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Proposed change in electric, gas & water rates

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Any rate adjustments are anticipated to become effective in January 2023.



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On April 29, 2022, 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.

On June 1, 2022, after discussion with the PSCW, SWL&P re-submitted certain exhibits effecting the overall rate increase. SWL&P is requesting an overall rate increase of 3.6%, comprised of a 6.4% decrease in water rates, a 9.7% increase in gas rates, and a 3.6% increase in electric rates. The actual amount of any increase or decrease in rates by rate class will be determined by the PSCW based on a review of the application and after public hearings. The rate adjustments, if approved, are anticipated to become effective in January of 2023.

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

The requested rate adjustments reflect changes in operating revenue, operating expenses and customer base, including higher projected water sales in 2023 as the Superior Refinery is expected to return to operations. The oil refinery has been offline since it was damaged in a fire in April 2018.

SWL&P last requested a rate adjustment in 2018 that included a solution for maintaining the water system, which had to remain available to serve all customers, including the refinery when it is restarted.

Originally required to file a rate request in 2020, SWL&P was granted approval to delay the filing for two years because of the impact of the pandemic on customers. During that time, SWL&P implemented an income-qualified program to help residential customers facing financial challenges get caught up on their utility bills.

The filing includes estimates of the revenue the company needs to cover its operating expenses, debt payments, construction costs, taxes and a rate of return on its investment. Because each of SWL&P's three utilities – electric, natural gas and water – must stand alone financially, the rate change for each reflects each utility's expected costs.

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 in January 2023.
