

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF BLOOMER WATER UTILITY

The City of Bloomer Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to a 292.30 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 113.61 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2010.

If the request is granted, the increase in water rates will be implemented in two steps. The proposed Step I increase of \$338,246 would take effect following the issuance of the Final Decision. The Step II increase of \$1,294,231 is compared to the current rates and is an additional increase of \$955,984 over the Step I rates. The overall increase of \$1,294,231 is an increase of 192.47 percent over the water utility's present revenues. The remaining Step II increase of \$955,984 would be implemented when the Utility notifies the Commission that the infrastructure project authorized by the Commission in docket 585-CW-102 is complete and placed into service.

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 3,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$27.60 to \$41.79, or 51%, from present rates to Step I. The same customer will see an increase from \$27.60 to \$81.07, or 194% when the Step II rates are implemented. The same customer will see an increase from \$41.79 to \$81.07, or 94% from Step I to Step II.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2023, 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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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 585-WR-103. Web comments shall be received no later than Tuesday, June 20, 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 Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 585-WR-103 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 585-WR-103 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search".

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Bloomer Water Utility at (715) 568-3032.