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Mapleturn Utilities Rate Cases: Consumer Comments Invited

If you want to comment on the water and sewer rate increases requested by Mapleturn Utilities, you are invited to do so.

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is reviewing the utility's requests and expects to file its report and recommendations on January 5, 2026.

Current base rates for Mapleturn Utilities – a not-for-profit utility providing service to approximately 650 residential and commercial customers in Morgan County – received IURC approval in 2017. However, rates have since been adjusted to account for changes in wholesale water costs and changes in federal requirements for sewer utilities.

According to its filings, the utility is requesting financing authority and seeking rate increases due to higher operating and maintenance costs, and infrastructure improvements including a new water tower. A monthly residential bill for 4,000 gallons would increase as follows according to the utility's filings:

	Current Bill	Proposed Bill
Water (Minimum monthly rate)	\$30.00	\$39.23
Sewer (Flat monthly rate)	\$65.03	\$97.07
TOTAL	\$95.03	\$136.30

The utility has filed these cases through the IURC's Small Utility Filing Procedure, which is designed to reduce the time and expense involved with regulatory filings for utilities with fewer than 8,000 customers. Savings are gained by allowing utility staff to use standardized forms and forego a technical evidentiary hearing. This is designed to result in utilities needing less assistance from rate consultants or attorneys, leading to fewer expenses to be passed on to customers.

The OUCC uses the same standard to review a utility's operations and records whether it seeks a rate increase through the Small Utility Filing Procedure or a traditional case. Conducting its analysis on behalf of all utility consumers, the OUCC will present the results of its review through a report to the IURC, including formal testimony. The IURC's review is conducted on behalf of the public interest (a balancing of utility and customer interests); it is responsible for resolving any factual disputes that may arise and issuing a final order establishing new rates.

A settlement agreement is possible in any legal proceeding; such an agreement, if reached, would require IURC approval.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case records may do so via the form on the OUCC's website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail at:

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Consumer comments will be included in the formal case records for IURC review. Comments **should not** contain sensitive or personal information as comments will become viewable and searchable online once posted to the IURC's online case file.

The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments **no later than December 29, 2025**, so that it can: 1) Consider them in preparing its testimony and 2) File them with the Commission to be included in the cases' formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's **name, city, and zip code** and a reference to either **IURC Cause Nos. 46291-U and 46292-U** or **Mapleturn Utilities**. Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

The OUCC is posting case updates online at <https://www.in.gov/oucc/watersewer/key-cases-by-utility/mapleturn-utilities/>. Case updates are also available through the agency's monthly electronic newsletter. Consumers can subscribe at www.in.gov/oucc/news/.

(IURC Cause Nos. 46291-U, 46292-U)

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