5-190 Water is to be heated steadily from 20°C to 55°C by an electrical resistor inside an insulated pipe. The power rating of the resistance heater and the average velocity of the water are to be determined.

Assumptions **1** This is a steady-flow process since there is no change with time at any point within the system and thus $\Delta m_{CV} = 0$ and $\Delta E_{CV} = 0$. **2** Water is an incompressible substance with constant specific heats. **3** The kinetic and potential energy changes are negligible, $\Delta ke \cong \Delta pe \cong 0$. **4** The pipe is insulated and thus the heat losses are negligible.

Properties The density and specific heat of water at room temperature are $\rho = 1000$ kg/m^3 and $c = 4.18$ kJ/kg·°C (Table A-3).

Analysis (*a*) We take the pipe as the system. This is a *control volume* since mass crosses the system boundary during the process. Also, there is only one inlet and one exit and thus $\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2 = \dot{m}$. The energy balance for this steady-flow system can be expressed in the rate form as

$$\underbrace{\dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of net energy transfer} \\ \text{by heat, work, and mass}}} = \underbrace{\Delta \dot{E}_{system}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of change in internal, kinetic,} \\ \text{potential, etc. energies}}}^{\nearrow 0 \text{ (steady)}} = 0$$

$$\dot{E}_{in} = \dot{E}_{out}$$

$$\dot{W}_{e,in} + \dot{m}h_1 = \dot{m}h_2 \quad (\text{since } \dot{Q}_{out} \cong \Delta ke \cong \Delta pe \cong 0)$$

$$\dot{W}_{e,in} = \dot{m}(h_2 - h_1) = \dot{m}[c(T_2 - T_1) + v\Delta P^{\nearrow 0}] = \dot{m}c(T_2 - T_1)$$
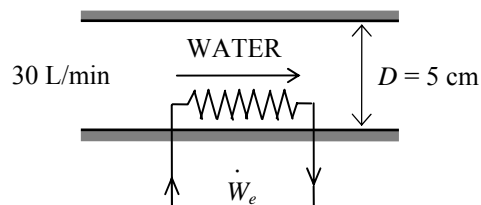
The mass flow rate of water through the pipe is

$$\dot{m} = \rho \dot{V}_1 = (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(0.030 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}) = 30 \text{ kg/min}$$

Therefore,

$$\dot{W}_{e,in} = \dot{m}c(T_2 - T_1) = (30/60 \text{ kg/s})(4.18 \text{ kJ/kg·°C})(55 - 20)°C = \textbf{73.2 kW}$$

(*b*) The average velocity of water through the pipe is determined from

$$V = \frac{\dot{V}}{A} = \frac{\dot{V}}{\pi r^2} = \frac{0.030 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}}{\pi(0.025 \text{ m})^2} = \textbf{15.3 m/min}$$