



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

OCTOBER 2019

Application for increase in wastewater rates in Brevard County by

Merritt Island Utility Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20190116-SU

On May 16, 2019, Merritt Island Utility Company, Inc. (Merritt Island) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in wastewater rates. Merritt Island provides wastewater service to approximately 140 residential customers and 1 general service customer in Brevard County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Merritt Island's rate request, the Commission will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about Merritt Island 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 Merritt Island requesting a rate increase?

Merritt Island is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was Merritt Island's last approved rate increase?

Merritt Island's last approved rate increase was in 2008 while under the name of Colony Park Utilities, Inc.

4 How much is the current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer of Merritt Island using 3,000 gallons?

The utility's current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons is \$19.64.

CUSTOMER MEETING

**Monday, November 4, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Merritt Island Public Library
1195 North Courtenay Parkway
Merritt Island, FL 32953

If canceled, 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.

5 Using staff's recommended rates, how much would the monthly wastewater bill be for a residential customer of Merritt Island using 3,000 gallons?

Using staff's recommended rates, the monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons would be \$31.15.

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

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20190116-SU**.

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

Justin Sowards
(850) 413-6844

Matthew Sibley
(850) 413-6516

Melinda Watts
(850) 413-6952

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. Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number **20190116**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on February 20, 2020. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the March 3, 2020 Commission Conference.

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Merritt Island Utility Company, Inc. - Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$10.91	\$11.50	\$16.66
3/4"	\$16.37	\$17.25	\$24.99
1"	\$27.28	\$28.75	\$41.65
1 1/2"	\$54.55	\$57.50	\$83.30
2"	\$87.28	\$92.00	\$133.28
3"	\$174.56	\$184.00	\$266.56
4"	\$272.75	\$287.50	\$416.50
6"	\$545.50	\$575.00	\$833.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential			
6,000 gallon cap	\$2.91	\$3.07	\$4.83
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service			
	\$3.49	\$3.68	\$5.80
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 gallons	\$19.64	\$20.71	\$31.15
6,000 gallons	\$28.37	\$29.92	\$45.64
10,000 gallons	\$28.37	\$29.92	\$45.64

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