



Florida Public Service Commission

SPECIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2016

Application for increase in water rates in Charlotte County by

Bocilla Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 160065-WU

On March 23, 2016, Bocilla Utilities, Inc. (Bocilla) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in water rates. Bocilla provides water service to approximately 400 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 Bocilla's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct customer meetings to allow customer feedback about Bocilla 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 meetings.

2 Why is Bocilla requesting a rate increase?

Bocilla 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 Bocilla's last approved rate increase?

Bocilla has never had rates established for ratemaking purposes by the Commission.

4 How much is the average monthly water bill for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons?

The average monthly water bill for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons is \$69.34.

5 Using Bocilla's requested final rates, how much would the average monthly water bill be for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons?

The average monthly water bill for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons would be \$95.35.

CUSTOMER MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Tringali Park

3460 N Access Road

Englewood, FL 34224

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under Hot Topics 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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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, **160065-WU**.

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 Bocilla'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:

Charles Johnson
(850) 413-6676

Adam Hill
(850) 413-6425

David Frank
(850) 413-6534

For legal questions, contact:

Margo Leathers
(850) 413-6076

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 **160065**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on November 22, 2016. The Commissioners are tentatively expected to vote on this matter at the December 6, 2016 Commission Conference.

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Bocilla Utilities, Inc. Monthly Water Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Commission Approved Interim	Utility Requested Rates
<u>Residential, General Service and Bulk</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$46.24	\$53.83	\$63.60
1"	\$115.60	\$134.58	\$159.00
1 1/2"	\$231.18	\$269.15	\$318.00
2"	\$369.85	\$430.64	\$508.80
3"	\$693.55	\$861.28	\$954.00
4"	\$1,155.93	\$1,346.75	\$1590.00
6"	\$2,324.85	\$2,691.50	\$3180.00
8"	\$3,699.02	\$4,306.40	\$5,088.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General Service			
0-6,000 gallons	\$4.62	\$5.38	\$6.35
6,000-12,000 gallons	\$7.76	\$9.03	\$10.71
Over 12,000 gallons	\$12.32	\$14.34	\$17.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Bulk	\$16.48	\$19.19	\$22.48
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
5,000 Gallons	\$69.34	\$80.73	\$95.35
10,000 Gallons	\$105.00	\$122.23	\$144.54
15,000 Gallons	\$157.48	\$183.31	\$216.96

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