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Later this year, Illinois-American Water Company ("Illinois-American Water") is expected to complete its proposed acquisition of Prairie Path Water Company, becoming your new water and/or wastewater service provider. As your future utility provider, we want to inform you of our recent rate change request with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC"). Until the proposed transaction is completed, Prairie Path Water Company remains your water and/wastewater service provider. Any service questions should be directed to Prairie Path Water Company.

More information about Illinois-American Water's rate filing is below, and any questions about the future potential rate increase should be directed to Illinois-American Water. Customers may contact Illinois-American at its customer service number, 800-422-2782.

On January 27, 2026, Illinois-American Water submitted a rate change request to the ICC following an extensive examination of investments by both, Prairie Path Water Company and Illinois-American Water, to continue to provide safe and reliable water and wastewater service. The filing is a necessary first step in the 11-month ICC rate review process. While Prairie Path customers are not yet Illinois-American Water customers and the proposed transaction remains subject to ICC approval, the merger of Prairie Path with Illinois American is reflected in Illinois-American Water's rate filing due to the anticipated timing of completion of the merger. As explained in ICC Docket No. 25-0545, customer rates will not change upon the closing of the proposed transaction, which is anticipated to take place later this year. As agreed to in Docket No. 25-0545, any rate increase that Illinois American proposes for Prairie Path customers will not exceed the overall increase Illinois-American Water proposes for its other water and wastewater customers in the rate case. Any new rates approved by the ICC would not be expected to become effective until early 2027, five years since Prairie Path Water Company's last general rate change in December 2021.

## **CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

For customers facing a financial hardship, Illinois-American Water offers customer assistance through the H2O Help to Others program, payment plans and budget billing. Illinois-American Water also offers a discount rate tariff for income eligible customers. More information can be found on the company's website at [illinoisamwater.com](http://illinoisamwater.com) or by reaching out to Illinois American Water at 800-422-2782.

## **PROPOSED RATES**

If Illinois-American Water's proposed rates are approved as requested, the monthly water service bill for the typical Prairie Path customer using 3,500 gallons per month with a 5/8-inch meter is reflected below:



Water	Current			Proposed			Estimated Monthly Bill Impact
	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	
Residential	\$ 14.76	\$ 1.7696	\$ 18.60	\$ 2.22970	\$ 19.94	\$ 19.94	
Commercial	\$ 14.76	\$ 2.0616	\$ 18.60	\$ 2.59760	\$ 22.60	\$ 22.60	
Rockvale	\$ 7.00	\$ 0.2740	\$ 8.82	\$ 0.34520	\$ 4.31	\$ 4.31	
Bahl	\$ 11.96	\$ 1.4330	\$ 15.07	\$ 1.80560	\$ 16.15	\$ 16.15	
Port Barrington	\$ 53.00	\$ -	\$ 66.78	\$ -	\$ 13.78	\$ 13.78	
Cedar	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.5470	\$ 12.60	\$ 0.68920	\$ 7.58	\$ 7.58	
Wastewater	Current			Proposed			Estimated Monthly Bill Impact
	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	Customer Charge	Usage Charge (per 100 gallons)	
Residential >1,000 Gallons	\$ 65.88	\$ -	\$ 85.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.76
Residential <1,000 Gallons	\$ 62.79	\$ -	\$ 81.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.84
Commercial >1,000 Gallons	\$ 243.66	\$ -	\$ 316.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73.10
Commercial <1,000 Gallons	\$ 204.25	\$ -	\$ 265.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.28
Rockvale	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.18500	\$ 7.80	\$ 0.24100	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.76	
Forestview	\$ 39.00	\$ -	\$ 50.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.70
Port Barrington	\$ 57.00	\$ -	\$ 74.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.10

### RATE REVIEW PROCESS

The company's rate request will be reviewed by the ICC. Customers will also have an opportunity to provide public comment. For more information on the company's request and to find out what action customers may take, visit [illinoisamwater.com](http://illinoisamwater.com) > Customer Service & Billing > Your Water and Wastewater Rates.

Illinois American Water's proposed rate increase is a request only. The ICC will make the final decision regarding any rate changes. Once a final decision has been made, customers will receive information on the new rates.

The proposed changes will affect charges for customers in all service classifications (including metered water service, wastewater service, private fire service and public fire service). The estimated bill impact of the proposed changes may vary based on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, meter size, usage volume, service classification, fire protection district, and other factors. For a residential customer with a 5/8-inch meter, the proposed changes would generally increase a monthly bill (including applicable base rate components as proposed within the case, which include base rates, infrastructure surcharges, and public fire charges; excluding all taxes and other pass-through charges such as purchased water and sewage treatment surcharges and franchise fees) by the amounts and percentages shown on the chart on the next page. The proposed change does not involve a change from flat to volumetric rate.

A copy of the proposed rate schedules may be inspected by any interested party at any of the Illinois-American Water offices. Additionally, customers may contact Illinois-American Water

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at its customer service number, 800-422-2782, for an explanation regarding how the proposed changes might impact their monthly bill.

Customers should be advised that the Illinois Commerce Commission may alter or amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings held pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by Illinois-American Water.

Illinois Commerce Commission procedures for intervention are contained in its Rules of Practice and include the timely filing of a verified petition to intervene with the Chief Clerk of the Commission and service of the petition to Illinois-American Water, the Commission's Administrative Law Judge, Commission Staff witnesses, and all other parties. This petition must contain the information required by the Rules of Practice. In addition, customers may request a public forum regarding this proposed increase by making a written request to the Illinois Commerce Commission in accordance with procedures specified in Section 8-306(n) of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/8-306 (n)).

You may obtain additional information either directly from Illinois American Water, 300 N. Water Works Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223, tel: 800-422-2782; by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701; or via the Illinois Commerce Commission's website at [icc.illinois.gov](http://icc.illinois.gov). Information, including tips on water conservation, is also available at Illinois American Water's website, [illinoisamwater.com](http://illinoisamwater.com).

Customers receiving both water and wastewater service from Illinois-American Water have the option of requesting a separate meter for irrigation to help mitigate sewer charges. To request an irrigation meter, please call 800-422-2782. If approved, a customer may be required to run a separate line or additional plumbing for the new meter. Illinois American Water does not charge for the installation of irrigation meters. Billing for irrigation-related water usage will be completed via a separate billing statement. Customers can request a combined statement by reaching out to a customer service representative at 800-422-2782.