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## Fighting for Illinois Consumers

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### **CUB STATEMENT ON ILLINOIS AMERICAN RATE CASE DECISION**

CUB is pleased that consumer advocates were able to help reduce Illinois American's proposed rate hike by \$14.2 million. However, we believe the company still got more than it needs or deserves. Consumers' water bills are already too high, and that's why we plan to file a petition for rehearing to challenge the company's \$35 million rate hike, and reduce it further.

#### **Background:**

\*On Feb. 24, 2016, Illinois American Water Company filed a request to increase rates by about \$49.5 million with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

\*In December 2016, the ICC approved an increase of about \$35.3 million, \$14.2 million less than the company requested.

\*Illinois American Water provides service to 314,000 customers from Southern Illinois to the Chicago suburbs.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, it has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, 1-800-669-5556, or visit its award-winning website, [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org).

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