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CUB URGES CONSUMERS TO ATTEND ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER HEARING

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is urging consumers to let their voices be heard at a public hearing in Alton scheduled by state regulators regarding Illinois American Water's proposed rate hike of about \$60 million.

The rate-hike would hit each of these districts with specific increases:

- The Pekin District: \$1.9 million
- The Pontiac, South Beloit, Peoria, Champaign, Streator, Sterling, Alton, Cairo and the Interurban districts: \$45 million
- The Lincoln District: \$1.1 million
- The Chicago Metro District: \$10.2 million for water service and \$2.8 million for sewer services.

“The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) needs to hear how hard this rate hike would hit Land of Lincoln consumers,” CUB Executive Director David Kolata said. “We’re all struggling to pay our bills. This is the worst possible time for a rate hike.”

The hearing is:

7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9
Alton Square Mall—Room 220
200 Alton Square Dr.
Alton

An ICC decision on the case is expected in April 2010.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog organization. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, CUB has saved consumers more than \$10 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure consumer refunds. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, at 1-800-669-5556.

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