

LEGAL NOTICE

On March 14, 2024, Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Inc. (“Liberty Arkansas Water”) filed an application with the Arkansas Public Service Commission for a change in the rates to be charged all customers in its service territories. Liberty Arkansas Water comprises service areas for White Hall Water and White Hall Sewer in the City of White Hall, Arkansas, and Woodson-Hensley Water in the townships of Woodson and Hensley, Arkansas. The request is based on a historic year ending December 31, 2022, with known and measurable changes through December 31, 2023, and seeks to cover increases in operating expenses and return on investment in plant investments made over the past several years, increases in expenses, and upgrades to facilities to service. The total amount of the requested revenue increase is \$2,249,647. The amount of the rate change from the various customer classes that would be produced based on the proposed changes to new schedules by customer class, the current and proposed rates by meter size and consumption are set out below.

White Hall Water

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
All Customers	\$875,214	88.52%

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Customer Fixed Charge -All Customers	\$ 13.30	\$ 27.47	106.54%
Volumetric Charge (per Gallon) – All Customers	\$ 0.00521	\$ 0.00935	79.46%

White Hall Sewer

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
All Customers	\$1,038,391	94.37%

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Customer Fixed Charge -All Customers	\$ 19.13	\$ 34.16	78.57%
Volumetric Charge (per Gallon)			
First 1,000 Gallons	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Over 1,000 Gallons	\$ 0.00517	\$ 0.01347	160.54%

Woodson-Hensley

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
All Customers	\$336,042	211.46%

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Customer Fixed Charge			
Woodson, Hensley, and Banner Townships	\$ 18.00	\$ 40.59	125.50%
North Woodson Township	\$ 23.00	\$ 40.59	76.48%
Volumetric Charge (per CCF)			
First 3 CCF	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
3 – 5 CCF	\$ 2.61194	\$ 11.4901	339.91%
In excess of 5 CCF	\$ 2.23881	\$ 9.8487	339.91%

Average Bill Impact

	<u>Average Usage</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
White Hall Water	4488 gallons	\$ 36.68	\$ 69.43	\$ 32.75	89.29%
White Hall Sewer	4488 gallons	\$ 37.16	\$ 81.14	\$ 43.98	118.35%
Woodson-Hensley					
Woodson, Hensley, and Banner Townships	6 CCF	\$ 25.46	\$ 73.42	\$ 47.96	188.37%
North Woodson Township	6 CCF	\$ 30.46	\$ 73.42	\$ 42.96	141.04%

The amounts and percentages shown above and other rates and charges may change or be affected by a final order of the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The Company has also proposed an alternative three-year phase-in to moderate the impacts of the rate increases. Upon request, the Company will furnish any further information a customer desires concerning the percentage increase being sought for any rate schedule. In addition, the Company will, upon request, provide to any customer an estimate of the calculated average monthly dollar amount by which the proposed rates will increase the customer's water and/or wastewater utility bill. Requests can be made at <https://arkansas.libertyutilities.com/white-hall/residential/> or by calling 1-855-382-6508.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 23-067-U to this application. The Commission has 10 months in which to issue its order. The new rates are not expected to become effective until January 2025. The Commission rules provide procedures for interested persons to intervene as a party, make limited appearances or submit public comments in writing or orally at the hearing. The Commission has not yet established a procedural schedule or hearing dates for this matter. Further information may be obtained by visiting arkansas.gov/psc or contacting Ms. Karen Shook, Secretary, Arkansas Public Service Commission, at karen.shook@arkansas.gov, 501-682-5782, or 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.