## NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER RATES

## FOR CUSTOMERS OF VAN BUREN WATER INC

January 16, 2025 INDIANA UTILITY Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Water Inc Board. did on January 13, 2025, file an

Application with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to increase the water rates charged to customers of Van Buren Water Inc.

This Application was filed pursuant to Ind. Code 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 Street, Suite 1500 East, 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 declared complete. In addition, a public hearing may be held if requested by the Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC).

The proposed increase in the water rate requested by the application is approximately 38.79% and is proposed to be an "Across-the-Board" increase. 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 the IURC. While the small utility filing procedure 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/contact-us or by e-mail at uccinfo@OUCC.in.gov.

**CRAIG KOONS, PRESIDENT** 

JASON CLARK, SECRETARY

VAN BUREN WATER INC BOARD