

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE
CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY**

The Cumberland Municipal Utility currently collects an annual amount of \$177,251 for providing public fire protection (PFP) to the City of Cumberland. This cost covers the additional storage, pumping, and distribution required to provide the high flows and pressures needed to fight fires. Currently, the City of Cumberland collects a municipal PFP charge of \$177,251 (100 percent of the total PFP cost) from property taxes and pays this charge to the water utility. The City of Cumberland recently approved eliminating the municipal PFP charge. As such, the City of Cumberland has requested Public Service Commission 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 Meters Method, in accordance with Wis. Stat. Sec. 196.03(3)(b), which reads as follows:

Unless the governing body of the city, village or town adopts a resolution providing that the city, village or town will pay the retail charges for the production, storage, transmission, sale and delivery or furnishing of water for public fire protection purposes that are not included in general service charges:

1. A public utility shall include the charges in the water utility bill of each customer of the public utility in the city, village or town.
2. A municipal utility may, in addition to including the charges in water utility bills under subd. 1., bill the charges to any person who meets all of the following conditions:
 - a. The person is not a customer of the municipal utility.
 - b. The person owns land that is located in the city, village or town and in an area in which the municipal utility has an obligation to provide water for public fire protection.

This change in billing for PFP will allow for the collection of a portion of PFP charges from property owners who are not subject to property taxes. The Utility does not intend to charge non-general service customers as defined in subd. 2. above. The proposed monthly PFP charges are as follows:

Meter Size	Existing Monthly Charges	Proposed Monthly Charges
5/8"	\$0	\$9.61
3/4"	\$0	\$9.61
1"	\$0	\$24.01
1 ¼"	\$0	\$35.54
1 ½"	\$0	\$48.03
2"	\$0	\$76.84
3"	\$0	\$144.08
4"	\$0	\$240.13
6"	\$0	\$480.26
8"	\$0	\$768.42
10"	\$0	\$1,152.63
12"	\$0	\$1,536.84

The following is a projected monthly billing comparison:

Customer Type	Meter Size	Volume (gallons)	With Existing PFP Charge	With Proposed PFP Charge	Percent Increase
Average Residential	5/8"	3,000	\$17.05	\$26.66	56.4%
Large Residential	5/8"	8,000	\$31.30	\$40.91	30.7%
Multifamily	2"	30,000	\$104.90	\$181.74	73.3%
Commercial	1"	33,000	\$89.21	\$113.22	26.9%
Industrial	3"	165,000	\$338.20	\$482.28	42.6%
Public Authority	3"	33,000	\$128.11	\$272.19	112.5%

A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall, 950 1st Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the PSCW at (608) 266-3766.

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.** Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click on "File a Comment". On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 1490-PFP-100. Web comments shall be received no later than the day before the hearing.
- **Oral Comment.** Spoken testimony at the public session.
- **Written Comment.** Instead of speaking at the hearing, write out a comment and submit it at the public session.
- **Mail Comment.** All comments submitted by U.S. Mail shall be received no later than the day before the hearing and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 1490-PFP-100 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

The PSCW intends to webcast this hearing live on the PSCW's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov> under the "PSC Live Broadcast" button.

All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <http://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "1490-PFP-100" in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search," and (3) select "Documents".

If you have any questions, please contact Cumberland Municipal Utility at (715) 822-2595.