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**PSC TO HOLD HEARINGS JUNE 21 IN MISSOULA
ON MOUNTAIN WATER CO.'S PROPOSALS FOR COST ALLOCATION AND
UNMETERED RATE INCREASES**

The state Public Service Commission will hold hearings in Missoula on Thursday, June 21, concerning the application of Mountain Water Co. related to the following three issues:

1. Cost of service allocation study filing.
2. Compliance filing of a proposed change in allocation of public fire protection costs.
3. Filing of a proposed change to certain rates.

The hearings will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 140 West Pine St. The 7 p.m. hearing is specifically scheduled for receiving public comment, and there will be time set aside during the morning hearing for public comment as well.

The proposed rate changes reflect a proposed shift in cost responsibility for the water service Mountain Water provides. There is no proposed change to Mountain Water's overall revenues. Metered rates will not change. Unmetered rates are being increased to recover the public fire protection costs previously paid by the City of Missoula of approximately \$426,000.

Under the proposed rates for unmetered customers, the basic flat rate for a household up to 4 rooms with one bathroom will increase from \$40.21 per month to \$41.87. Most commercial customers' flat rate for water is proposed to increase from \$43.10 per month to \$44.88.

The monthly flat rate minimum bill for unmetered water sprinkling per season will increase from \$32.87 to \$43.44 with the rate for each 100 square feet of area increasing from the current \$2.99 to \$3.95.

The discount for eligible low-income Mountain Water customers is proposed to increase from the current \$5.30 to \$5.80 per month.

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