

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE
BROWNSVILLE WATER UTILITY**

The Brownsville Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to change its method of cost recovery for providing public fire protection (PFP) service.

The Brownsville Water Utility currently collects an annual amount of \$66,012 for providing PFP to the Village of Brownsville. This cost covers the additional storage, pumping, and distribution required to provide the high flows and pressures needed to fight fires. The Village of Brownsville recently approved eliminating the municipal PFP charge and as a result the Utility has requested PSCW authorization to allow the entire collection of the PFP charges from each customer of the water utility.

The resulting direct charges to each water customer are based on the equivalent meter's method. This change in billing for PFP will allow for the collection of PFP charges from property owners who are not subject to property taxes. The Utility does not intend to charge non-general service customers. 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 11,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$111.11 to \$146.42, or 31.78 percent.

An audiovisual public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. This hearing has no physical location. Parties and Commission staff appear by audiovisual connection over the internet. Parties and Commission staff may use the audio-only telephone connection as a backup, or if no practicable internet connection exists. Members of the public attend by audiovisual connection over the internet, or by audio-only telephone connection.

Join by audiovisual connection at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/psc hearings>

To join by telephone:

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

Each participant shall provide their name, and status as either a party representative, Commission staff, or a member of the public. Each participant using the internet connection shall provide this information in the "Join Meeting" dialog screen, or by renaming the participant's screenname after gaining admittance to the hearing. Each person connecting by telephone shall provide this information immediately after gaining admittance to the hearing.

Upon connecting to the hearing, each participant will enter a waiting room and await admittance to the hearing. Before commencing the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will admit each participant who connected before the designated start time. The ALJ will admit each participant who connects after the hearing begins at the earliest opportunity that does not disrupt

the hearing. Each member of the public shall remain muted until the ALJ invites that person to comment.

The Commission will livestream the audio of this hearing on its website. The livestream allows anyone to listen to the hearing without connecting to it as described above. To access the livestream, go to the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, and select "Live Broadcast" button. The live broadcast webpage provides neither: (1) an opportunity to make a comment, nor (2) closed captioning.

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 <https://psc.wi.gov>, click on "File a Comment". On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 790-PFP-100. Web comments shall be received no later than Thursday, October 5, 2023.
- **Oral Comment.** Speak over the telephone during the public session. The ALJ may receive an oral comment from any member of the public in attendance after the close of any party and Commission staff testimony. The ALJ will receive an oral comment by unmuting each phone connection one at a time and inquiring into each caller's desire to comment.
- **Mail Comment.** Send a comment by U.S. Mail. All comments submitted by U.S. Mail shall be received no later than Thursday, October 5, 2023, and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 790-PFP-100 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <https://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "790-PFP-100" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a case," and (3) select "GO".

If you have any questions, please contact the Brownsville Water Utility at (920) 583-6700.

Clerk/Treasurer – Kathryn Hull

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