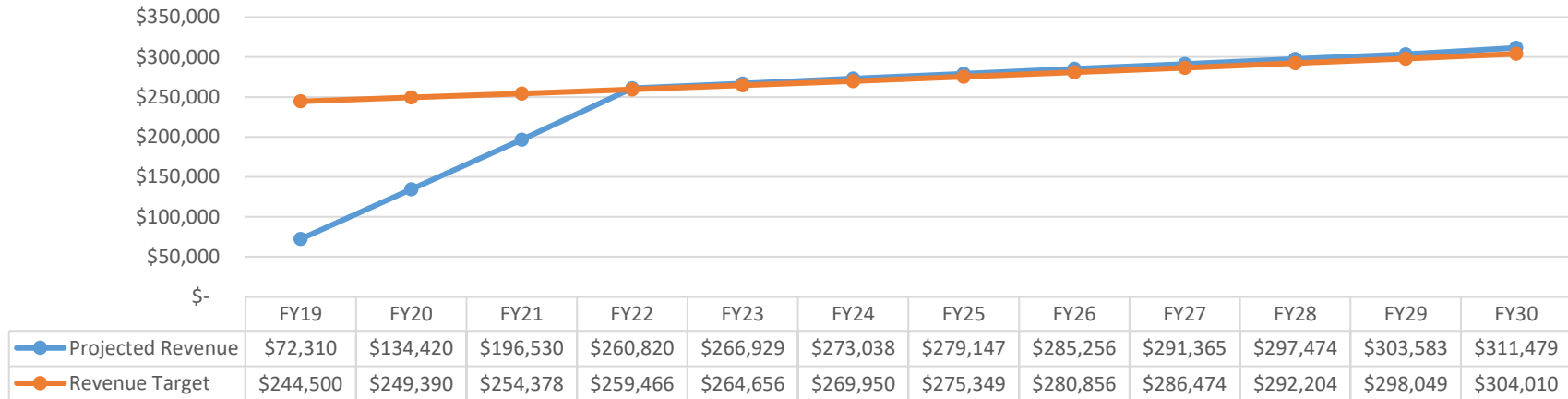# OpCert Fee Increases Phased In Over 2 Years

Purpose: To demonstrate what a phased-In fee increase could look like in order to fully fund the OpCert Program.

Revenue Needed to Sustain Program

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
Projected Revenue	$72,310	$134,420	$196,530	$260,820	$266,929	$273,038	$279,147	$285,256	$291,365	$297,474	$303,583	$311,479
Revenue Target	$244,500	$249,390	$254,378	$259,466	$264,656	$269,950	$275,349	$280,856	$286,474	$292,204	$298,049	$304,010

Fee Per Year

Category	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
G1 and G1-OIT Apps	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50	$ 60	$ 62	$ 64	$ 66	$ 68	$ 70	$ 72	$ 74	$ 76
G2-G4 Apps	$ 50	$ 59	$ 67	$ 76	$ 78	$ 80	$ 82	$ 84	$ 86	$ 88	$ 90	$ 92
Renewals	$ 30	$ 64	$ 98	$ 132	$ 135	$ 138	$ 141	$ 144	$ 147	$ 150	$ 153	$ 157

Notes:

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification fees had been capped in statute at $50 per application and $30 per renewal since 1987.

2. Current fee revenue (~$72,300) fails to recover the costs of the OpCert Program (~$244,500) - a deficit of -$172,200 per year.

3. Under this phased-in approach, the program would be fully funded in 2 years (1 biennia).

4. Under this approach, application fees would increase by an average of $9.00 per year over the first four years, while renewal fees would increase by an average of $34.00 per year over that same timeframe.

5. The new model inverts the historic fee structure, placing more of the onus to fund the program on renewal fees vs. application fees.

6. The new model creates a lower application fee for Group 1 and Group 1 Operator In Training applicants.

7. The model assumes that the number of applicants and renewals each year remains consistent with historical averages (374 apps and 1,784 renewals).

8. Once the program is fully funded in FY2022, the model assumes fees would increase by 2% (~$3) per year in order to keep pace with inflationary costs.

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