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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR
UNITED WATER RATE INCREASE

On February 13, 2009, United Water Delaware Inc. ("UWD" or "the Company") filed an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting an increase in its water service rates of approximately \$3,477,637 or 14.75%. In addition to the proposed new rates, UWD also proposes to amend its Tariffs to add one new regulation allowing it to charge a late payment fee of 1.5% per month and applied to all classes of customers whose bills are over thirty (30) days past due. This late charge will not exceed 18% annually.

The filing is being reviewed by the staff of the Commission and other parties in the docket. Evidentiary hearings will be held in August and the matter is set for the Commission's consideration on November 19, 2009.

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A Hearing Examiner of the Commission will conduct a public comment hearing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 in the 2nd floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington. Customers of UWD are invited to attend and comment on the proposed increase and/or the service they receive.

Copies of materials, filed in this proceeding, are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Commission's Dover office or by appointment at the Division of the Public Advocate, located on the 4th floor of the Carvel State Office Building. The application may also be reviewed at <http://depsc.delaware.gov/dockets/0960uwd/0960uwd.shtml>.

If customers are unable to attend the public comment session they may send written comments to the Commission at 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. Inquiries may be sent to Heidi.wagner@state.de.us.