



# Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

MAY 2019

Application for increase in wastewater rates in Polk County by

## **West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.**

DOCKET NO. 20180202-SU

*On October 30, 2018, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC. (West Lakeleand) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in wastewater rates. West Lakeland provides wastewater service to approximately 315 residential 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 West Lakeland's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about West Lakeland and the rate-setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

#### **2 Why is West Lakeland requesting a rate increase?**

West Lakeland is requesting a rate increase 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 West Lakeland's last approved rate increase?**

West Lakeland's last approved rate increase was in 2014.

#### **4 How much is the current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer of West Lakeland using 4,000 gallons?**

The utility's current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons is \$39.34.

#### CUSTOMER MEETING

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

Village of Lakeland Lakeside Club  
3574 Lazy Lake Drive North  
Lakeland, FL 33801

If canceled, 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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**5 Using staff's proposed rates, how much would the monthly wastewater bill be for a residential customer of West Lakeland using 4,000 gallons?**

Using staff's proposed rates, the monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons would be \$42.96.

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

Any interested 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, **20180202-SU**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider West Lakeland'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:**

Terence Bethea  
(850) 413-6435

Amber Norris  
(850) 413-6984

Orlando Wooten  
(850) 413-6686

**For legal questions, contact:**

Rachael Dziechciarz  
(850) 413-6212

**8 Can I obtain more detailed information online?**

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 **20180202**.

**9 When will the PSC make a decision?**

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on June 26, 2019. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the July 9, 2019 Commission Conference.

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### West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC. - Monthly Wastewater Rates

|                                                                     | Rates at<br>Time of<br>Filing | Staff<br>Recommended<br>Rates |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>Residential Service</u></b>                                   |                               |                               |
| Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes                                | \$15.82                       | \$17.28                       |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential<br>(6,000 gallon cap)        | \$5.88                        | \$6.42                        |
| <b><u>General Service</u></b>                                       |                               |                               |
| 6,000 gallon cap                                                    |                               |                               |
| 5/8" x 3/4"                                                         | \$15.82                       | \$17.28                       |
| 3/4"                                                                | N/A                           | \$25.92                       |
| 1"                                                                  | \$39.55                       | \$43.20                       |
| 1 1/2"                                                              | \$79.08                       | \$86.40                       |
| 2"                                                                  | \$126.53                      | \$138.24                      |
| 3"                                                                  | \$253.06                      | \$276.48                      |
| 4"                                                                  | \$395.41                      | \$432.00                      |
| 6"                                                                  | \$790.83                      | \$864.00                      |
| 8"                                                                  | \$1,265.32                    | \$1,382.40                    |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service                          | \$7.05                        | \$7.70                        |
| <b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b> |                               |                               |
| 2,000 gallons                                                       | \$27.58                       | \$30.12                       |
| 4,000 gallons                                                       | \$39.34                       | \$42.96                       |
| 6,000 gallons                                                       | \$51.10                       | \$55.80                       |

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