

Rate Increase Sought

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) has filed rate schedules with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase its rates for all customer classes, including GM-Volumetric, GM-Multi-family-Volumetric, GM-Mixed-Use-Volumetric, and Fire Protection, and portions of special contracts. PWW seeks an overall increase of about 21.34%, although the rate increase to each individual rate class may differ. PWW seeks this increase based on increased operating expenses as well as investment in its plant and treatment systems to ensure continued compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The proposed increase sought for PWW residential General Metered customers would result in a change to the average bill as follows:

Average Residential Monthly Bill			
Based on the Monthly Usage of 6.89 ccf (100 Cubic Feet)			
	Customer Charge Based on 5/8" meter	Volumetric Charge	Total Monthly
Current Rates	\$29.02	\$31.00	\$60.02
Proposed Permanent Rate	\$35.21	\$37.62	\$72.83

The Commission will be scheduling a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's Offices in Concord sometime in the next month. Pennichuck will post the date and time of the Pre-Hearing Conference to its website as soon as the Commission sets the date. At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PWW and other parties and will consider requests for formal intervenor status. Notice of the Pre-hearing will be placed on PWW's website at: www.pennichuck.com.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Customers and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on PWW's filing. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov Tel: (603) 271-2431 Fax: (603) 271-3878.

**For more information, please reference the
Pennichuck Water Works website
www.pennichuck.com
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