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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of City of Green Lake, Green Lake County, Wisconsin,
as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Change its Method of
Cost Recovery for Providing Public Fire Protection Service

2370-PFP-100

FINAL DECISION

This is the Final Decision in the Class 1 proceeding conducted by the Public Service Commission (Commission) on the application of the City of Green Lake Water Utility (applicant) for approval to revise its method of cost recovery for providing public fire protection (PFP) service. This application is APPROVED, subject to conditions.

Introduction

The applicant applied to the Commission on August 28, 2025 for authority to revise its method of cost recovery for providing PFP service. ([PSC REF#: 559711](#).) Pursuant to due notice, the Commission held an audiovisual hearing on December 5, 2025 before Administrative Law Judge Michael E. Newmark. The parties, for purposes of review under Wis. Stat. § 227.53, are listed in Appendix A as required by Wis. Stat § 227.47. The applicant is the only party to this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The applicant's presently authorized rates provide for a total PFP charge of \$146,153. This charge is comprised of an annual municipal PFP charge of \$146,153 collected through property taxes. The applicant does not currently collect any PFP revenue through a direct charge on water customers' bills.

2. The rates set forth in Appendix B will permit the applicant to recover \$146,153 of its PFP costs through direct charges on the water bills of all the applicant's general service customers. The applicant will no longer recover PFP costs through an annual municipal PFP charge.

Conclusions of Law

1. The applicant is a municipal public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a).
2. The Commission has authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1), 196.03(1) and (3), 196.19, 196.20, 196.22, 196.37(1), (2), and (3), 196.395, and 196.40 to authorize the applicant to revise its method of recovering PFP costs.
3. The Commission has authority under Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4) to delegate to the Administrator of the Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis (Division Administrator) those functions vested by law as enumerated above and has delegated the authority to issue this Order to the Division Administrator.

Opinion

At present, the applicant recovers a total PFP charge of \$146,153. This charge is comprised of an annual municipal PFP charge of \$146,153 collected through property taxes by the City of Green Lake (City). The applicant requested to change its tariff to allow the entire PFP cost of \$146,153 to be collected through direct PFP charges on general service customers' water bills. This request conforms with Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), which provides municipalities the option to recover all or a portion of the PFP costs from water general service customers. On August 28, 2025, the applicant submitted its Resolution authorizing this change to the Commission. ([PSC REF#:](#) [559703](#).)

Commission staff submitted a proposal that provides for recovering all of the applicant's PFP costs by directly billing its water general service customers based on the equivalent meters method. The summary of these rates appears in the record as Ex.-PSC-PFP Tariff Changes. ([PSC REF#: 565893](#).) Prior to the hearing, Commission staff provided the applicant with Commission staff's proposed rates for review, and the applicant had no objection to these rates.

Authorized rates set forth in Appendix B, Schedule F-1, provide for PFP rates that reflect the applicant's request and are consistent with the Commission's standard methodology for calculating PFP charges based on equivalent meters. These rates are reasonable and just. All customers will be required to pay an appropriate amount for the service provided.

Public Comments

The Commission received no public comments on the Electronic Records Filing (ERF) system. No members of the public attended or provided comments at the hearing.

Effective Date

The applicant bills on a quarterly basis. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.19, the changes in rates and associated tariff provisions that are authorized in this Final Decision take effect no sooner than one day after the date of service, provided these rates and tariff provisions are filed with the Commission and the applicant makes a copy of the new rates available to the public before this date by placing a copy of the new rates at locations where customer payments are accepted, on the applicant's website, or in a form and place that is otherwise readily accessible to the public.

Order

1. This Final Decision takes effect one day after the date of service.

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2. The authorized rate changes and tariff provisions shall take effect no sooner than one day after the day the applicant has: (a) filed these rates and tariff provisions with the Commission; and (b) made them available to the public at locations where customer payments are accepted, on the applicant's website, or in a form and place that is otherwise readily accessible to the public, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.19 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.33(1)(f). If a copy of the new rates and tariff provisions is not made available to the public when they are filed with the Commission, the new rates and tariff provisions shall take effect one day after the day they are made available to the public.

3. The rates approved in this docket shall take effect no later than 90 days from the service date of this Final Decision or as directed by the Commission or Commission staff.

4. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 13th day of January, 2026.

For the Commission:



Andrew P. Galvin
Administrator
Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis

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Attachments: Notice of Appeal Rights
Appendices A and B

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

PETITION FOR REHEARING

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of the date of service of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The date of service is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of service is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of the date of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the date of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission serves its original decision.¹ The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: March 27, 2013

¹ See *Currier v. Wisconsin Dep't of Revenue*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

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City of Green Lake Water Utility
Authorized Water Rate File Changes

Amended

F-1

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**City of Green Lake Water Utility****Public Fire Protection Service**

Public fire protection service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission shall apply.

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the municipality has chosen to have the utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service.

Quarterly Public Fire Protection Service Charges:

5/8 - inch meter:	\$ 29.07	3 - inch meter:	\$ 444.00
3/4 - inch meter:	\$ 29.07	4 - inch meter:	\$ 723.00
1 - inch meter:	\$ 72.00	6 - inch meter:	\$ 1,452.00
1 1/4 - inch meter:	\$ 108.00	8 - inch meter:	\$ 2,325.00
1 1/2 - inch meter:	\$ 144.00	10 - inch meter:	\$ 3,489.00
2 - inch meter:	\$ 234.00	12 - inch meter:	\$ 4,650.00

Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1 or Sg-1 shall also be subject to the charges in this schedule according to the size of their primary meter. Customers who are provided service under Schedule Am-1 are exempt from these charges for any additional meters.

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the City of Green Lake has elected to make the charges in this schedule applicable to non-general service customers who own property that is located both within the municipal limits and in an area where the utility has an obligation to provide water for public fire protection. Each parcel shall be billed at the 5/8-inch meter rate under this schedule.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1