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PSC Approves Modest Rate Increase for Superior Water, Light and Power Rates

MADISON – Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) reviewed Superior Water, Light and Power's (SWLP) request to increase electric, gas and water rates. Rising capital costs, increased spending on energy conservation programs and the cost to of a new electric substation were a few of the factors driving the request.

In a verbal decision today, the Commission approved an increase of about \$800,000 or 2.8 percent in electric rates, \$375,000 or 1.4 percent in gas rates and \$550,000 or 8.5 percent in water rates for SWLP. Under today's decision, the average residential SWLP customer will see a monthly increase of approximately \$2.25 for electric service, \$1.70 for gas distribution service exclusive of the commodity cost of gas and \$3.00 for water service.

When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's forecasted expenses and revenues. The agency looked at the amount SWLP needs to provide a reliable source of energy and water service to customers, which includes costs for maintenance, new construction, fuels, environmental protection and employee wages.

The Commission will issue a written order to finalize the rates approved in today's decision. The new rates become effective after the written order is issued.

Documents associated with SWLP's applications can be viewed on our Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Enter case number 5820-UR-110 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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