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PSC SCHEDULES HEARING ON COLSTRIP SEWER & WATER RATE CASE

A proposed agreement to settle the Colstrip Community Services Company's water and sewer rate case pending before the state Public Service Commission will be the topic of a hearing to be held by the PSC on Wednesday, October 8, in Colstrip.

The technical portion of the hearing will be held at 1 p.m. and an evening hearing to obtain public comment will begin at 6 p.m. Both portions of the hearing are open to the public and will be held at the Human Services Building meeting room, 417 Willow, in Colstrip.

When it filed its case in April, the company requested an increase of \$153,780 in its annual revenue for water services, for an average 29-percent water rate hike, and an increase of \$89,750 in annual revenue from its sewer services, for an average 47-percent sewer rate hike.

On September 26, the company and the Montana Consumer Counsel, which represents residential and small business ratepayers in cases before the PSC, submitted a stipulation agreement for consideration by the PSC. In the agreement, the two parties propose an increase in annual water revenues of \$145,090, or a 27-percent water rate hike, and an increase of \$84,521 in annual sewer revenues, or a 44-percent sewer rate hike.

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