

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE
BIRCHWOOD MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

The Birchwood Municipal 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 14.93 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 67.35 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2015.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$59,424 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 47.09 percent over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 6,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$58.32 to \$94.20, or 61.52 percent.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024, at 2:00 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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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 490-WR-102. Web comments shall be received no later than Wednesday, August 21, 2024.
- **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 Wednesday, August 21, 2024 and shall be

addressed to: Attn: Docket 490-WR-102 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 490-WR-102 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search".

If you have any questions, please contact the Birchwood Municipal Water Utility at (715) 354-3300.