



MU Seeks Electric Rate Increase

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(Marshfield, WI) –Marshfield Utilities (MU) is seeking an increase in electric rates for the first time since 2012. The increase is necessary to reflect changes in operating costs, capital improvements during the last five years, and to adjust the rate tariff structure. The rate increase request was filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in July 2016.

The PSCW has performed a cost of services study to determine the amount of the rate increase. The total proposed increase in electric revenues for all rate classes is \$834,751 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 2.81% over the electric utility's present retail revenues. If the request is granted, the electric bill for an average residential customer who uses 682 kilowatt hours per month will increase from \$65.45 to \$65.56, or .16%. For comparison, this same usage would cost close to \$30 more for a similar customer being served by a nearby investor owned utility.

MU welcomes input from our customers who will have a chance to address the PSCW during a Rate Case Hearing scheduled for May 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at Marshfield Utilities, 2000 S. Central Ave., Marshfield. Customers can also submit comments at the PSCW's website, in writing, or by mail.

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Marshfield Utilities is a progressive customer-focused organization providing value and resources to the community. Operating since 1904, Marshfield Utilities now has more than 13,800 electrical customers and 8,300 water customers and is a substantial financial asset to and a stabilizing presence in the community. For more information, please visit www.marshfieldutilities.org or look for us on <https://www.facebook.com/marshfieldutilities/>.

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