



Florida Public Service Commission

SPECIAL REPORT

JULY 2014

Application for staff-assisted rate case in Charlotte County by

Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 130265-WU

On January 3, 2014, Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc. (LGWU) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC). LGWU serves approximately 371 water customers in Charlotte County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for LGWU's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about LGWU and the rate-setting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

2 Why is LGWU requesting a rate increase?

LGWU is requesting a rate increase to cover increasing operating costs, including the cost of a subaqueous pipeline to connect with Charlotte County to purchase bulk water.

3 When was the utility's last rate case?

LGWU's current rates were grandfathered in when the utility came back under PSC jurisdiction in 2013.

4 How much is the current monthly water bill for a customer using 5,000 gallons of water per month?

Currently, the monthly water bill for a customer using 5,000 gallons per month is \$73.85.

CUSTOMER MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Tringali Community Center

3400 N. Access Road

Englewood, FL

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5 Using PSC Staff's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water bill for a customer using 5,000 gallons be?

Under PSC Staff's proposal, the monthly water bill for a customer using 5,000 gallons would be \$82.65.

6 What if I cannot attend the customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the meeting or in writing.* Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept faxes and e-mails.

Fax number: 1-800-511-0809

Internet e-mail address:
contact@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the
Docket Number, **130265-WS**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider LGWU's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Sonica Bruce
(850)413-6994

Penelope Buys
(850)413-6518

Martha Golden
(850)413-7015

For legal questions, contact:

Charles Murphy
(850)413-6191

8 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Click on **Clerk's Office/Dockets** and then type in the Docket Number, **130265-WS**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on September 25, 2014. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the October 9, 2014 Commission Conference.

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Little Gasparilla Water Utility Rates

	Utility Present Rates	Staff Recommended Phase I Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$49.80	\$55.75
3/4"		\$83.63
1"		\$139.38
1 1/2"		\$278.75
2"		\$446.00
3"		\$892.00
4"		\$1,393.75
6"		\$2,787.50
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential and General Service	\$4.81	\$5.38
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 Gallons	\$59.42	\$66.51
5,000 Gallons	\$73.85	\$82.65
8,000 Gallons	\$88.28	\$98.79

Little Gasparilla Water Utility Rates

	Staff Recommended Phase I Rates	Staff Recommended Phase II Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$55.75	\$93.89
3/4"	\$83.63	\$140.84
1"	\$139.38	\$234.73
1 1/2"	\$278.75	\$469.45
2"	\$446.00	\$751.12
3"	\$892.00	\$1,502.24
4"	\$1,393.75	\$2,347.25
6"	\$2,787.50	\$4,694.50
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential and General Service	\$5.38	\$9.06
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 gallons	\$66.51	\$112.01
5,000 gallons	\$82.65	\$139.19
8,000 gallons	\$98.75	\$166.37

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