



Florida Public Service Commission

SPECIAL REPORT

APRIL 2016

Application for a limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole counties by

Utilities, Inc. of Florida

DOCKET NO. 150269-WS

On December 30, 2015, Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIF) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a limited proceeding water rate increase. UIF provides water and wastewater service to 22 systems in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole counties.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

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

2 Why is UIF requesting a rate increase?

UIF is requesting a rate increase in order to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was UIF's last approved rate increase?

UIF's last approved rate increase was in 2014.

CUSTOMER MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Summertree Recreation Facility
12005 Paradise Point Way
New Port Richey, FL 34654

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

West Pasco Government Center
Commission Chambers Board Room
8731 Citizens Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34654

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

Marion County Commission Auditorium
McPherson Complex
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

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4 How much is the average monthly water bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

County	Current Water
Marion	\$10.42
Pasco - Orangewood	\$28.16
Pasco - Summertree	\$26.70
Seminole	\$19.42

5 Using PSC staff’s preliminary recommended rates, how much would the average monthly water bill be for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

County	Proposed Water	Proposed Phase II Rates
Marion	\$13.95	N/A
Pasco - Orangewood	\$34.31	\$34.73
Pasco - Summertree	\$32.53	\$32.95
Seminole	\$19.84	N/A

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 emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **150269-WS**.

Customer comments are placed on the consumer 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 UIF’s quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC’s Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Shannon Hudson
 (850) 413-7021

Moni Mtenga
 (850) 413-6586

Curt Mouring
 (850) 413-6427

For legal questions, contact:

Martha Barrera
 (850) 413-6212

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** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number, **150269**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

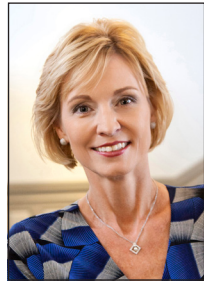
The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on July 28, 2016. The Commissioners are tentatively expected to vote on this matter at the August 9, 2016 Commission Conference.

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Utilities, Inc. of Florida Monthly Water Rates - Marion County

	Utility Current Rates	Utility Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$3.70	\$4.95
1"	\$9.26	\$12.39
1 1/2"	\$18.52	\$24.79
2"	\$29.62	\$39.64
3"	\$59.24	\$79.28
4"	\$92.57	\$123.89
6"	\$185.13	\$247.77
Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.24	\$3.00
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
3,000 Gallons	\$10.42	\$13.95
6,000 Gallons	\$17.14	\$22.95
10,000 Gallons	\$26.10	\$34.95

Utilities, Inc. of Florida Monthly Water Rates - Pasco County

	Utility Current Rates	Utility Proposed Phase I Rates	Utility Proposed Phase II Rates
<u>Residential and General Service - Orangewood</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.81	\$14.39	\$14.57
3/4"	\$17.72	\$21.59	\$21.86
1"	\$29.53	\$35.97	\$36.44
1 1/2"	\$59.03	\$71.91	\$72.84
2"	\$94.45	\$115.06	\$116.54
3"	\$188.90	\$230.12	\$233.08
4"	\$295.17	\$359.58	\$364.21
6"	\$590.33	\$719.15	\$728.40
Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.45	\$6.64	\$6.72
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$28.16	\$34.31	\$34.73
6,000 Gallons	\$44.51	\$54.23	\$54.89
10,000 Gallons	\$66.31	\$80.79	\$81.77
<u>Residential and General Service - Summertree</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.19	\$13.63	\$13.81
3/4"	\$16.78	\$20.44	\$20.70
1"	\$27.96	\$34.06	\$34.50
1 1/2"	\$55.91	\$68.11	\$68.99
2"	\$89.45	\$108.97	\$110.37
3"	\$178.91	\$217.95	\$220.75
4"	\$279.55	\$340.55	\$344.93
6"	\$549.02	\$668.83	\$677.43
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.17	\$6.30	\$6.38
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$26.70	\$32.53	\$32.95
6,000 Gallons	\$42.21	\$51.43	\$52.09
10,000 Gallons	\$62.89	\$76.63	\$77.61

Utilities, Inc. of Florida Monthly Water Rates - Seminole County

	Utility Current Rates	Utility Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$8.32	\$8.50
1"	\$20.79	\$21.23
1 1/2"	\$41.58	\$42.46
2"	\$66.52	\$67.92
3"	\$133.06	\$135.87
4"	\$207.89	\$212.28
6"	\$415.79	\$424.57
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential		
0-8,000 Gallons	\$3.70	\$3.78
8,001-16,000 Gallons	\$6.46	\$6.60
Over 16,000 Gallons	\$8.31	\$8.49
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$4.34	\$4.43
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
3,000 Gallons	\$19.42	\$19.84
6,000 Gallons	\$30.52	\$31.18
10,000 Gallons	\$50.84	\$51.94

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