

NEW YORK CITY WATER BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the New York City Water Board (the “Board”) is considering additions and revisions to its Regulation Number 1, which would modify the Reimbursable Metering Program (“RMP”) currently in effect.

The RMP allows owners of unmetered properties, or properties with outdated or malfunctioning water meters, the opportunity to have meters installed/replaced by licensed master plumbers of their own choosing and to receive reimbursement from the Board. Reimbursement is in the form of a credit to the property’s water/wastewater account with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), which can be applied against current or future bills or may be refunded to those customers who are eligible and so request. The credit is equal to the scheduled amount or the actual amount paid to a plumber for each type and size of meter installed or replaced, whichever is less. The proposed changes include the following:

1. Extending the time period for licensed plumbers to return original completed meter permits to a DEP Bureau of Customer Services Borough Office from 72 hours to ten (10) business days;
2. Adjustments to the scheduled reimbursement amounts for various meter sizes and types;
3. Addition of “Enhanced Meter Reimbursement Amounts” (effective for two years only) for meters 3” and larger that were installed before 1995;
4. Merging of reimbursements for replacement of compound, single-jet or electromagnetic meters with single-jet or electromagnetic meters;
5. Requirement that requests for extensions of meter installation or replacement permits, which are valid for 30 days, must be received prior to the expiration of the 30-day period;
6. Elimination of reimbursement for telephone-based AMR equipment installations;
7. Elimination of reimbursement for installing or replacing detector check valve assemblies; and
8. Minor updates and editorial changes to the RMP booklet.

Specific details, including the rules, guidelines, forms, and reimbursement schedule are provided in DEP’s RMP booklet. Copies of the booklet with the proposed changes can be downloaded from www.nyc.gov/nycwaterboard or by contacting James Gallagher, DEP BCS Metering/Conservation Unit, 96-05 Horace Harding Expressway, 1st Floor, Corona, NY 11368-4100, (718) 595-4701 or jgallagher@dep.nyc.gov.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the proposed changes to the Board may do so in writing to Kevin Kunkle, New York City Water Board, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 8th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373-5108, (718) 595-3601 or kkunkle@dep.nyc.gov. Deadline for the submission of comments is September 16, 2010. Following the period allowed for public comment, a proposal concerning the changes will be submitted to the Board for consideration at a meeting on September 24, 2010.