter reads" each month from some 2,200 meters, and eliminate the current "revisits" to individual water meters if there are any apparent problems or questions pertaining to the recorded usage. The new system also removes the possibility of "human error" in the process of recording water usage numbers.

**WHEN WILL YOUR NEW WATER METER BE INSTALLED?** After January 10, you will be able to go to the city's website and find out approximately when your particular part of town, subdivision, or street is scheduled for installation of the new water meters. (Our web site will be updated weekly, to report on the progress being made and to announce any changes in the meter installation schedule.)

**BRIEF BACKGROUND INFO.** The City of Temple obtained funding for this project from the State of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The \$1,404,000 loan is to be repaid by the city, with the annual interest rate being only 0.13 percent. These will be the Neptune brand of water meter. The selected low bid contractor is RTS Water Solutions, with a bid being \$1,157,055.35. The engineering firm of Keck & Wood will oversee the project.

**NO CHANGE IN WATER RATES.** The Temple City Council recently voted not to consider making any change in the fee schedule for water rates until the new meters have been installed and a cost analysis has been made to determine if rates should be changed or should stay at their current levels.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael C. Johnson".

Mayor Michael C. Johnson