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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF SUPERIOR WATER, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Your Superior Water, Light & Power bill may be changing.

Any rate adjustments are anticipated to become effective in January 2025.



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On March 29, 2024, Superior Water, Light and Power Company (SWL&P) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) for authority to adjust electric, gas and water rates.

SWL&P is requesting an overall rate increase of 5.9%, or \$7.3 million, composed of a 2.2% increase in electric rates, a 17.1% increase in gas rates, and an 18.0% increase in water rates. The actual amount of any increase in rates by rate class will be determined by the PSCW based on a review of the application and after public hearings.

Why is Superior Water, Light and Power asking for an increase?

The requested rate adjustments are due to safety and reliability improvements across all three utilities. Additional increases are seen in operation and maintenance costs and interest expense due to overall inflation. The gas utility also incorporates the proposed recovery of an environmental remediation of a manufactured gas plant that SWL&P owned and operated from 1889-1904. To minimize rate impact to our gas customers, SWL&P is requesting to amortize the expense over a 10-year period, beginning in 2025.

Larger capital additions within the gas utility include the continuation of the gas infrastructure project to upgrade lower-pressure mains and services in certain areas around Superior and the incorporation of the Hammond Avenue Gas Project done in conjunction with the city of Superior's Hammond Avenue road reconstruction project.

Within the water utility, SWL&P continues collaboration with the city, county and state to update old water mains while other entities reconstruct roadways throughout the city. These projects are incorporated as part of SWL&P's water replacement plan. In addition to these projects, SWL&P will replace water mains and services in conjunction with the Hammond Avenue road reconstruction project through 2025.

SWL&P will file additional information regarding this rate request with the PSCW during the next month. The additional information will include a detailed breakdown of what it costs to serve each customer class as well as proposed rate changes among the electric, gas and water utilities.

The actual amount of any change to SWL&P customers' rates will be determined by the PSCW based on a review of the application and after public hearings expected later this year. Any rate adjustments are anticipated to become effective January 1, 2025.