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October 16, 2006

Ms. Blanca Bayo Commission Clerk & Administrative Services Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

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HAND DELIVERY

RE: Docket No. 060260-WS; Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.'s Application for Rate Increase in Highlands County, Florida Our File Nos.: 30057.120

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original and twelve (12) copies of the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Combined Initial Customer Notice and Customer Meeting Notice has been sent to the customers of Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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OPC	cc: Mr. Troy Rendell, Division of Economic Regulation (w/encs via hand delivery)
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC. for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County, Florida

DOCKET NO. 060260-WS

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NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC., hereby notices the filing of the Affidavit of Mailing the Combined Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting to the customers of Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted on this the 13th day of October 2006, by:

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP Sanlando Center 2180 W. State Road 434 Suite 2118 Longwood, Florida 32779 (407) 830-6331 Phone (407) 830-8522 Fax

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN VALERIE L. LORD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 060260-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished

by U. S. Mail this 13th day of October 2006, to the following:

Katherine Fleming, Esquire OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Steve Reilly, Esquire OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL Claude Pepper Building 111 W. Madison Street Suite 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Lake Placid Utilities, Inc., and that on $\underline{\partial_c + c_5 + c_1 + q_1}$, 2006, he did send by regular U.S. Mail a copy of the Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting for Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. to the Utility's customers in the form attached hereto.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>12</u> day of <u>DCtobut</u>, 2006, by STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.

Austin n. Silvey

NOTÁRY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS

Printed Name: JUSTINE N. SILVEY

My Commission Expires: 12 - 11 - 2008

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO.: 060260-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA BY LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC.

DATED: October 9, 2006

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an increase in water and wastewater rates of Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. ("Utility"). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 6:00 p.m. DeeAnn Lakefront Estates Clubhouse 409 Stephen Drive Lake Placid, Florida

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

In addition to the customer meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., the Public Service Commission Staff will be available that afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to meet with representatives of customer groups, homeowners' associations, and developers who desire a more in-depth discussion of the issues. Appointments may be made for the meeting with Staff by contacting Ms. Tiffany Joyce of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff at (850) 413-6877 prior to Monday, November 6, 2006. All representatives who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meetings may be canceled if no appointments are made.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a

physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Emergency Cancellation of Customer Meeting

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission staff regarding the quality of service the Utility provides and to ask questions, and comment on the rates included in this Notice as well as other issues. Commission staff will be available to address and coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. A representative from the utility may also be in attendance. At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called in the order that they sign up to speak.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 060260-WS, Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.". Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission's website available at http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm.

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the

following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

BACKGROUND

Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. (*Utility*) is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Highlands County, Florida. As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements (*MFRs*) filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (*Commission*) on May 15, 2006, the Utility's revenues per books are \$45,173, with operating expenses per books of \$7,551, for its water operations, and revenues per books of \$70,362, with operating expenses per books of \$85,529, for its wastewater system, resulting in a net profit of \$37,622 for its water system, and an operating loss of \$15,167 for its wastewater system, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings.

Copies of the MFRs, when filed by the Utility, will be available for inspection by members of the public at the following locations:

Sebring Public Library 319 West Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870 Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sunday Closed Utilities, Inc. of Florida 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A copy of the "Rate Case Synopsis" will also be available, along with the MFRs.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average twelve-month period ended December 31, 2005.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

The current and proposed rates and charges are listed below. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Commission Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

WATER SERVICE

<u>Residential, General</u> Service, Multi-Residential and Irrigation	<u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates*	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates*
Base Facility Charge:				
<u>Meter Size</u>				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.59	N/A	\$12.20	N/A
3/4"	\$18.87	N/A	\$18.30	N/A
1"	\$31.45	N/A	\$30.51	N/A
1 1⁄2"	\$62.92	N/A	\$61.01	N/A
2"	\$100.67	N/A	\$97.62	N/A
3"	\$201.33	N/A	\$195.24	N/A
4 "	\$315.61	N/A	\$305.06	N/A
6"	\$629.15	N/A	\$610.12	N/A
Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$2.29	N/A	\$6.34	N/A

* The Utility did not request interim rates.

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WASTEWATER SERVICE

<u>General Service</u>	<u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates*
Base Facility Charge:				
<u>Meter Size</u>				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$14.29	\$11.02	\$15.41	N/A
3/4"	\$21.39	\$16.53	\$23.11	N/A
1"	\$35.70	\$27.56	\$38.52	N/A
1 1⁄2"	\$71.37	\$55.12	\$77.04	N/A
2"	\$114.20	\$88.18	\$123.27	N/A
3"	\$228.39	\$176.37	\$246.53	N/A
4"	\$356.86	\$275.58	\$385.21	N/A
6"	\$713.74	\$551.15	\$770.41	N/A
Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.10	\$10.39	\$14.52	N/A

The Commission declined to authorize an interim revenue increase.

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<u>Residential and Multi-</u> <u>Residential</u>	<u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates*
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Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons) (Maximum 6,000 gallons)	\$2.59	\$8.66	\$12.10	N/A

• The Commission declined to authorize an interim revenue increase.

Residential Flat Rate	<u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates	<u>Commission</u> <u>Approved</u> Interim Rates*
	\$23.51	\$18.14	\$25.35	N/A

• The Commission declined to authorize an interim revenue increase.

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SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The Utility is requesting the following changes to its miscellaneous service charges.

Water				
Type of Charge	Present Charge		Requested Charge	
	During Business Hours	After Business Hours	During Business Hours	After Business Hours
Initial Connection	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$22.50
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$22.50
Violation Reconnection	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$22.50
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00	N/A	\$10.00	\$15.00

<u>Wastewater</u>

Type of Charge	Present Charge		Requeste	d Charge
	During Business Hours	After Business Hours	During Business Hours	After Business Hours
Initial Connection	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$22.50
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$22.50
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00	N/A	\$10.00	\$15.00

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

In addition to the customer meeting described above, other important dates in the rate application are as follows:

Schedule Item

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Due Dates

Staff Recommendation on Interim Rates	July 6, 2006
Agenda Conference on Interim Rates	July 18, 2006
Order on Interim Rates	August 7, 2006
Staff Audit Report	September 26, 2006
Customer Meeting	November 8, 2006
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA")	December 27, 2006
Recommendation	
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	January 9, 2007
PAA Order Issued	January 29, 2007
Protest Period Expires	February 19, 2007

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission Staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers.