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## Cape utilities audit: Internal memos given to FBI, NBC2

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**LEE COUNTY:** NBC2 has been given exclusive access to documents that will soon become part of an FBI investigation into the Cape Coral utilities expansion project. The documents include internal city memos and emails as well as plans for the water and sewer systems.



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The person who handed over the documents does not want to be revealed, but says he is turning them over to the FBI for their investigation into the Cape's utilities project.

The documents reveal new customers are paying for already completed work which may answer the question as to why prices keep going up.

"Previous customers may not have paid their 100-percent share at various times between rate adjustments. As a result, new customers may be paying in the range of \$1,800-\$2,500 more for their impact fee than a current customer or neighbor."

"New growth customers will be paying for the repair costs associated with the old system."

City Manager Terry Stewart has been very critical of the report. He said he wasn't responsible for the firm that conducted the audit, Kessler International.

But documents NBC2 obtained show Terry Stewart signed the contract to hire the auditor. [Click here to see the Kessler contract signed by Cape Coral City Manager Terry Stewart.](#)

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