

CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT

The Caribou Utilities District Waterworks Division gives notice to the public that on Thursday, **August 25, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Caribou Wellness Center at 55 Bennett Drive, Caribou, Maine**, the Trustees of the Caribou Utilities District will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase.

Effective on November 1, 2022

	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential	6.20%	\$33,250
Commercial	6.20%	\$7,779
Government	6.09%	\$2,242
Industrial	6.21%	\$4,967
Private Fire Protection	6.25%	\$2,4659
Public Fire Protection (PFP)	6.77%	\$22,000
Non-Metered Revenues	0.00%	\$ -
	6.17%	\$72,698

**Fire Protection rates are determined pursuant to Chapter 690 of the Public Utilities Commission Rules.*

The last approved water rate increase was filed in 2021. Since that time, the District has been subject to increases in costs incurred for labor, record high inflation and other operating expenses.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the District's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before **September 23, 2022**, 253 of the District's customers (15% of customers or 1,000 customers, whichever is less) file with the District's General Manager, at 176 Limestone St., Caribou, ME and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate changes will be available at the Caribou City Hall for inspection on and after **July 26, 2022**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call Hugh A. Kirkpatrick, General Manager at (207)-496-0911, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207)-287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207)-624-3687.

LEGAL NOTICE

**CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING, AND MONTHLY TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022
CARIBOU WELLNESS CENTER
55 BENNETT DRIVE, CARIBOU MAINE 04736
7:30 A.M.**

The Caribou Utilities District gives notice to the public that on **Thursday, August 25, 2022** at the **Caribou Wellness Center, 55 Bennett Drive, Caribou, Maine**, the Trustees of the District will hold **A PUBLIC HEARING to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase**. The District Trustees will hold the monthly meeting immediately following the Public Hearing. Both meetings are open to the public.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT**