WATER CUSTOMERS OF ST. ANTHONY WATER UTILITIES, INC.

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January 24, 2022
INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed Water Rate Increase

Dear Water Customer:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the St. Anthony Water Utilities, Inc. did on January 24, 2022, file an Application with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to increase the water rates charged to customers of the St. Anthony Water Utilities, 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).

St. Anthony Water Utilities, Inc.'s last water rate increase was in 1991. The Corporation has worked very hard over the last 30 years to maintain our water rates. After the proposed rate increase our minimum bill of \$17.62 for up to 2,000 gallon will go to \$27.86.

The proposed increase in the water rate requested by the application is approximately 58.12% 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/2361.htm or by e-mail at uccinfo@OUCC.in.gov.

If you have any questions, you can also contact one of the Directors.

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