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Jackson County Water Utility rate case: Consumer comments invited

If you would like to comment on the pending rate request by Jackson County Water Utility, Inc., here's your chance.

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is reviewing the utility's request and is scheduled to file testimony on November 7, 2018.

Along with its legal and technical review, the OUCC is inviting written consumer comments through November 1, 2018.

Jackson County Water Utility, Inc., is a not-for-profit entity providing service in Jackson, Jennings, Bartholomew, Brown, and Lawrence counties. Its current rates were approved in 2015.

The utility's pending request would raise the monthly water rate for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons from \$53.75 to \$56.82. In an earlier phase of this case, the utility received IURC approval to issue up to \$7.5 million in long-term debt to pay for capital improvements. In its testimony, the utility cites operating and maintenance costs, along with principle and interest on the long-term debt.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case record may do so via the OUCC's website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, by email at uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov, or by mail at

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Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
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The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments no later than November 1, 2018 so that it can: 1) consider them in preparing its testimony and 2) file them with the Commission to be included in the case's formal evidentiary record.

Comments should include the consumer's **name, mailing address**, and a reference to "**IURC Cause No. 44986.**" Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494. Please do not include account numbers, social security numbers, or other sensitive information.

An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at the PNC Center (101 W. Washington St.) in Indianapolis. While evidentiary hearings are open to the public, participation is typically limited to attorney and Commission questioning of technical witnesses. A final decision in the case is expected in 2019.

The OUCC is posting updates on this case at www.in.gov/oucc/2793.htm. Case updates are also available through the agency's monthly electronic newsletter. Consumers can subscribe at www.in.gov/oucc/2877.htm.

(IURC Cause No. 44986)

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