



# Florida Public Service Commission

# **SPECIAL REPORT**

OCTOBER 2016

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Marion County by

## **East Marion Utilities, LLC**

DOCKET NO. 150257-WS

*On December 3, 2015, East Marion Utilities, LLC (East Marion) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a staff-assisted rate case. East Marion provides water and wastewater service to approximately 100 residential customers in Marion County.*

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for East Marion's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct customer meetings to allow customer feedback about East Marion 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 East Marion requesting a rate increase?**

East Marion 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 East Marion's last approved rate increase?**

The last PSC staff-assisted rate case for this system occurred in 2002.

#### **4 How much are the average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons?**

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons are \$18.49 and \$34.13 respectively.

#### **5 Using PSC staff's preliminary recommended rates, how much would the average monthly water and wastewater bills be for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons?**

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons would be \$23.66 and \$41.53 respectively.

#### CUSTOMER MEETING

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

Forest Public Library  
905 S Highway 314A  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website ([www.floridapsc.com](http://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](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

Please be sure to include the docket number, **150257-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 East Marion'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:**

Sonica Bruce  
(850) 413-6994

Traci Matthews  
(850) 413-6682

Matthew Vogel  
(850) 413-6453

**For legal questions, contact:**

Kelley Corbari  
(850) 413-6234

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

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com). Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number **150257**.

**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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## East Marion Utilities, LLC Monthly Water Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Commission Approved Interim	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$10.05	\$11.73	\$9.82
3/4"	\$15.10	\$17.60	\$14.73
1"	\$25.15	\$29.33	\$24.55
1 1/2"	\$50.29	\$58.65	\$49.10
2"	\$80.47	\$93.84	\$78.56
3"	\$160.94	\$187.68	\$157.12
4"	\$251.47	\$293.25	\$245.50
6"	\$502.93	\$586.50	\$491.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential			
0-10,000 gallons	\$2.11	\$2.46	N/A
Over 10,000 gallons	\$3.15	\$3.68	N/A
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential			
0-4,000 gallons	N/A	N/A	\$3.46
4,000-10,000 gallons	N/A	N/A	\$4.34
Over 10,000 gallons	N/A	N/A	\$6.51
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$2.46	\$2.87	\$4.01
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>			
4,000 Gallons	\$18.49	\$21.57	\$23.66
8,000 Gallons	\$26.93	\$31.41	\$41.02
10,000 Gallons	\$31.15	\$36.33	\$49.70

**East Marion Utilities, LLC Monthly Wastewater Rates**

	Rates at Time of Filing	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$15.37	\$18.65
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 10,000 gallon cap	\$4.69	
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 8,000 gallon cap		\$5.72
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.37	\$18.65
3/4"	\$23.05	\$27.98
1"	\$38.42	\$46.63
1 1/2"	\$76.84	\$93.25
2"	\$122.92	\$149.20
3"	\$245.86	\$298.40
4"	\$384.16	\$466.25
6"	\$768.28	\$932.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$5.63	\$6.86
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
4,000 Gallons	\$34.13	\$41.53
8,000 Gallons	\$52.89	\$64.41
10,000 Gallons	\$62.27	\$64.41

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To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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