

2014 Mayor's Proposed Budget for Seattle Public Utilities

Mayor-proposed adjustments to SPU's 2014 Endorsed Budget that are Included in the baseline rate path figures presented to the Customer Review Panel on August 20th (except #2-Technical Adjustments)

Item	Description	WF	DWF	SWF	All Funds
1. General Expense & Administration	Changes to debt service payments, taxes, contract payments	1,982,208	5,057,705	(5,653,826)	1,386,087
2. Technical Adjustments	Late adjustments for higher City Central, health care and workers' comp costs	897,242	793,383	286,769	1,977,394
3. SWF - Organics Processing Contract	Higher processing costs associated with the new organics contract (there is a net savings starting in 2015 due to lower hauling costs)	-	-	605,625	605,625
4. Staffing Costs	Salary and benefits for new staff approved prior to the budget process (e.g. internal control FTEs approved in Dec. 2012, term-limited positions approved via the City's Labor Management Leadership Committee)	587,528	449,367	275,105	1,312,000
5. IT-Related Costs	Operating costs for new IT applications, annual subscription fee for the Utility Locates ticket management system, increased software support costs	251,431	202,456	63,274	517,161
6. Fleet Costs	Higher maintenance costs associated with aging heavy equipment and a "shift" in fleet idle costs from the capital to the operating budget	1,086,449	459,950	2,600	1,548,999
7. SBP - Human Resources Staffing	3.0 HR staff to build the foundation to attract, develop, and retain a skilled workforce	140,348	116,751	47,900	305,000
8. SBP – Outreach for Plan Implementation	Funds to provide greater customer outreach, particularly to under-represented communities, and greater employee in-reach to achieve greater transparency and engagement in implementing the Plan, beginning in 2014	159,490	121,185	119,325	400,000
9. Other		3,609	49,854	873	54,336
TOTAL 2014 O&M Proposed Changes		5,108,305	7,250,651	(4,252,355)	8,106,601