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Summary:

Colorado Springs Utilities requests that City Council schedule a public hearing for October 23, 2018 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council to consider changes to Colorado Springs Utilities' Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules, as reflected in the 2019 Rate Case Filing to be effective January 1, 2019.

Previous Council Action:

On June 12, 2018, City Council approved the most recent changes to Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules by Resolution No. 60-18.

Background:

Colorado Springs Utilities is submitting a 2019 Rate Case Filing that includes proposed changes to Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules to be effective January 1, 2019. Colorado Springs Utilities uses a Cash-Needs method to determine the total Revenue Requirement. This approach is based upon the fact that Colorado Springs Utilities must set rates to recover sufficient revenues to cover all of its cash needs, including debt service obligations and a portion of new capital projects. A major advantage of this technique, often used by government-owned enterprises, is the consistency with

budgeting and accounting system.

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The rate case filing, including the resolutions and all supporting documentation, will be made on September 11, 2018. Both physical and electronic copies of the entire rate filing will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk office. Electronic copies will be provided to City Council members and a .pdf file version will also be placed on Colorado Springs Utilities website. Colorado Springs Utilities is submitting a 2019 Rate Case Filing that includes proposed changes to Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules to be effective January 1, 2019. Colorado Springs Utilities uses a Cash-Needs method to determine the total Revenue Requirement. This approach is based upon the fact that Colorado Springs Utilities must set rates to recover sufficient revenues to cover all of its cash needs, including debt service obligations and a portion of new capital projects. A major advantage of this technique, often used by government-owned enterprises, is the consistency with budgeting and accounting system.

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Financial Implications:

At the public hearing, Colorado Springs Utilities will propose increases in rates for Water and Wastewater service.

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

Postpone or cancel hearing. Alternative may have negative financial implications.

Proposed Motion:

Move approval of the proposed hearing date of October 23, 2018.

N/A