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Housatonic Water Works Company Files Rate Request Based on Needed Infrastructure Improvements

Housatonic Water Works Company filed an application with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), on June 23, 2023, requesting a 112.7% overall revenue increase. The revenue requirement reflects an \$808,808 increase over existing water rates. The Company plans to spend \$4.5 million to upgrade its treatment and distribution systems, improving both drinking water quality and fire protection service.

Investing in the future

“Providing safe, reliable drinking water to our customers and community is essential to health, quality of life, the environment and our local economy,” said Company treasurer, James Mercer. Under the current management over \$3 million in improvements have been made.

Since the last rate case filing in 2015, the Company has replaced over 760 water meters and 2,458 feet of aging water mains, and associated valves, and hydrants on Front, Division, North, Park and Wyantenuck Streets.

Billing impact

Filing the case with the DPU is the first step in a lengthy process, a rigorous financial review and opportunities for public comment.

The proposed across-the-board increase will result in a monthly minimum service charge of \$98.38 and a \$23.24 charge per thousand gallons for all water usage over the 2,500-gallon monthly allowance. The annual cost of water service for the average residential customer would increase from \$746.40 to \$1,641.48. Complete details are included in the rate case filing which is available on our website: housatonicwater.com.

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