

WATER CUSTOMERS OF THE SILVER CREEK WATER CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER RATES

Notice is hereby given that the Silver Creek Water Corporation (SCWC) Board of Directors, did on April 2, 2020, file an Application with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), Cause Number 45363-U, to increase water rates charged to customers of the Silver Creek Water Corporation (SCWC).

The changes in the schedule of rates and charges submitted to the Commission are based solely upon the change in the operational costs to provide water to its members. The previous water rate increase initiated by Silver Creek Water Corporation was June 5, 1985 (Cause No. 37734). The current rate change shall apply for the next practical consumption period following final approval by the Commission in accordance with IC 8-1-2-42.

This Application was filed pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 8-1-2-61.5 without the necessary cost of an IURC hearing; however, a public hearing before the IURC may be held if any public or municipal corporation, ten (10) individuals, firms corporations or associations, or ten (10) complainants of all or any of these classes affected by the proposed rate change requests a formal public hearing. A written, signed request for a formal hearing must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, 101 W Washington St, Ste 1500 E, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 and must be received by the IURC within forty (40) days after the date the Application was filed with the IURC and declares complete. In addition, a public hearing may be held if requested by the Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC): OUCC, 115 W. Washington St, Ste 1500S; Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at 1-888-441-2494.

The proposed increase in the water rate requested by the application is 6.46% and is proposed to be an "Across-the-Board" increase for water and fire protection rates. This equates to an approximate increase of \$1.90 per month for an average residential water user of 5,000 gallons.

In the absence of a written request as described above, there likely will be no hearing conducted by the IURC on this application. However, this will not decrease the standard of review by either the OUCC or IURC. While the small utility filing procedures reduces time and expenses for the filing utility, the utility must still make its case in writing and has the same burden of proof that is required in any IURC rate case. The OUCC will assign a team of legal and technical staff to review the utility's request. Further, utility customers may send comments to the OUCC for inclusion in the formal case record. The OUCC accepts comments through its website at www.in.gov/OUCC/2361.htm or by email at uccinfo@OUCC.in.gov.

If you have any questions please contact Scott Ham, Manager at 812-246-2889 or email scott@silvercreekwater.org.