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## Evansville municipal water rate case: Consumer comments invited

*IURC Public Field Hearing June 4 in Evansville  
OUCC accepting written consumer comments through August 8*

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is encouraging Evansville Municipal Water customers to comment on the utility’s pending rate case, through both written comments and the case’s upcoming field hearing in Evansville.

The OUCC, which represents consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is accepting written consumer comments for the case record through August 8, 2012.

In addition, an Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) **public field hearing** will be held on **Monday, June 4, 2012** in the Bosse High School Auditorium in Evansville (1300 Washington Ave.). The hearing’s public comment portion will begin at 6:00 p.m. Evansville time.

- Sworn oral and written comments regarding the rate case will be accepted during the field hearing.
- Oral and written consumer comments carry equal weight and will become part of the official evidentiary record considered by the IURC in reaching its final decision.
- Commissioners are not allowed to answer consumer questions during the formal field hearing. (However, OUCC and IURC staff will be available before during and after each hearing.)

An OUCC informational session on the regulatory process and public field hearing procedures will precede the hearing, starting at 5:30 p.m. local time.

Evansville’s pending proposal would increase water rates in three phases. A residential customer using 5,000 gallons per month would see his or her water bill rise as follows:

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Effective Upon IURC Order</b>	<b>Effective Jan. 1, 2014</b>	<b>Effective Jan. 1, 2015</b>
<b>In City</b>	\$16.18	\$19.32	\$21.20	\$22.87
<b>Out of City</b>	\$17.95	\$20.74	\$22.76	\$24.55

The city is also requesting IURC authority to issue up to \$31.2 million in long-term debt. According to its testimony and exhibits, the city is seeking the changes due to numerous proposed capital improvements (including a \$1.6 million dechlorination facility and other projects at the utility’s water treatment plant, numerous distribution system improvements including replacement of cast iron mains, expected water main relocations due to road projects, water tank and booster station improvements, and other projects).

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Evansville's current water rates were approved in September 2007. While the city's **water** rates are at issue in this case, state law does not give the IURC jurisdiction over municipal **sewer** rates.

The OUCC is reviewing the city's request and is scheduled to file testimony on August 15, 2012.

Consumers who cannot attend the field hearing may provide written comments to the OUCC online at [www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm), or by mail, email or fax:

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Written comments should include the consumer's **name, mailing address** and a reference to "**IURC Cause No. 44137.**" Comments the OUCC receives by August 8 will be filed with the IURC for inclusion in the case's formal evidentiary record.

For more information, including a link to the utility's testimony, please visit the OUCC's Website at [www.in.gov/oucc/2691.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2691.htm).

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(IURC Cause No. 44137)

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