



## Florida Public Service Commission

# SPECIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2014

Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by

### **S.V. Utilities, Ltd.**

DOCKET NO. 130211-WS

*On August 5, 2013, S.V. Utilities, Ltd. (S.V. Utilities) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a staff-assisted rate case to increase its water and wastewater rates. S.V. Utilities provides service to approximately 728 water and wastewater customers in Polk County.*

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for S.V. Utilities' rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow customer feedback about S.V. Utilities 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 S.V. Utilities requesting a rate increase?**

S.V. Utilities is requesting a rate increase to cover increasing operating costs.

### **3 When was S.V. Utilities' last approved rate increase?**

S.V. Utilities filed one rate case since coming under PSC jurisdiction in 1999 but subsequently withdrew it.

### **CUSTOMER MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

Chain of Lakes Complex - Poolside Room  
210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard  
Winter Haven, FL

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

Currently, the combined monthly water and

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wastewater bill for a customer using 5,000 gallons per month is \$15.71

## 5 Using PSC staff's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water and wastewater bills for a customer using 5,000 gallons be?

Under PSC staff's proposal, the water bill would be \$11.60 and the wastewater bill would be \$18.88.

## 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](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us)

Please be sure to include the  
Docket Number, **130211-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 S.V. Utilities' 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:

Penelope Buys  
(850) 413-6518

Kelly Thompson  
(850)413-6986

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/Dockets** and then type in the Docket Number, **130211-WS**.

## 9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on March 27, 2014. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the **April 8, 2014** Commission Conference.

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## S.V. Utilities, Ltd. Monthly Water Service Rates

	Utility Present Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential Service and General Service*</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge for all meter sizes:	\$15.71	
Charge per 1,000 gallons		
0 - 8,000 gallons	\$0.00	
8,000 -10,000 gallons	\$1.31	
Over 10,000 gallons	\$2.09	
* The utility collects a base facility charge (BFC) and gallonage charges for both water and wastewater service which includes a monthly allotment of 8,000 gallons.		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:		
5/8 X 3/4"		\$4.65
3/4"		\$6.98
1"		\$11.63
1 1/4"		\$18.60
1 1/2"		\$23.25
2"		\$37.20
3"		\$74.40
4"		\$116.25
6"		\$232.50
8"		\$372.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Water		
0—5,000 gallons		\$1.39
Over 5,000 gallons		\$2.34
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service		\$1.58

## S.V. Utilities, Ltd. Monthly Water Service Rates

	Utility Present Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Irrigation Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$7.86**	\$4.65
Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$0.65	\$1.58
** Includes an allotment of 8,000 gallons per month		
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
3,000 gallons	\$15.71***	\$8.82
5,000 gallons	\$15.71***	\$11.60
10,000 gallons	\$18.33***	\$23.30

\*\*\* Current combined water and wastewater bill.

## S.V. Utilities, Ltd. Monthly Wastewater Service Rates

	Utility Present	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	*	
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential	*	
* The utility collects a base facility charge and gallonage charges for both water and wastewater service which includes a monthly allotment of 8,000 gallons.		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"		\$9.28
3/4"		\$13.92
1"		\$23.20
1 1/4"		\$37.12
1 1/2"		\$46.40
2"		\$74.24
3"		\$148.48
4"		\$232.00
6"		\$464.00
8"		\$742.40
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential Service 8,000 gallon cap		\$1.92
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service		\$2.30
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
3,000 gallons	\$15.71***	\$15.04
5,000 gallons	\$15.71***	\$18.88
10,000 gallons	\$18.33***	\$24.64

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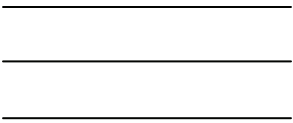
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Correspondence will be placed in the file of this docket.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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