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PSC Approves Increase in Electric and Water Rates, and Decreases Gas Rates for Superior Water, Light and Power Company Customers

MADISON – Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) approved an increase in Superior Water, Light and Power Company electric and water rates. The utility's customers will see a 4.7 percent increase on their electric bills and 13.5 percent for water in 2009. At the same time, the commission approved a slight decrease in the utility's natural gas rates by .6 percent.

The adjustment to electric and water rates covers cost of service increases essential for the utility to produce and provide electric and water service to its customers. The average residential customer can expect a \$5.82 increase on their monthly electric bill and a \$4.76 on their monthly water bill in 2009.

With the commission also approving a decrease of 1.8 percent in natural gas rates, customers will see their natural gas bills stay relatively the same in 2009 with a very slight decrease of about \$2.00 annually.

When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's expenses and revenues. In preparing for today's decision, the Commission considered the amount Superior Water, Light and Power Company needed to provide a reliable source of energy and water to its customers.

The Commission will issue a written order to finalize today's decision at a later date. The documents associated with Superior Water, Light and Power Company application can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Type case number 5820-UR-111 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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