Utility Summit – Next Steps

MWPAAC

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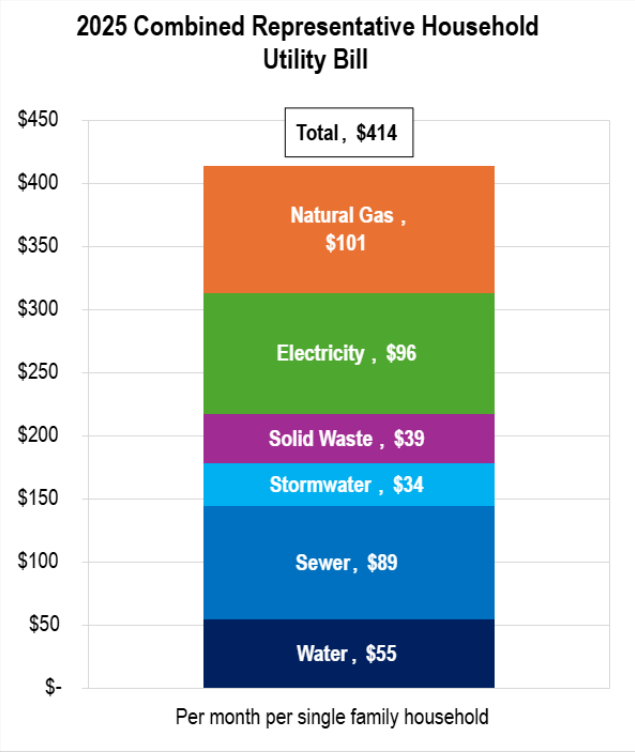

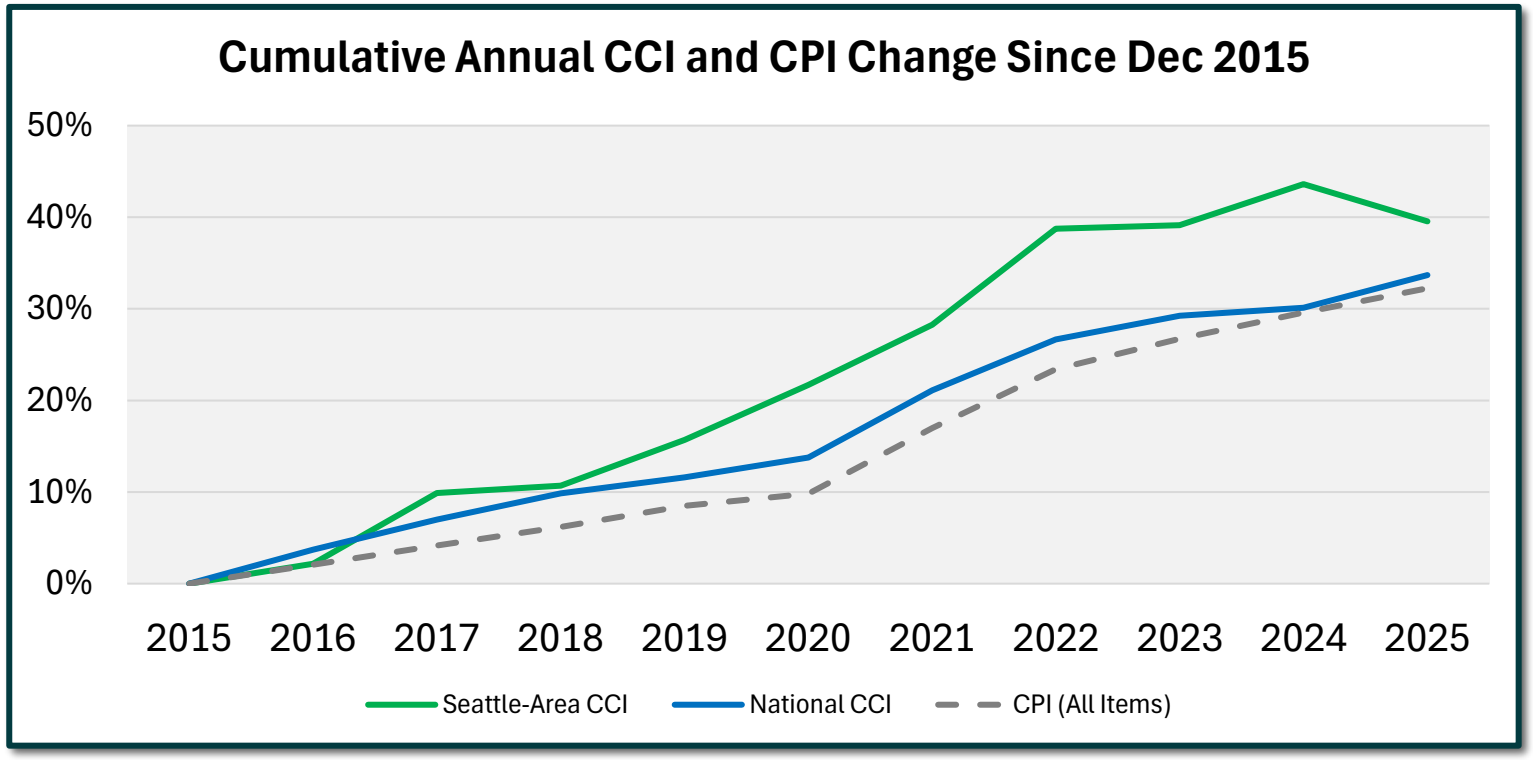

- **Utilities identified common drivers** – construction/permitting, growth, regulatory obligations, aging infrastructure
- **Sewer rates are just a portion of the affordability picture --** housing a primary driver alongside property taxes and other utilities.
- **Interest in continuing the affordability discussion.**

Sound Cities Association (SCA) Education Series and Toolbox

- Goal: Increase awareness of growing utility affordability challenges
- 3-part series (June/July)
  - 1: Problem statement, rate stack, cost drivers
  - 2: Potential levers and strategies
  - 3: Next steps and potential partners
- Toolbox
  - City Managers/City Administrators
  - Slides, memos, recordings
- Advocacy agenda September/October

King County Next Steps

- King County committed to improving environmental outcomes in Puget Sound.
- Executive direction to explore regulatory compliance alternatives and a sustainable rate path.

- **Questions for MWPAAC:**
  - Where should the focus be in fall of 2026?
  - What format should next steps take?
  - What are the desired outcomes in terms of planning a fall event?
  - Who should SCA/King County work with from your organization?

Thank you

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