



# Project Q & A

## **Why does our community need this project?**

As many of you are well aware, Blount County has been on a rapid growing pace for the last several years. We can see evidence of the growth in our schools, churches, grocery stores, shops and on our roads. According to a report recently released by Blount County the projected growth in Blount County is not expected to slow down any time soon. As the sole provider of water to the South Blount County district it is our job to proactively plan to adequately meet the future demands of our community's water needs.

In addition, Phase 2 of this project will provide a much needed public water service to over 40 families who are currently relying on failing well systems for their water needs.

## **What will happen if we do not add these water transmission lines?**

If our utility was to ignore the projected growth studies and not plan for our community's needs, we would not be doing our job. These water transmission lines will allow us to move large amounts of water to our customers, ensuring there is an abundance of water during even the hottest summer days. Without the addition of these water lines, our service area could face a water shortage, because the current water lines in place are not large enough to handle the future demanded load.

## **Does the project have to start immediately? Can we wait?**

SBCUD has worked with a group of highly-qualified environmental/civil engineers to carefully assess our customer's immediate and future needs as well as the project's lengthy construction schedule and have concluded that starting this project as soon as possible is in the best interest of our customers. It is our responsibility to plan ahead.

## **How much will the entire project cost?**

The entire six-phase/six-year project will cost \$11,000,000 to complete.

## **Will my rates increase?**

No, this particular project will not cause an increase in any of our customer's rates. This project will be paid for with low interest bonds which will eventually be paid for through the increased revenue the district is seeing with 5-percent growth each year.

## **How long will it take?**

The entire project will start January 2007 and will be completed by the beginning of 2013.

## **Will this have a major impact on the traffic of State Route 129?**

The construction of these water transmission lines will be placed at least 15-20 feet from the road and will not have an effect on the daily traffic on State Route 129.

## **If I live along State Route 129 will this affect my property's value?**

No, the placement of these water lines does not negatively affect property values. For homes that currently rely on well water, the placement of these water lines could possibly add to the value of your property.