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PSC Releases 2009 Wisconsin Water Fact Sheet

MADISON – Wisconsin public water utilities sold 157.8 billions of gallons in 2008, according to the Public Service Commission’s (PSC) recently released 2009 Wisconsin Water Fact Sheet. The Commission compiles its annual Water Fact Sheet using data reported by water utilities for the previous year.

Most Wisconsin communities have access to plentiful and high-quality water supplies, including groundwater and the Great Lakes. In 2008, 59 of the state’s 582 utilities relied on surface waters within the Great Lakes basin. By volume, these utilities provided 49.8 percent of the water pumped in Wisconsin in 2008.

Total water sales show variability over the past five years, but the amount of water sold per residential customer has declined 6.7 percent, from 60,000 gallons in 2004 to 56,000 gallons in 2008.

“Water conservation and efficiency continue to gain momentum in Wisconsin,” said Eric Callisto, PSC Chairperson. “The Commission publishes its Water Fact Sheet to highlight important trends that can assist utilities in managing their water supplies in a sustainable manner.”

The fact sheet provides other useful water-related information, including the number of utilities in operation, energy consumption by water utilities, and trends in average residential quarterly water rates. As of March 2009, the average statewide quarterly cost for 18,750 gallons of water was \$73.71 compared to \$71.63 in 2008 for residential customers.

The 2009 Wisconsin Water Fact Sheet is available at:

<http://psc.wi.gov/utilityinfo/water/newsinfo/document/waterFactSheet09.pdf>

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