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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY

The City of Waukesha Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to a 74.75 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 71.08 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2020.

Water supply rates are going up due to the ongoing costs of operating and maintaining existing infrastructure, as well as the infrastructure and other costs needed for the upcoming switch to Lake Michigan water. Our current water supply is severely depleted and contains excessive amounts of natural contaminants, including radium. The switch to a new water supply in late Summer 2023 will ensure that Waukesha has reliable and safe drinking water for the long term.

The proposed increases are consistent with the rates that we have been projecting since 2016.

If the request is granted, the increase in water rates will be implemented in two phases. The proposed Phase I increase of \$6,709,882 would take effect following the issuance of the Final Decision by the Commission, in the fall of 2023. The Phase II increase of \$13,587,938 is compared to the current rates and is an additional increase of \$6,878,056 over the Phase I rates. The overall increase of \$13,587,938 is a 104.29 percent increase over the water utility’s present revenues. The remaining Phase II increase of \$6,878,056 would be implemented no later than one year after the Phase I rate increase, in the fall of 2024.

If the request is granted, the water supply rates for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 4,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$35.79 to \$50.71, or 42% after Phase I is implemented. That same customer will see an increase of \$35.79 to \$68.52, or 91% from current rates to Phase II, or \$50.71 to \$68.52, from Phase I to Phase II.

<b>Water Supply Monthly Rates – Average Residential Customer</b>						
<i>5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter, using 4,000 gallons of water per month</i>						
Current	Phase I	Increase		Phase II	Increase from Phase I	Increase from Current
\$35.79	\$50.71	\$14.92 (42%)		\$68.52	\$17.81 (35%)	\$32.73 (91%)

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled by the Commission for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. This hearing has no physical location. Parties and Commission staff appear by Zoom. Parties and Commission staff may use the telephone connection as a backup or if no practicable internet connection exists. Members of the public attend by Zoom or by audio-only telephone connection.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/pschearings>

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1. Dial: +1 312 626 6799
2. Enter: 809 513 2930 # (Meeting ID)

The Commission intends to livestream and record this hearing on YouTube. To access the livestream, go to the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "News & Events", and select item labeled "Broadcasts".

A person may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in only one of the following ways:

- **Web Comment.** File a comment on the internet. Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "Commission Action". Select the item labeled "File a Public Comment". On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 6240-WR-111. Web comments shall be received no later than Friday, July 21, 2023.
- **Live Comment.** Make a live comment at the hearing. The ALJ may receive live comments from any member of the public in attendance after the close of any party and Commission staff testimony. The ALJ will receive such comments by stating the name of each member of the public connected to the hearing one at a time and asking if they would like to comment.
- **Mail Comment.** Send a comment by U.S. Mail. All comments submitted by U.S. Mail shall be received no later than Friday, July 21, 2023 and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 6240-WR-111 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

To access the documents, schedule, and other information about this docket, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, select the dropdown menu labeled "eServices". Select the item labeled "Docket Search (CMS)". On the next page enter 6240-WR-111 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search".

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Waukesha Water Utility at (262) 521-5272. For more information about the coming water supply transition and about water rates, please see the Transition link at [waukesha-water.com](http://waukesha-water.com).