

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE SPRING VALLEY WATERWORKS

The Spring Valley Waterworks (Utility) has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) to change its method of cost recovery for providing public fire protection (PFP) service. Currently, the total annual cost for PFP service is \$189,676. This cost covers the additional storage, pumping, and distribution required to provide the high flows and pressures needed to fight fires. The Utility requested Commission authorization to move \$47,419 of the \$94,838 currently collected from the municipal PFP charge to direct PFP charges. The new amounts requested are \$47,419 collected from the municipal PFP charge and \$142,257 collected from direct PFP charges. The Utility would continue to direct bill its general service customers on the basis of the equivalent meters method. Therefore, 25 percent of the total PFP charge would be set as the municipal charge with the remaining 75 percent being billed as a direct charge to water customers. The resulting direct charges to each water customer are based on the equivalent meters method, in accordance with Wis. Stat. Sec. 196.03(3)(b).

If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch or $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter who uses 9,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$136.80 to \$159.90, or 14.69 percent, including the PFP charge.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.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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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 5650-PFP-101. Web comments shall be received no later than Friday, January 24, 2025.

- **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, January 24, 2025 and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 5650-PFP-101 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 5650-PFP-101 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search".

If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Valley Waterworks at (715) 778-5635 ext 4.