

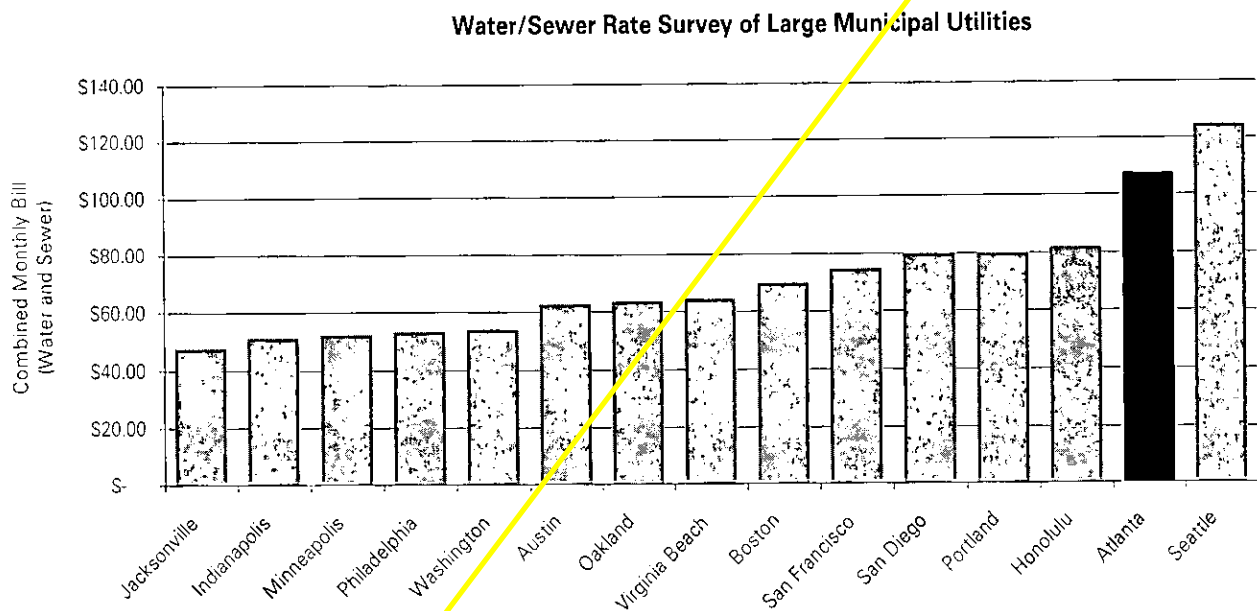
EXHIBIT 5.6:

Description	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12
Water Service	\$24.79	\$31.27	\$35.03	\$39.27	\$43.84
Wastewater Service	\$59.81	\$76.27	\$85.79	\$96.52	\$108.08
Total	\$84.60	\$107.54	\$120.82	\$135.79	\$151.92
% rate increase from prior year		27.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.0%

Source: DWM Website

Atlanta has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest water/sewer rates in the country for a major metropolitan area based on KPMG revised analysis of a 2007 Black & Veatch survey. KPMG updated the rates for FY2009 for the top 15 cities in this survey with the results shown in the following chart:

EXHIBIT 5.7:



Source: KPMG survey of water and sewer rates of large municipal utilities

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides guidance on the affordability of retail sewer rates using a 2% Median Household Income (MHI) annual threshold as one affordability factor in conjunction with measures of the system's debt, socioeconomic conditions of the area, and financial management conditions. The City's 2008 MHI was \$47,982. According to EPA guidance, the monthly affordability threshold for sewer charges is approximately \$80.