

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

The Prairie du Chien Municipal Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to water main improvement and replacement projects and increased operating expenses since the last water rate increase in 2003.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$259,948 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 39% over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for general service for an average residential customer with a $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch or $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter who uses 1,800 cubic feet of water per quarter will increase from \$26.55 to \$37.26, or \$10.71 per quarter. Also, the City of Prairie du Chien has requested that the municipal charge for public fire protection be eliminated and the entire cost of public fire protection be collected through direct charges on the water bill.

A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room #2, City Hall, 214 East Blackhawk Avenue, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the PSCW at (608) 266-3766.

If you have any questions, please contact the Prairie du Chien Municipal Water Utility at 326-6406.