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**CONSUMER ALERT: ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY
ON AQUARION'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

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The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) is accepting public comment from customers of the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut (Aquarion) on its requested rate increase currently being reviewed in PURA [Docket No. 22-07-01](#). Under its rate application filed on August 29, 2022, Aquarion proposes a revenue increase of \$49.9 million, or 25.2% above current rates. To the average Aquarion customer, this would equate to an approximate monthly bill increase of \$4.25. In addition to a public hearing previously convened in Westport and two virtual hearings, PURA has scheduled an additional in-person hearing for October 12, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. at the Stratford Library. Details of three hearings are as follows:

1. October 6, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. ([remote teleconference via Zoom](#))
2. October 12, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. at Stratford Library, 2203 Main Street, Stratford
3. October 25, 2022 at 7.00 p.m. ([remote teleconference via Zoom](#))

OCC encourages all Aquarion customers to participate and provide their perspective on the proposed rate increase, quality of service, and other relevant topics. Customers may also submit public comment in writing via e-mail to Pura.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov referencing Docket No. 22-07-01. All public comments, both live and in writing, will become an official part of the record and assist OCC, PURA, and other stakeholders in reviewing Aquarion's rate application.