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## CONSUMER ALERT: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT 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 <u>Docket No. 22-07-01</u>. 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. PURA will convene three live public comment hearings at which Aquarion customers will be able to voice their opinions on this matter. Details of three hearings are as follows:

- 1. September 8, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. at Westport Town Hall (In-person hearing)
- 2. October 6, 2022 at 5.30 p.m. (remote teleconference via Zoom)
- 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 <a href="mailto:Pura.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov">Pura.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov</a> 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.