



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

DECEMBER 2019

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

The Woods Utility Company

DOCKET NO. 20190125-WS

On June 6, 2019, The Woods Utility Company (The Woods) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in water and wastewater rates. The Woods provides water and wastewater service to approximately 60 residential customers and 1 general service customer, and approximately 50 wastewater only customers in Sumter County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for The Woods' rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about The Woods 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.

CUSTOMER MEETING

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Webster City Hall
49 SE 1st Street
Webster, FL 33597

2 Why is The Woods requesting a rate increase?

The Woods 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 The Woods' last approved rate increase?

The Woods has not had a staff-assisted rate case proceeding.

4 How much is the current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer of The Woods using 2,000 gallons?

The utility's current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 2,000 gallons is \$32.27 and \$56.71, respectively.

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 water and wastewater bill be for a residential customer of The Woods using 2,000 gallons?

Using staff's recommended rates, the monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 2,000 gallons would be \$41.96 and \$57.72, respectively.

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, **20190125-WS**.

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

John Hightower
(850) 413-6904

Terence Bethea
(850) 413-6435

Takira Thompson
(850) 413-6592

For legal questions, contact:

Ashley Weisenfeld
(850) 413-6220

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 **20190125**.

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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The Woods Utility Company - Monthly Water Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.11	\$20.62
3/4"	\$28.67	\$30.93
1"	\$47.78	\$51.55
1 1/2"	\$95.55	\$103.10
2"	\$152.88	\$164.96
3'	\$305.76	\$329.92
4"	\$477.75	\$515.50
6"	\$955.50	\$1,031.00
8"	\$1,528.80	\$1,649.60
10"	\$2,197.65	\$2,371.30
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service		
0 - 6,000 Gallons	\$6.58	N/A
6,001 - 12,000 Gallons	\$9.90	N/A
Over 12,000 Gallons	\$13.17	N/A
0 - 4,000 Gallons	N/A	\$10.67
4,001 - 12,000 Gallons	N/A	\$12.53
Over 12,000 Gallons	N/A	\$18.80
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$7.38	\$12.08
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
2"	\$12.74	\$13.75
3"	\$25.48	\$27.49
4"	\$39.81	\$42.96
6"	\$79.63	\$85.92
8"	\$127.40	\$137.47
10"	\$183.14	\$197.61
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 Gallons	\$32.27	\$41.96
4,000 Gallons	\$45.43	\$63.30
6,000 Gallons	\$58.59	\$95.80

The Woods Utility Company - Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes	\$38.47	\$39.16
Charge per 1,000 Gallons 6,000 Gallon Cap	\$9.12	\$9.28
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$38.47	\$39.16
3/4"	\$57.71	\$58.74
1"	\$96.18	\$97.90
1 1/2"	\$192.35	\$195.80
2"	\$307.76	\$313.28
3"	\$615.52	\$626.56
4"	\$961.75	\$979.00
6"	\$1,923.50	\$1,958.00
8"	\$3,077.60	\$3,132.80
10"	\$4,424.05	\$4,503.40
Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.95	\$11.15
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 Gallons	\$56.71	\$57.72
4,000 Gallons	\$74.95	\$76.28
6,000 Gallons	\$93.19	\$94.84

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