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Ms. Ann Cole, Director Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Betty Easley Conference Center Room 110 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Docket No. 060368-WS

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("AUF") are the original and fifteen copies of AUF's Notice of Filing Affidavit Confirming Provision of Minimum Filing Requirements and Rate Case Synopsis.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

| CMP | Sincerely, |
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In Re: Application for increase in water and |) |
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| wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, |) Docket No. 060368-WS |
| Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, | |
| Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, |) Filed: June 12, 2007 |
| Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington |) |
| Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. |) |
| |) |

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.'S NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT CONFIRMING PROVISION OF MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS, DEFICIENCY RESPONSES, AND RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("AUF"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files and serves this Notice of filing the Affidavit of John M. Lihvarcik, confirming the provision of AUF's Minimum Filing Requirements, Deficiency Responses, and Rate Case Synopsis, pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 25-22.407(3) and (4), Florida Administrative Code.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of June, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by U. S. Mail this 12^{th} day of June, 2007 to the following:

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| Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, |) | Filed: June $\sqrt{2}$, 2007 |
| Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties |) | |
| by AquaSource Utility, Inc. d/b/a Aqua |) | |
| Utilities Florida, Inc., Arredondo Utility |) | |
| Company, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Utilities |) | |
| Florida, Inc., Jasmine Lakes Utilities |) | |
| Corporation d/b/a Aqua Utilities |) | |
| Florida, Inc., Crystal River Utilities, Inc. |) | |
| d/b/a Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., Ocala |) | |
| Oaks Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Utilities |) | |
| Florida, Inc. and Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. |) | |

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN M. LIHVARCIK CONFIRMING PROVISION OF MFRS AND RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LAKE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared JOHN M. LIHVARCIK, who after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. That I am employed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("AUF") as Chief Operating Officer. As part of my duties and responsibilities, and under my direction and supervision, AUF provided copies of :1) AUF's Minimum Filing Requirements on April 24, 2007 and 2) responses to deficiency notices sent by Florida Commission staff on April 30, 2007, by United States Mail, to the county libraries in each county included in AUF's Application. Responses to deficiency notices were provided to AUF's headquarters in the State of Florida on May 11, 2007. A list of each county library and AUF headquarters and business offices is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. In addition, AUF provided copies of the applicable Rate Case Synopsis on May 2, 2007 by United States Mail, to the Chief Executive Officer of the governing body of each municipality, county, and county library within the service areas included in AUF's request. A list of such municipalities and counties is attached hereto as

Exhibit B.

- 3. The above documents were provided pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 25-22.0407(3) and (4), Florida Administrative Code.
- 4. Copies of the Rate Case Synopses provide by AUF are attached hereto as Composite **Exhibit C**.
 - 5. Further Affiant sayeth not.

JOHN M. LIHVARCIK

State of Florida County of Lake

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21/1 day of June, 2007, by JOHN M. LIHVARCIK, who is personally known to me.

Personally Known

My Commission Expires:

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Docket No. 060368-WS Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. <u>List of Aqua Utilities Florida Corporate and Business Office</u>

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. Accounting Office 6960 Professional Pkwy. E Sarasota, FL 34240

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. Operations Office 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, FL 34748

List of County Libraries for each County included in the Docket

ALACHUA COUNTY

Headquarters Library 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 334-3900

BREVARD COUNTY

Central Brevard Library and Reference Center 308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa, FL 32922

CITRUS COUNTY

Central Ridge Library 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. Beverly Hills, FL 34465 (352) 746-6622

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

319 W. Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870 (863) 402-6716

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Library 312 W. Main Street Tavares, FL 32778 (352) 253-6180



Exhibit A

LEE COUNTY

Ft. Myers – Lee County Library 2050 Central Avenue Fort Meyers, FL 33901 (239) 479-4633

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Public Library 2720 East Silver Springs Boulevard Ocala, FL 34470 (352) 671-8551

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Library System 101 E. Central Boulevard Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 835-7323

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Palm Beach County Library 3650 Summit Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL 33406 (561) 233-2600

PASCO COUNTY

Pasco County Library – Regency Park Branch 9701 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 (727) 861-3049

POLK COUNTY

Polk County Library City Hall – 228 South Massachusetts Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801 (863) 834-6000

PUTNAM COUNTY

Putnam County Library 601 College Road Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 329-0126

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Seminole County Library 1101 East First Street Sanford, FL 32771

Exhibit A

(407) 665-0311

SUMTER COUNTY

Clark Maxwell Library 1405 CR 526-A Sumterville, FL 33585 (352) 568-3074

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Beach Regional Library 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach 32114 (386) 257-6036

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County Library 1444 Jackson Avenue Chipley, FL 32428

Docket No. 060368-WS Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

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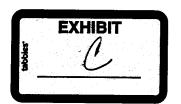
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

ALACHUA COUNTY



I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Alachua County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1995. In July 2004, Aqua America, Inc. acquired the Utility and since then, it will have invested nearly \$600,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater service. This amount translates to a capital investment of approximately \$600 per customer. The upgrades include structural improvements to the water treatment plant and replacement of deteriorating equipment. For the wastewater system, the Utility is upgrading lift stations that pump waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment facility, as well as replacing deteriorating pipe that carries the waste to the plant. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Alachua County of \$ 229,581 or 86%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$91,915 or 35%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| ARREDONDO ESTATES/FARMS MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|----------|------------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Base Facility Charge Meter Size Present Interim Proposed Final | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 13.85 | \$ | 17.71 | \$ | 22.49 | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 20.77 | \$ | 26.56 | \$ | 33.73 | | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 34.64 | \$ | 44.30 | \$ | 56.22 | | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 69.26 | \$ | 88.58 | \$ | 112.43 | | | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 110.82 | \$ | 141.71 | \$ | 179.89 | | | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 222.00 | \$ | 283.90 | \$ | 359.79 | | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 346.31 | \$ | 442.86 | \$ | 562.17 | | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 692.64 | \$ | 885.75 | \$ | 1,124.34 | | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | | \$ | - | \$ | 1,798.94 | | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,585.97 | | | |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.35 | \$ | 3.01 | | | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.20 | | | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.25 | | | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 4.20 | | | |

| ARREDONDO FARMS MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|--|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.30 | \$ | 21.69 | \$ | 21.12 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 22.94 | \$ | 32.53 | \$ | 31.68 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 38.22 | \$ | 54.19 | \$ | 52.79 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 76.44 | \$ | 108.39 | \$ | 105.59 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 122.31 | \$ | 173.42 | \$ | 168.94 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 244.63 | \$ | 346.86 | \$ | 337.87 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 382.23 | \$ | 541.96 | \$ | 527.93 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 753.13 | \$ | 1,067.84 | \$ | 1,055.85 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,689.36 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,428.46 | |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sar | d gallons | r i | | |
| | ı | resent | | Interim | F | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 7,000 | | 7,000 | | 6,000 | |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 3.56 | \$ | 5.05 | \$ | 10.95 | |
| Non-residential | \$ | 4.25 | | \$6.02 | \$ | 13.14 | |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or MFRs.) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document

requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reporters record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
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VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Alachua County Headquarters Library 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 334-3900

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

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AQUA UTILITIES FLORDIA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

BREVARD COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Brevard County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Brevard County, the Utility's capital improvements include water treatment plant upgrades, tank rehabilitation and the replacement of deteriorating pipe to address water quality, water pressure and service reliability issues. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Brevard County of \$175,569 or 241%. It has also been requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$104,528 and 147%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim and proposed final rates follows.

| KINGSWOOD MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Base Facility Charge 4.5 | | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present Interim Rates Rates | | | Proposed Final Rates | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.63 | \$ | 14.04 | \$ | 39.30 | | |
| Gallonage Cl | narge | (per tho | usa | nd gallons | i) . | | | |
| | Р | Present Interim | | | Proposed | | | |
| | i | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.97 | | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 11.21 | | |
| Non-residential | | | | _ | \$ | 8.97 | | |

| OAKWOOD MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|-----|------------|----|-----------|--|--|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | Proposed | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.63 | \$ | 14.04 | \$ | 39.30 | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.14 | \$ | 21.31 | \$ | 58.95 | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 26.60 | \$ | 35.12 | \$ | 98.25 | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 53.17 | \$ | 70.21 | \$ | 196.49 | | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 85.08 | \$ | 112.34 | \$ | 314.38 | | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 170.15 | \$ | 224.67 | \$ | 628.77 | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 265.87 | \$ | 351.05 | \$ | 982.45 | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 531.75 | \$ | 702.12 | \$ | 1,964.90 | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 850.79 | \$ | 1,123.39 | \$ | 3,143.84 | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,223.02 | \$ | 1,614.87 | \$ | 4,519.27 | | |
| Gallonage Cha | arg | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallons |) | 12 | | |
| | | Present | | Interim | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.97 | | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 11.21 | | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 8.97 | | |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

cover the required expenses of operations on a going-forward basis and a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public use.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
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Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate cases, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
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VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Central Brevard Library and Reference Center 308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa, FL 32922

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Highlands County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in October 2001, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Highlands County, the Utility will have spent approximately \$900,000 to upgrade water treatment facilities, replace undersized and deteriorating pipe, rehabilitate storage tanks and for related capital improvements to ensure that its systems meet all environmental standards. This amount translates to a capital investment of approximately \$750 per customer in your county. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase for water and wastewater in Highland County of \$466,220 or 162.25%. It has also requested and granted an interim revenue increase of \$139,970 or 52%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim and proposed final rates follows.

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|--|--------|-------------|------------|--|-----|-----------|
| The state of the s | ise Fa | icility Cha | C/C-23.408 | The second secon | | |
| Meter Size | F | Present | | Interim | | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.11 | \$ | 12.44 | \$ | 28.82 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 13.68 | \$ | 18.67 | \$ | 43.23 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 22.76 | \$ | 31.08 | \$ | 72.05 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 45.55 | \$ | 62.20 | \$ | 144.10 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 72.89 | \$ | 99.51 | \$ | 230.56 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 145.78 | \$ | 199.04 | \$ | 461.13 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 227.76 | \$ | 310.99 | \$ | 720.51 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 455,53 | \$ | 621.97 | \$ | 1,441.02 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,305.63 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 3,314.34 |
| Gallonage C | harge | (per thou | ısar | nd gallons |) 🍦 | 1 |
| | F | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.74 | \$ | 2.38 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.71 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 7.14 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 5.71 |

| LEISURE LAK | ES MC | NTHLY | WA | TER RATE | S | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-----|------------------|------|------------------|
| B | ase Fac | cility Cha | arg | е | | 100 |
| Meter Size | Present Rates | | | Interim Rates | | posed I Rates |
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| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 8.08 | \$ | 10.67 | \$ | 28.82 |
| Gallonage C | harge | per thou | usa | nd gallons |) | |
| | Pi | resent | | Interim | Pro | posed |
| | F | lates | | Rates | Fina | I Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.89 | \$ | 6.45 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.71 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 7.14 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 5.71 |

| LEISURE LAKE | S M | ONTHLY S | ΕV | VER RATE | S | |
|--|--|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Bas | e Fa | cility Cha | rge | | 4100 | |
| Meter Size | 1 | Present | | Interim | Pro | posed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fina | I Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.30 | \$ | 23.02 | \$ | 13.86 |
| Gallonage Cha | arge | (per thou | sar | nd gallons) | | 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1 |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | | l Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 3.30 | \$ | 4.66 | \$ | 11.42 |

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|--------------------------|----------|------------|------|------------|----|-----------|--|
| Ba | se Faci | lity Charg | je . | 建设制 | | 17.7 | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.68 | \$ | 47.37 | \$ | 28.82 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.51 | \$ | 71.03 | \$ | 43.23 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 24.17 | \$ | 118.34 | \$ | 72.05 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 48.34 | \$ | 236.69 | \$ | 144.10 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 77.36 | \$ | 378.75 | \$ | 230.56 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 154.72 | \$ | 757.49 | \$ | 461.13 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 241.75 | \$ | 1,183.61 | \$ | 720.51 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 483.50 | \$ | 2,367.17 | \$ | 1,441.02 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,305.63 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 3,314.34 | |
| Gallonage Cl | narge (p | er thous | anc | l gallons) | | | |
| | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.19 | \$ | 10.73 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.71 | |
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Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate cases, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the

Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Highlands County 319 W. Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

LAKE COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Lake County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring AquaSource in August 2003 and Florida Water in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Lake County, the Utility will have spent nearly \$3 million on capital improvements, including water treatment plant upgrades, tank rehabilitation, and the replacement of undersized and deteriorating pipe to address water quality, water pressure and service reliability issues. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase for water and wastewater in Lake County of \$1,399,710 and 77%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$\$424,382 and 24%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to being refunded with interest, provided the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| CARLTON VILL | AGE MO | NTHLY \ | VAT | R RATE | S _ | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| . | ase Facil | ity Charg | je . | | | |
| Meter Size | - | resent Rates | - | nterim Rates | | posed I Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage C | \$ harge fo | 18.73 er thous | \$ and | 24.73 | \$ **** | 21.38 |
| - 1. | P | resent Rates | li | nterim Rates | | posed I Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.84 | \$ | 5.06 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

| EAST LAKE HARRIS ESTATES MONTHLY WATER RATES Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------|------------|------------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Meter Size | 2 Transfer 1 Telephone 1 Telep | Present | a transfer | Interim | | posed Final | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 8.53 | \$ | 11.26 | \$ | 21.38 | | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 12.81 | \$ | 16.92 | \$ | 32.07 | | | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 21.36 | \$ | 28.21 | \$ | 53.45 | | | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 42.69 | \$ | 56.37 | \$ | 106.89 | | | | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 68.31 | \$ | 90.20 | \$ | 171.02 | | | | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 136.65 | \$ | 180.44 | \$ | 342.05 | | | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 213.51 | \$ | 281.92 | \$ | 534.45 | | | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 427.03 | \$ | 563.86 | \$ | 1,068.90 | | | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 683.25 | \$ | 902.16 | \$ | 1,710.24 | | | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 982.19 | \$ | 1,296.89 | \$ | 2,458.47 | | | | |
| Gallonage (| Charge | (per thou | ısaı | nd gallons |) : : | griffingt a | | | | |
| | ı | Present | | Interim | Pro | posed Fina | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.86 | \$ | 6.41 | | | | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 | | | | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | | | | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 | | | | |

| FERN TERRAC | E MO | NTHLY W | ATE | R RATES | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| Ba | se Fac | ility Char | je | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.64 | \$ | 14.05 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.96 | \$ | 21.07 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 26.62 | \$ | 35.14 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 53.22 | \$ | 70.27 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 85.16 | \$ | 112.45 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 170.33 | \$ | 224.90 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 266.14 | \$ | 351.41 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 532.27 | \$ | 702.80 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 851.63 | \$ | 1,124.49 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,224.23 | \$ | 1,616.47 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Ch | narge (| per thous | anc | (gallons) | . 2 | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| FRIENDLY CENT | ER M | ONTHLY | NΑ | TER RATE | s | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2 2 10 To 10 | ility Char | | | | ta # | |
| Meter Size | | Present | H ARRIN | Interim | Proposed | | |
| Į. | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.84 | \$ | 20.92 | \$ | 21.38 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 23.77 | \$ | 31.39 | \$ | 32.07 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 39.62 | \$ | 52.32 | \$ | 53.45 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 79.25 | \$ | 104.64 | \$ | 106.89 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 126.79 | \$ | 167.41 | \$ | 171.02 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 253.59 | \$ | 334.85 | \$ | 342.05 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 396.23 | \$ | 523.18 | \$ | 534.45 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 792.45 | \$ | 1,046.35 | \$ | 1,068.90 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,267.93 | \$ | 1,674.18 | \$ | 1,710.24 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,822.65 | \$ | 2,406.63 | \$ | 2,458.47 | |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | per thous | anc | l gallons) | | | |
| | | Present | M444-413 | Interim | F | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.09 | \$ | 5.40 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 | |

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| GRAND TERR | ACE MO | NTHLY W | ΑT | ER RATES | 3 | |
|---|---|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Meter Size | ase Facility Charge Present Rates | | | Interim Rates | Proposed Final Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage C | \$ harge (r | 9.90 | \$ 200 | 13.07 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage | F | Present Rates | 311K | Interim Rates | Pro | posed I Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.14 | \$ | 2.80 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 2.27 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| HAINES CREI | EK MON | THLY W | ΑŤΕ | R RATES | _ | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|------|----------|----------|-----------|
| В | ase Fac | ility Char | je . | 4 | | 2.0 |
| Meter Size | F | Present | | Interim | Proposed | |
| ļ | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.54 | \$ | 12.90 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.30 | \$ | 19.32 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 23.85 | \$ | 32.22 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 47.70 | \$ | 64.45 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 76.32 | \$ | 103,13 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 152.65 | \$ | 206.26 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 238.52 | \$ | 322.28 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 457.13 | \$ | 617.66 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage C | harge (¡ | er thous | and | gallons) | | |
| | F | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.53 | \$ | 2.07 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| HOBBY HILL | S MON | THLY WA | ΤE | R RATES | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Ba | se Fac | ility Char | ge | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | | e de |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.90 | \$ | 13.07 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.86 | \$ | 19.63 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 24.76 | \$ | 32.69 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 49.49 | \$ | 65.34 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 79.20 | \$ | 104.57 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 158.39 | \$ | 209.14 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 247.48 | \$ | 326.78 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 494.98 | \$ | 653.57 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 791.96 | \$ | 1,045.70 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,138.43 | \$ | 1,503.18 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Cl | narge (_l | er thous | anç | gallons) | | |
| | F | resent | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.14 | \$ | 2.83 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| HOLIDAY HAV | EN I | MONTHLY | WA | TER RATE | S | |
|--|--------------|-------------|-----|------------|---------------|------------|
| Ва | se F | acility Ch | arg | 9 | 77545 7745 | A PROUNTED |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Final Rates | |
| | | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.38 | \$ | 13.70 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.56 | \$ | 20.54 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 25.94 | \$ | 34.26 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 51.89 | \$ | 68.51 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 83.04 | \$ | 109.65 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 166.05 | \$ | 219.26 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 259.46 | \$ | 342.59 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 518.93 | \$ | 685.20 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 830.30 | \$ | 1,096.33 | | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,193.54 | \$ | 1,575.95 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Ch | arg | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallons |) | |
| The state of the s | 10000 1 2000 | Present | | Interim | | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | nal Rates |
| | | | | | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.62 | \$ | 6.10 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
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| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

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| Basi Meter Size | F | acility Cha Present | rge | Interim | F | Proposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.43 | \$ | 23.20 | \$ | 30.03 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.61 | \$ | 34.76 | \$ | 45.05 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 41.05 | \$ | 57.98 | \$ | 75.09 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 82.09 | \$ | 115.94 | \$ | 150.17 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 131.34 | \$ | 185.50 | \$ | 240.27 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 262.69 | \$ | 371.02 | \$ | 480.54 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 410.45 | \$ | 579.71 | \$ | 750.85 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 820.89 | \$ | 1,159.42 | \$ | 1,501.70 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,313.44 | \$ | 1,855.08 | \$ | 2,402.72 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,888.07 | \$ | 2,666.69 | \$ | 3,453.91 |
| Gallonage Cha | rge | (per thou | sar | id gallons | | y, version |
| | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6 000 |
| | \$ | • | \$ | | \$ | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | Þ | 8.79 | Þ | 12.41 | Þ | 10.97 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 10.53 | \$ | 14.88 | \$ | 13.17 |

| IMPERIAL MOBILE | TERR | ACE MO | NTI | ILY WATE | R RA | TES |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|-----|------------|----------|----------|
| | ase F | acility Cl | arc | je 💎 | | • |
| Meter Size | Р | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| 1 | ı | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.63 | \$ | 14.04 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage (| harge | e (per tho | usa | and gallon | s) - | 1.79 |
| | D- 71 10 1 M-1 | resent | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

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|--------------------------|--------|------------|----------|------------|------------------|----------|
| В | ise Fa | cility Cha | arg | 9 | 12.5 | |
| Meter Size | P | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | Rates | | | Rates | Final Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.82 | \$ | 17.48 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage C | harge | (per thou | ısa | nd gallons |) · | |
| | | resent | 21.90.24 | Interim | COLUMN TO SECURE | oposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fina | al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.02 | \$ | 2.39 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

| KINGS COV | E MON | THLY W | ATE | R RATES | | |
|--|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|--------------------|
| В | ase Fac | ility Cha | rge | The state of the s | 100 | |
| Meter Size | | resent Rates | 4-20-4- | Interim Rates | | oposed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage C | Pi | 8.12 per thou resent lates | \$ sar | 11.40 nd gallons) Interim Rates | Pro | 21.38 oposed |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 1.83 | 1 1116 | ai itales |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 2.27 2.84 |

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|---------------------------|------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----|----------------|
| Bas | e Fa | icility Cha | ırge |) and the second | | # 1 * 1 |
| Meter Size | Ì | Present | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.24 | \$ | 13.67 | \$ | 30.03 |
| Gallonage Cha | arge | (per thou | ısaı | nd gallons |) | |
| | | Present | AB 12 P.M. | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 3.24 | \$ | 4.80 | \$ | 10.97 |

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|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Meter Size | Present Rates | | 1.1 | Interim Rates | Propose Final Rat | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.24 | \$ | 11.92 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 23.10 | \$ | 29.97 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 46.20 | \$ | 59.58 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 73.91 | \$ | 95.30 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Cl | narge | (per thou | ısar | nd gallons |) | |
| | Р | resent | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | f | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.64 | \$ | 3.41 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

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| Meter Size | se Facility Char Present Rates | | rge Interim Rates | | | roposed nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.45 | \$ | 16.06 | \$ | 30.03 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 45.05 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 22.94 | \$ | 39.01 | \$ | 75.09 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 47.27 | \$ | 80.36 | \$ | 150.17 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 72.90 | \$ | 123.93 | \$ | 240.27 |
| 3 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 480.54 |
| 4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 750.85 |
| 6 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,501.70 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,402.72 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 3,453.91 |
| Gallonage Cha | ırge | (per thou | san | id gallons) | | |
| | F | resent | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 2.70 | \$ | 4.59 | \$ | 10.97 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 2.70 | \$ | 4.59 | \$ | 13.17 |

| MORNING VIE | W MO | NTHLY | NΑ. | TER RATE | S | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|
| Ba | se Fa | ility Cha | arge | | | |
| Meter Size | Present Rates | | | Interim Rates | | oposed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Cl | P | 18.31 (per thou resent Rates | \$ µsaı | 24.18 nd gallons Interim Rates | Pre | 21.38 oposed al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.88 | \$ | 5.12 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 2.27 2.84 |

| MORNING VIEV | V MC | NTHLY S | E۷ | ER RATES | 3 | |
|--|-------|------------|-----|-------------|----------------|----------|
| ¹Bas | e Fa | cility Cha | rge | | ë | 76 50 S |
| Meter Size | - 1 | Present | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | Rates | | | Rates | Final Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.40 | \$ | 34.46 | \$ | 30.03 |
| Gallonage Cha | arge | (per thou | sar | nd gallons) | | 6. |
| g (r.), and a control of the mention of the control of the contro | | Present | | Interim | Marie Colonial | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 7.57 | \$ | 10.69 | \$ | 10.97 |

| PALMS MOBILE HO | ME PAR | K MON | ΓHĹ | Y WATER | RATE | S |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|----------|
| В | ase Faci | lity Cha | ge | | | |
| Meter Size | Present Rates | | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | | | | Rates | Final Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 7.56 | \$ | 9.98 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage C | harge (p | er thou | san | d gallons) | | |
| | 704 m. et 2212 m. e 224 | resent | testina. | Interim | Charleston Co. | oposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.96 | \$ | 6.55 | | i |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

| PICCIOLA ISLA | ND MOI | | | ER RATES |) #30.57 | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Meter Size | Pı | esent lates | | Interim Rates | • | osed Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage C | \$ | 10.63 | \$ | 14.04 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage O | Pı | esent lates | 7 775 | Interim Rates | Prop | oosed Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

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| PINEY WOODS | PINEY WOODS MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Bas | e Fa | cility Charg | je | 134 | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5,0 × 0,4 : . | _ | | _ | | _ | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.33 | \$ | 21.57 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.48 | \$ | 32.33 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ \$ | 40.81 | \$ | 53.88 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 81.58 | \$ | 107.72 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 130.54 | \$ | 172.37 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 261.08 | \$ | 344.73 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 407.95 | \$ | 538.65 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 815.90 | \$ | 1,077.32 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,305.42 | \$ | 1,723.68 | | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,876.57 | \$ | 2,477.82 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Cha | rge (| per thous | anc | (gallons) | | 4.41 |
| A COLOR OF AN ARCHITECTURE | S | Present | | Interim | 7.00-1-2 | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.72 | \$ | 3.60 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| QUAIL RIDGE Ba | | ity Char | | RRAIES | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|
| Meter Size | P | resent lates | 22334 | Interim Rates | | posed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Ch | P | 21.86 er thous resent lates | \$ an <u>c</u> | 28.87 I gallons) Interim Rates | | 21.38 pposed al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.52 | \$ | 4.65 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 2.27 2.84 |

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| RAVENSWOO | D MON | ITHLY WA | \ΤΕ | R RATES | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----------|---|----------|---------------------------|
| Meter Size | Cart. Sate & Commission Services | llity Char Present Rates | je | Interim Rates | | posed I Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Cl | . Ac-100000-0181800 | 13.30 per thous Present Rates | \$ and | 18.75 I gallons) Interim Rates | | 21.38 posed I Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.88 | \$ | 2.64 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 2.27 2.84 |

| SILVER LAKE/WEST | _ | | | | ER F | RATES |
|---|---------|------------|------|------------|------|-------------|
| | Base Fa | acility Ch | arge | 9 | | |
| Meter Size | F | Present | | Interim | | posed Final |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 7.64 | \$ | 10.09 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 11.48 | \$ | 15.15 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 19.12 | \$ | 25.24 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 38.24 | \$ | 50.49 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 61.18 | \$ | 80.78 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 122.36 | \$ | 161.56 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | . \$ | 191.19 | \$ | 252.45 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 382.36 | \$ | 504.87 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 611.78 | \$ | 807.79 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 879.44 | \$ | 1,161.21 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage | Charge | (per tho | ısa | nd gallons |) . | |
| 1 | F | Present | | Interim | Pro | posed Final |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 1.72 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| SKYCREST | MON. | THLY WAT | ĒR | RATES | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|
| - B | ase Fa | ility Char | je | | 1.0 | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.45 | \$ | 19.07 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 21.69 | \$ | 28.64 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 36.13 | \$ | 47.71 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 72.27 | \$ | 95.42 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 115.64 | \$ | 152.69 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 231.28 | \$ | 305.39 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 361.36 | \$ | 477.13 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 722.72 | \$ | 954.28 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,156.36 | \$ | 1,526.85 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,662.26 | \$ | 2,194.85 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage C | harge | (per thous | anc | (galions | | |
| | The same region of | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.23 | \$ | 5.59 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| STONE MOUN | TAIN MO | NTHLY | NA. | TER RATE | Ş | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|------------------|------|------------------|
| | ase Facil | ity Char | ge | | 4 | 10.7 |
| Meter Size | | resent lates | | Interim Rates | | posed I Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 27.59 | \$ | 36.42 | \$ | 21.38 |
| Gallonage 0 | harge (p | er thous | anc | gallons) | | |
| | P | resent | | Interim | Pro | posed |
| | F | lates | | Rates | Fina | l Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.97 | \$ | 3.92 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

| VALENCIA TER | | | | | ΤE | S |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------|----|----------------------|
| Meter Size | se F | acility Cha Present Rates | 300-04-0 | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.90 | \$ | 13.07 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.86 | \$ | 19.63 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 24.76 | \$ | 32.69 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 49.49 | \$ | 65.34 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 79.20 | \$ | 104.57 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 158.39 | \$ | 209.14 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 247.48 | \$ | 326.78 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 494.98 | \$ | 653.57 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 791.96 | \$ | 1,045.70 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,138.43 | \$ | 1,503.18 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Cl | harg | e (per thoເ | ısaı | nd gallons |) | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.14 | \$ | 2.83 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| VALENCIA TERRACE MONTHLY SEWER RATES Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|----|----------------------|--|
| Meter Size | | Present Rates | ige | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.30 | \$ | 23.02 | \$ | 30.03 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.41 | \$ | 34.48 | \$ | 45.05 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 40.72 | \$ | 57.51 | \$ | 75.09 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 81.40 | \$ | 114.97 | \$ | 150.17 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 130.23 | \$ | 183.93 | \$ | 240.27 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 260.46 | \$ | 367.87 | \$ | 480.54 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 406.96 | \$ | 574.78 | \$ | 750.85 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 813.92 | \$ | 1,149.57 | \$ | 1,501.70 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,302.27 | \$ | 1,839.31 | \$ | 2,402.72 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,872.01 | \$ | 2,644.00 | \$ | 3,453.91 | |
| Gallonage Cha | rge | (per thou | sar | id gallons | | ak tin | |
| | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 3.30 | \$ | 4.66 | \$ | 10.97 | |
| Non-residential | \$ | 3.96 | \$ | 5.59 | \$ | 13.17 | |

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| VENETIAN VILL | | MONTHL | | | TES | 3 |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Meter Size | 1 5 E (| Present Rates | | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.28 | \$ | 13.58 | \$ | 21.38 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.44 | \$ | 20.38 | \$ | 32.07 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 25.71 | \$ | 33.95 | \$ | 53.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 51.43 | \$ | 67.90 | \$ | 106.89 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 82.28 | \$ | 108.64 | \$ | 171.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 164.57 | \$ | 217.30 | \$ | 342.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 257.13 | \$ | 339.52 | \$ | 534.45 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 514.27 | \$ | 679.04 | \$ | 1,068.90 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 822.82 | \$ | 1,086.45 | \$ | 1,710.24 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,182.82 | \$ | 1,561.79 | \$ | 2,458.47 |
| Gallonage Cl | harg | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallons |). | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 5.13 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.27 |

| VENETIAN VILLAGE MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Bas Meter Size | e F | acility Cha Present Rates | rge | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 20.45 | \$ | 28.89 | \$ | 30.03 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 30.67 | \$ | 43.31 | \$ | 45.05 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 51.12 | \$ | 72.20 | \$ | 75.09 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 102.24 | \$ | 144.40 | \$ | 150.17 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 163.55 | \$ | 230.99 | \$ | 240.27 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 327.15 | \$ | 462.06 | \$ | 480.54 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 511.16 | \$ | 721.96 | \$ | 750.85 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,022.32 | \$ | 1,443.92 | \$ | 1,501.70 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,635.69 | \$ | 2,310.23 | \$ | 2,402.72 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 2,351.31 | \$ | 3,320.96 | \$ | 3,453.91 |
| Gallonage Cha | rge | (per thou | sar | nd gallons |) 🗼 | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap Residential use to cap | \$ | 6,000 5.97 | \$ | 6,000 8,44 | \$ | 6,000 10.97 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 7.16 | \$ | 10.12 | \$ | 13.17 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a

specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The hearings are governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are alos scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |
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VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Lake County Library 312 W. Main Street Tavares, FL 32778 (352) 253-6180

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORDIA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

LEE COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's Rule ("Commission") 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Lee County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last wastewater base rate increase occurred in March 1999, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$1.1 million in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of wastewater service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$17,000 per customer. Specifically, the Utility is upgrading lift stations that pump waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment facility, as well as replacing deteriorating pipe that carries waste to the plant. The Utility is also installing new filtering equipment at the wastewater plant to comply with Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional expenses.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Lee County of \$494,753 or 191.6%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| SOUTH SEAS MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------------|----------|------------|----|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | Proposed | | | | |
| | Rates | | Rates | | F | inal Rates | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 28.61 | \$ | 57.78 | \$ | 108.96 | | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | | | \$ | 163.44 | | | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 71.54 | \$ | 144.47 | \$ | 272.40 | | | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 143.07 | \$ | 288.92 | \$ | 544.80 | | | | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 228.89 | \$ | 462.25 | \$ | 871.68 | | | | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 500.77 | \$ | 1,011.30 | \$ | 1,743.36 | | | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 858.45 | \$ | 1,733.64 | \$ | 2,723.99 | | | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,789.03 | \$ | 3,612.95 | \$ | 5,447.99 | | | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 8,716.78 | | | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 12,530.37 | | | | |
| Gallonage Cha | arg | e (per thou | ısaı | nd gallons |) | . | | | | |
| The Salar and the telefoliographs in the second control of control and second control of the second control of | Present | | ere many | Interim | | Proposed | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Final Rates | | | | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | | 6,000 | | | | |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 3.94 | \$ | 7.95 | \$ | 11.72 | | | | |
| Non-residential | \$ | 4.71 | \$ | 9.51 | \$ | 14.07 | | | | |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to provide a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public use and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all the issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following issues are anticipated to be the major areas considered:

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- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

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- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
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Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission hold formal public hearings to decide this case. The hearings are governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer testimony is give regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

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Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission open to the public and is available for review at the commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by thte utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Ft. Myers – Lee County Library 2050 Central Avenue Fort Meyers, FL 33901

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

MARION COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Marion County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in November 1995, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested nearly \$1.3 million in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$700 per customer. The upgrades include electrical and structural improvements to water treatment plants, installation of new pressure-stabilizing tanks, and the replacement of undersized and deteriorating pipe to address water quality and water pressure issues. In addition, the Utility is upgrading treatment equipment and piping at its water treatment plants and installing security equipment at water treatment facilities to comply with federal regulations. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Marion County of \$425,372 or 82.63%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$190,933 or 40%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| OCALA OAKS MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | Interim | | Proposed | | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | nal Rates | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.68 | \$ | 20.21 | \$ | 24.12 | | | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | | \$ | 36.18 | | | | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 36.63 | \$ | 50.43 | \$ | 60.30 | | | | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 73.19 | \$ | 100.77 | S | 120.61 | | | | | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 117.11 | \$ | 161.24 | \$ | 192.97 | | | | | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 234.18 | \$ | 322.42 | \$ | 385.94 | | | | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 365.89 | \$ | 503.76 | \$ | 603.03 | | | | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 731.34 | \$ | 1,006.92 | \$ | 1,206.06 | | | | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,929.69 | | | | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | _ | \$ | 2,773.93 | | | | | |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sar | nd gallons | | | | | | | |
| - Para Carlo Sara Carlo Carlo Carlo Residente Medical Residente | A | Present | | Interim | | Proposed | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Final Rates | | | | | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.25 | \$ | 1.72 | | | | | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.44 | | | | | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.04 | | | | | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.44 | | | | | |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed

with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Marion County Public Library 2720 East Silver Springs Boulevard Ocala, FL 34470

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

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All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

ORANGE COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Orange County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$500,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$1,800 per customer. The upgrades include the replacement of undersized and deteriorated water main to improve water quality and fire protection, as well as installation of a new emergency generator to run the water system in the event of a power failure. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Orange County of \$75,426 or 88%. It has also been requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$27,920 or 37%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, provided the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim and proposed final rates follows.

| TANGERINE MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----|-------------|
| Bas | e Fac | ility Char | je: | | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| 1 | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5(0 V 0/4 in all | • | 0.00 | • | 44.70 | • | 00.00 |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 8.92 | \$ | 11.73 | \$ | 22.62 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 13.38 | \$ | 17.61 | \$ | 33.93 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 22.28 | \$ | 29.32 | \$ | 56.55 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 44.58 | \$ | 58.66 | \$ | 113.10 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 71.33 | \$ | 93.86 | \$ | 180.95 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 142.65 | \$ | 187.72 | \$ | 361.91 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 222.89 | \$ | 293.30 | \$ | 565.48 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 445.79 | \$ | 586.63 | \$ | 1,130.97 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 713.62 | \$ | 939.07 | \$ | 1,809.55 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,025.82 | \$ | 1,349.91 | \$ | 2,601.22 |
| Gallonage Cha | arge (ı | per thous | anc | gallons) | | 19-14-12-16 |
| The formula formula to the property of the control of | CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR | resent | ement disco | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.53 | \$ | 2.01 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.04 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.55 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.04 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed

with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

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Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

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VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
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| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Orange County Library System 101 E. Central Boulevard Orlando, FL 32801

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

PALM BEACH COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Palm Beach County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in December 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Palm Beach County, the Utility's capital improvements include water treatment plant upgrades, tank rehabilitation, and the replacement of undersized and deteriorating pipe to address water quality, water pressure and service reliability issues. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase for Palm Beach County of \$161,289 or 134%. It has also been requested and been grated an interim revenue increase of \$122,650 or 96%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| LAKE OSBORNE ES | TATES | MONTH | LY | VATER RA | ĀΤΕ | S |
|--|---------|------------|------|----------|-----|-----------|
| Ba | se Faci | lity Charg | je i | | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 4.23 | \$ | 8.22 | \$ | 24.05 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 6.33 | \$ | 12.32 | \$ | 36.08 |
| | | 10.58 | \$ | 20.57 | \$ | 60.14 |
| 1 inch | \$ | | • | | | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 21.14 | \$ | 41.10 | \$ | 120.27 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 33.83 | \$ | 65.77 | \$ | 192.44 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 67.66 | \$ | 131.54 | \$ | 384.88 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 105.71 | \$ | 205.53 | \$ | 601.37 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 211.42 | \$ | 411.07 | \$ | 1,202.75 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,924.40 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,766.32 |
| Gallonage Ch | arge (p | er thous | and | gallons) | | |
| The state of the s | F | resent | ., | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.03 | \$ | 3.94 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.68 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.35 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.68 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

PASCO COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Pasco County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

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For Zephyr Shores, the last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$240,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. The upgrades include installation of a new water supply well, which will eliminate the need to purchase water from Pasco County and reduce the water system's costs.

For Jasmine Lakes, the last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in December 1991, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$2.7 million in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$850 per customer. The upgrades include new pumping and electrical systems at the water treatment facility and a new emergency generator to run the water system in the event of a power failure. The Utility has also installed automated flushing valves to enhance water quality. This improvement was required under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") consent order, which was subsequently lifted in 2006. For your wastewater system, the Utility is upgrading lift stations that pump waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment facility, as well as replacing deteriorating pipe that carries the waste to the plant. The Utility is also making wastewater plant improvements and rehabilitating percolation ponds to increase efficiency and performance of sewage treatment. In addition, DEP requirements mandate that the Utility analyze and develop plans to improve the wastewater system's capacity to handle increased flows during heavy rainstorms.

For Palm Terrace, the last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$1.1 million in your community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically, the Utility is replacing deteriorating pipe that carries the waste

from collection points in the system to the wastewater treatment plant. The Utility is also making wastewater plant improvements and rehabilitating percolation ponds to increase efficiency and performance of sewage treatment. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Pasco County of \$892,627 or 49%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$341,405 or 19%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| ZEPHYR SHOP | RES N | IONTHLY | W | ATER RAT | ES | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bi | ase F | acility Ch | arg | e | | |
| Meter Size | F | Present | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 6.30 | \$ | 6.53 | \$ | 18.52 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.47 | \$ | 9.63 | \$ | 27.78 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 15.76 | \$ | 15.80 | \$ | 46.30 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 31.51 | \$ | 31.24 | \$ | 92.60 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 50.43 | \$ | 49.78 | \$ | 148.16 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 100.84 | \$ | 99.20 | \$ | 296.33 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 157.58 | \$ | 154.81 | \$ | 463.01 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 315.14 | \$ | 309.26 | \$ | 926.03 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 504.23 | \$ | 494.61 | \$ | 1,481.65 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 724.83 | \$ | 710.85 | \$ | 2,129.87 |
| Gallonage C | harge | (per tho | usa | nd gallons | :) | |
| : | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 5.03 | \$ | 5.28 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.93 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.92 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 3.93 |

| ZEPHYR SHORE | S N | IONTHLY | SEV | VER RATE | S | |
|---------------------------|------|------------|-----|-----------|----|--|
| Bas | e F | cility Cha | rge | | | Vertical designation of the second se |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 11.39 | \$ | 16.09 | \$ | 16.90 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 17.08 | \$ | 24.13 | \$ | 25.35 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 28.48 | \$ | 40.22 | \$ | 42.25 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 56.93 | \$ | 80.41 | \$ | 84.50 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 91.11 | \$ | 128.68 | \$ | 135.20 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 182.22 | \$ | 257.36 | \$ | 270.40 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 284.72 | \$ | 402.13 | \$ | 422.50 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 569.41 | \$ | 804.23 | \$ | 845.00 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 911.08 | \$ | 1,286.80 | \$ | 1,352.00 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,309.66 | \$ | 1,849.75 | \$ | 1,943.49 |
| . Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sar | d gallons | | - (** 1 |
| | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 9.54 | \$ | 13.47 | \$ | 5.84 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 11.46 | \$ | 16.19 | \$ | 7.01 |

| JASMINE LAK | | IONTHLY acility Ch | | | ES | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|------|------------------|----|----------------------|
| Meter Size | 35.05 15.25 | Present Rates | 2000 | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.30 | \$ | 10.73 | \$ | 18.52 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 27.78 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 23.29 | \$ | 22.89 | \$ | 46.30 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 46.54 | \$ | 45.74 | \$ | 92.60 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 74.47 | \$ | 73.19 | \$ | 148.16 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 148.93 | \$ | 146.37 | \$ | 296.33 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 232.74 | \$ | 228.74 | \$ | 463.01 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 465.46 | \$ | 457.47 | \$ | 926.03 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 744.73 | \$ | 731.94 | \$ | 1,481.65 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,129.87 |
| Gallonage C | harge | e (per tho | usa | nd gallons | 5) | , A. W. |
| | 1 | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.18 | \$ | 3.13 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.93 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.92 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 3.93 |
| Public Fir | e Pro | tection (S | tan | dpipe)** | | |
| The state of the s | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Hydrants** | \$ | 146.79 | \$ | 152.51 | \$ | 231.51 |

| JASMINE LAKE | S MC | NTHLY S | EW | ER RATE | <u> </u> | |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----------|----------|------------|
| Bas | e Fa | ality/Cha | 6.0 | | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.91 | \$ | 13.80 | \$ | 16.90 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 25.35 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 27.22 | \$ | 34.44 | \$ | 42.25 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 54.46 | \$ | 68.89 | \$ | 84.50 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 87.15 | \$ | 110.24 | \$ | 135.20 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 174.27 | \$ | 220.45 | \$ | 270.40 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 272.29 | \$ | 344.44 | \$ | 422.50 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 544.63 | \$ | 688.95 | \$ | 845.00 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 871.37 | \$ | 1,102.27 | \$ | 1,352.00 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | | | \$ | 1,943.49 |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sar | d gallons | | |
| | Ī | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | inal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 2.74 | \$ | 3.47 | \$ | 5.84 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 3.31 | \$ | 4.18 | \$ | 7.01 |

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| PALM TERRACE MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|--|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.63 | \$ | 14.04 | \$ | 18.52 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.94 | \$ | 21.04 | \$ | 27.78 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 26.60 | \$ | 35.12 | \$ | 46.30 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 53.17 | \$ | 70.21 | \$ | 92.60 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 85.08 | \$ | 112.34 | \$ | 148.16 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 170.15 | \$ | 224.67 | \$ | 296.33 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 265.87 | \$ | 351.05 | \$ | 463.01 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 531.75 | \$ | 702.12 | \$ | 926.03 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 850.79 | \$ | 1,123.39 | \$ | 1,481.65 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,223.02 | \$ | 1,614.87 | \$ | 2,129.87 | |
| Gallonage Ch | narg | e (per tho | usa | nd gallons |) | 190.71% | |
| and the form of the control of the first of the control of the con | | Present | Interim | | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.95 | \$ | 3.89 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.93 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.92 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 3.93 | |

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|--|---|------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
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| Meter Size | e e neron | Present | . o-my/ga) | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 19.05 | \$ | 26.91 | \$ | 16.90 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 28.58 | \$ | 40.36 | \$ | 25.35 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 47.62 | \$ | 67.25 | \$ | 42.25 |
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| 3 inch | \$ | 304.74 | \$ | 430.41 | \$ | 270.40 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 476.17 | \$ | 672.53 | \$ | 422.50 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 952.33 | \$ | 1,345.07 | \$ | 845.00 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,523.73 | \$ | 2,152.09 | \$ | 1,352.00 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 2,190.34 | \$ | 3,093.62 | \$ | 1,943.49 |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sat | id gallons) | | |
| CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
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III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

POLK COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Polk County**. The following information will provide the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

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The last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Polk County, the Utility will have spent more than \$2.1 million on capital improvements, including water treatment plant upgrades, tank rehabilitation, and the replacement of undersized and deteriorating pipe to address water quality, water pressure and service reliability issues. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$1,000 per customer in your county. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Polk County of \$1,175,272 or 202%. It has also been requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$677,818 or 121%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, provided the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, and proposed interim and final rates follows.

| GIBSONIA ESTA | TES M | ONTHL | Y W A | TER RAT | ES | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Ba | se Fac | ility Cha | ırge | ara in e | | |
| Meter Size | Pi | resent | ı | nterim | | roposed |
| | F | lates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 5.65 | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 21.75 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | _ | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 32.63 |
| 1 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 54.38 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 108.76 |
| 2 inch | \$ | _ | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 174.01 |
| 3 inch | \$ | _ | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 348.02 |
| 4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 543.79 |
| 6 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 1,087.57 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 1,740.12 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 7.25 | \$ | 2,501.42 |
| Gallonage Cl | narge (| per thou | ısan | d gallons |) <u> </u> | |
| | P | resent | 1 | nterim | P | roposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 0.67 | \$ | 0.86 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.55 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |

| LAKE GIBSON ES | TATES | MONTH | ΙLΥ | WATER R | ΑT | ES | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|------|------------|----|-----------|--|
| B | se Fac | ility Ch | arge | • | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | R | lates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 7.05 | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 21.75 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 32.63 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 54.38 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 108.76 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 174.01 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 348.02 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | _ | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 543.79 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 1,087.57 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 1,740.12 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 8.15 | \$ | 2,501.42 | |
| Gallonage C | narge (| per thou | ısaı | nd gallons |) | | |
| | Pi | esent | | Interim | P | roposed | |
| | R | lates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.02 | \$ | 2.33 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.55 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | |

| LAKE GIBSON EST | ATES | MONTH | LY S | EWER R | ΔΤΙ | FS |
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| Meter Size | Present | | P. C. | Interim | | roposed |
| | F | Rates | 1 | Rates | | inal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 100.58 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 150.87 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 251.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 502.90 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 804.63 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 1,609.27 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 2,514.48 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 5,028.95 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 8,046.33 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 26.81 | \$ | 38.10 | \$ | 11,566.60 |
| Gallonage Ch | iarge | (per thou | ısan | d gallons |) - | yer in Marie |
| VI, 200 VI | P | resent | ı | nterim | I | Proposed |
| | ı | Rates | | Rates | F | inal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | - | | - | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | - | | | \$ | 7.72 |
| Non-residential | \$ | - | | - | \$ | 9.26 |

| ORANGE HILL/SUG/ B | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Meter Size | P | resent lates | | Interim Rates | Pro | oposed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.49 | \$ | 12.24 | \$ | 21.75 |
| Gallonage C | harge (ı | er thou: | san | d gallons) | | e 11992 |
| | Р | resent | | interim | Pro | posed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.39 | \$ | 1.79 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.55 |

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|------|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| B. | ase Fa | cility Cha | ırge | | | en er rosse Ref |
| Meter Size | • | resent Rates | | Interim Rates | | oposed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 11.38 | \$ | 25.28 | \$ | 21.75 |
| Gallonage C | harge | per thou | sar | nd gallons |) | |
| | Р | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Total consumption | | | | | | |
| < 5,001 | \$ | 0.95 | \$ | 2.13 | \$ | _ |
| 5,001 to 10,000 | \$ | 1.20 | \$ | 2.68 | \$ | - |
| Over 10,000 | \$ | 1.46 | \$ | 3.23 | \$ | - |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.55 |

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| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | inal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.51 | \$ | 32.75 | \$ | 100.58 |
| Gallonage Ch | arg | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallóns |) : | 1 . at |
| In the St. Limiter (Mit.), the Carter for Early of Carter (Mit.) is the Philosophysia (Research) (Principles). | | Present | 2300000000 | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | F | inal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 6.67 | \$ | 14.09 | \$ | 7.72 |

| VILLAGE WAT | ERI | MONTHLY | WA | TER RATE | S | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|-----|------------|----|------------|--|
| Ba | ise F | acility Cha | arg | 9 | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | inal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 12.98 | \$ | 18.98 | \$ | 21.75 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 12.98 | \$ | 18.98 | \$ | 32.63 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 32.44 | \$ | 47.44 | \$ | 54.38 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 64.87 | \$ | 94.86 | \$ | 108.76 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 103.80 | \$ | 151.78 | \$ | 174.01 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 207.61 | \$ | 303.57 | \$ | 348.02 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 324.41 | \$ | 474.37 | \$ | 543.79 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,038.02 | \$ | 1,517.84 | \$ | 1,087.57 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,740.12 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 2,501.42 | |
| Gallonage Cl | narg | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallons | 1 | | |
|] | | Present | | Interim | | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.51 | \$ | 3.68 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.55 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.84 | |

| VILLAGE WATER MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------|----|------------|
| THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY | se F | acility Cha | rge | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | F | inal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | - | \$ | 40.61 | \$ | 100.58 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 42.73 | \$ | 40.61 | \$ | 150.87 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 106.81 | \$ | 101.50 | \$ | 251.45 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 213.61 | \$ | 203.00 | \$ | 502.90 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 341.77 | \$ | 324.79 | \$ | 804.63 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 683.53 | \$ | 649.60 | \$ | 1,609.27 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 1,068.03 | \$ | 1,014.99 | \$ | 2,514.48 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 3,417.63 | \$ | 3,247.99 | \$ | 5,028.95 |
| 8 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 8,046.33 |
| 10 inch | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 11,566.60 |
| Gallonage Ch | arg | e (per thou | ısaı | nd gallons |) | |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | F | inal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | - | | - | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | - | | | \$ | 7.72 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 3.69 | \$ | 9.26 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 1. What is the test year net operating income?
- 2. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 3. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 4. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in this case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

<u>Hearings</u>

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reporters record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
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| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Polk County Library City Hall – 228 South Massachusetts Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

PUTNAM COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Putnam County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Putnam County, the Utility will have spent approximately \$900,000 to upgrade water and wastewater treatment facilities, replace undersized and deteriorating pipe, rehabilitate storage tanks and for related capital improvements to ensure that its systems meet all environmental standards. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$600 per customer in Putnam County. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Putnam County of \$745,975 or 141%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$386,104 or 76%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim and proposed final rates follows.

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| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | nai Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.38 | \$ | 21.63 | \$ | 34.17 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.58 | \$ | 32.45 | \$ | 51.25 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 40.95 | \$ | 54.07 | \$ | 85.42 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 81.90 | \$ | 108.14 | \$ | 170.85 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 131.03 | \$ | 173.01 | \$ | 273.36 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 262.06 | \$ | 346.03 | \$ | 546.71 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 409.48 | \$ | 540.67 | \$ | 854.24 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 818.93 | \$ | 1,081.32 | \$ | 1,708.48 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,310.31 | \$ | 1,730.13 | \$ | 2,733.57 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,883.58 | \$ | 2,487.07 | \$ | 3,929.50 |
| Gallonage C | harge | e (per thou | sa | nd gallons |) | |
| | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.07 | \$ | 5.37 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.97 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.71 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 6.97 |

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| and the second | Œ | cility Cha | ge | | | |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 21.43 | \$ | 30.27 | \$ | 66.10 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 32.16 | \$ | 45.42 | \$ | 99.15 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 53.60 | \$ | 75.71 | \$ | 165.25 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 107.17 | \$ | 151.37 | \$ | 330.50 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 171.50 | \$ | 242.23 | \$ | 528.80 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 342.98 | \$ | 484.42 | \$ | 1,057.61 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 535.93 | \$ | 756.95 | \$ | 1,652.51 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,071.86 | \$ | 1,513.88 | \$ | 3,305.02 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,714.95 | \$ | 2,422.18 | \$ | 5,288.04 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 2,465.24 | \$ | 3,481.88 | \$ | 7,601.55 |
| Gallonage Cha | rge | per thou | sar | nd gallons |) ÷ | ar Tari |
| | | Present | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 7.04 | \$ | 9.95 | \$ | 18.71 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 8.47 | \$ | 11.96 | \$ | 22.45 |

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| Bi | ase Fac | ility Charg | je: | 1000 | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.52 | \$ | 12.57 | \$ | 34.17 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 14.26 | \$ | 18.83 | \$ | 51.25 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 23.78 | \$ | 31.40 | \$ | 85.42 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 47.57 | \$ | 62.81 | \$ | 170.85 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 76.12 | \$ | 100.50 | \$ | 273.36 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 152.22 | \$ | 200.99 | \$ | 546.71 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 237.84 | \$ | 314.05 | \$ | 854.24 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 475.69 | \$ | 628.10 | \$ | 1,708.48 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 761.10 | \$ | 1,004.96 | \$ | 2,733.57 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,094.09 | \$ | 1,444.63 | \$ | 3,929.50 | |
| Gallonage C | harge | per thous | anc | l gallons) | | | |
| | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.73 | \$ | 6.25 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.71 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |

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| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim Rates | Proposed Final Rates | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | г | iiai Kales | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.25 | \$ | 13.54 | \$ | 34.17 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.39 | \$ | 20.33 | \$ | 51.25 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 25.64 | \$ | 33.85 | \$ | 85.42 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 51.29 | \$ | 67.73 | \$ | 170.8 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 82.07 | \$ | 108.37 | \$ | 273.30 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 164.14 | \$ | 216.72 | \$ | 546.7 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 256.46 | \$ | 338.63 | \$ | 854.24 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 512.93 | \$ | 677.28 | \$ | 1,708.4 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 820.69 | \$ | 1,083.64 | \$ | 2,733.5 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,179.75 | \$ | 1,557.74 | \$ | 3,929.5 | |
| Gallonage (| Char | ge (per tho | ous | and gallon | s) | | |
| | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 5.13 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.9 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.7 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |

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| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | | Proposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Final Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 29.80 | \$ | 42.09 | \$ | 66.10 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 44.68 | \$ | 63.11 | \$ | 99.15 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 74.49 | \$ | 105.21 | \$ | 165.25 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 148.97 | \$ | 210.40 | \$ | 330.50 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 238.36 | \$ | 336.66 | \$ | 528.80 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 476.72 | \$ | 673.32 | \$ | 1,057.61 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 744.88 | \$ | 1,052.06 | \$ | 1,652.51 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,489.73 | \$ | 2,104.08 | \$ | 3,305.02 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 2,383.58 | \$ | 3,366.54 | \$ | 5,288.04 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 3,426.40 | \$ | 4,839.40 | \$ | 7,601.55 |
| Gallonage | Cha | rge (per th | ou: | sand gallo | ns) | 14 PM |
| Name of the Name of the Name of the State of the Name | | Present | | Interim | NO. | Proposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Final Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 5.95 | \$ | 8.41 | \$ | 18.71 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 7.13 | \$ | 10.08 | \$ | 22.45 |

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| Be | ise Facil | ity Char | ge | 4. 15. 32. | (17) |
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| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Ci | Р | 12.57 er thous resent Rates | \$ and | 16.60 I gallons) Interim Rates | 34.17 oposed al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.43 | \$ | 5.85 | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ 6.97 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ 8.71 |

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| Bas | e Fa | cility Cha | rge | # }.%* | | e e |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | Pro | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fina | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 20.28 | \$ | 28.65 | \$ | 66.10 |
| Gallonage Cha | ırge | (per thou | sar | id gallons) | | |
| Control Programme Control of the Con | F | resent | unio, s suego es | Interim | Pro | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fina | al Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 8.26 | \$ | 11.67 | \$ | 18.71 |

| POMONA PA | RK MO | NTHLY W | ATE | R RATES | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|-----|------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| B | ase Fac | ility Charg | je- | | | | |
| Meter Size | Present | | | Interim | | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Final Rates | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.33 | \$ | 21.57 | \$ | 34.17 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 24.48 | \$ | 32.33 | \$ | 51.25 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 40.81 | \$ | 53.88 | \$ | 85.42 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 81.58 | \$ | 107.72 | \$ | 170.85 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 130.54 | \$ | 172.37 | \$ | 273.36 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 261.08 | \$ | 344.73 | \$ | 546.71 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 407.95 | \$ | 538.65 | \$ | 854.24 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 815.90 | \$ | 1,077.32 | \$ | 1,708.48 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,305.42 | \$ | 1,723.68 | \$ | 2,733.57 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,876.57 | \$ | 2,477.82 | \$ | 3,929.50 | |
| Gallonage 6 | harge (| per thous | anc | i galions) | | | |
| | | Present | | Interim | Proposed | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 2.72 | \$ | 3.60 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.71 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |

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| RIVER GROVE | 101 | THLY WA | TE | R RATES | | |
|---|------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Base | Fac | ility Charg | je : | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | Prop | osed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Final | Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Chan | \$ ge (| 10.25 | \$ and | 13.54 (gallons) | \$ | 34.17 |
| an i se se se se din en | Present Rates | | Interim Rates | | Proposed Final Rate | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 5.13 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.97 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.71 |

| SILVER LAKE O | AKS N | ONTHL | ΥW | ATER RA | TES | | |
|---|-------|------------|---------|------------|-------------|----------|--|
| Ва | se Fa | cility Cha | arge | | 40.745 | | |
| Meter Size | Р | resent | | Interim | Pro | posed | |
| | Rates | | | Rates | Final Rates | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.79 | \$ | 20.85 | \$ | 34.17 | |
| Gallonage Cl | narge | per thou | JSa | nd gallons | 1 | | |
| and wards to the Winderstein of The Mil | | resent | PHENES! | Interim | Proposed | | |
| | Rates | | | Rates | Fina | al Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.11 | \$ | 5.43 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 6.97 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.71 | |

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|--|--------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----|-----------|
| SILVER LAKE O | AKS N | ONTHLY | SE | WER RAT | ES | |
| Ba | șe Fai | ility.Cha | rge | and and | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 20.08 | \$ | 28.36 | \$ | 66.10 |
| - Gallonage Ch | arge: | per thou | san | d gallons) | | |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | Fir | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 8.29 | \$ | 11.72 | \$ | 18.71 |

| ST. JOHN'S HIGHLAI | NDS | MONTHL | Y W | ATER RA | TES | |
|---|-----|--|-----------|---|----------|---------------------------|
| Base Meter Size | F | lity Charc Present Rates | je i | Interim Rates | | posed I Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Chai | F | 9.05 per thous: Present Rates | \$ anc | 11.95 I gallons) Interim Rates | | 34.17 posed I Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.76 | \$ | 6.29 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ \$ | 6.97 8.71 |

| WELEKA/SARATOG | A HAR | BOUR M | INC | HLY WAT | ER RA | TES | |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|-----|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | Base F | acility Ch | arg | e 🦭 🗀 | | | |
| Meter Size | F | resent | | Interim | Prop | osed | Final |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | \$ |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.25 | \$ | 13.54 | \$ | | 34.17 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.39 | \$ | 20.33 | \$ | | 51.25 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 25.65 | \$ | 33.86 | \$ | | 85.42 |
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| 6 inch | \$ | 512.99 | \$ | 677.36 | \$ | 1,7 | 708.48 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 820.78 | \$ | 1,084.30 | \$ | 2, | 733.57 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,179.86 | \$ | 1,558.43 | \$ | 3,9 | 929.50 |
| Gallonage | Charge | e (per tho | usa | and gallon | s) ` | 3.0 | |
| | F | resent | | Interim | Prop | osed | Final |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | 6 |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.65 | \$ | 6.14 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | | 6.97 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | | 8.71 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | | 6.97 |

| WOOTENS | MONTH | ILY WATI | ER | RATES | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|----|---------------|
| Ва | se Faci | lity Charg | je : | 100 | | |
| Meter Size | | Present Rates | | Interim Rates | • | osed Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Cl | \$ narge (r | 9.32 per thous | | 12.31 I galions) | \$ | 34.17 |
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|-----|--|-------------------------------|
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| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
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| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by the Utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Pasco County Library – Regency Park Branch 9701 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 (727) 861-3049

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748 Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.

AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

SEMINOLE COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Seminole County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$22 million in its Florida infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. Specifically in Seminole County, the Utility will have spent more than \$5.3 million on capital improvements, including water treatment plant upgrades, tank rehabilitation, and the replacement of undersized and deteriorating pipe to address water quality, water pressure and service reliability issues. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$2,600 per customer in Seminole County. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent revenue increase in Seminole County of \$597,651 or 42%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$134,606 or 11%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| CHULUOTA | | NTHLY W | | | 45 10 | ewere see | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----|------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Meter Size | 19 0 1 | Present Rates | alg | Interim Rates | Proposed Final Rate | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 10.25 | \$ | 13.54 | \$ | 27.42 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.39 | \$ | 20.33 | \$ | 41.13 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 25.64 | \$ | 33.85 | \$ | 68.56 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 51.29 | \$ | 67.73 | \$ | 137.11 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 82.07 | \$ | 108.37 | \$ | 219.38 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 164.14 | \$ | 216.72 | \$ | 438.75 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 256.46 | \$ | 338.63 | \$ | 685.55 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 512.93 | \$ | 677.28 | \$ | 1,371.10 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 820.69 | \$ | 1,083.64 | \$ | 2,193.77 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,179.75 | \$ | 1,557.74 | \$ | 3,153.54 | |
| Gallonage C | harg | e (per tho | ısa | nd gallons |) | فالمراك | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 5.13 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 2.42 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 3.02 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 2.42 | |

| CHULUOTA MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ी कर वBas Meter Size | e Fi | acility Cha Present Rates | rge | Interim Rates | | roposed nal Rates | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 22.01 | \$ | 31.08 | \$ | 67.14 | | | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 33.03 | \$ | 46.65 | \$ | 100.71 | | | | | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 55.03 | \$ | 77.73 | \$ | 167.85 | | | | | |
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| 3 inch | \$ | 352.17 | \$ | 497.41 | \$ | 1,074.26 | | | | | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 550.28 | \$ | 777.21 | \$ | 1,678.53 | | | | | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 1,100.56 | \$ | 1,554.41 | \$ | 3,357.06 | | | | | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,760.89 | \$ | 2,487.06 | \$ | 5,371.30 | | | | | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 2,531.29 | \$ | 3,575.16 | \$ | 7,721.24 | | | | | |
| Gallonage Ch | arge | (per thou | sar | id gallons | 7 | | | | | | |
| | R0-41 (ME21) | Present | N.D. 18 7.D. 1 | Interim | 20000 | roposed | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | | | | | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | | | | |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 8.01 | \$ | 11.32 | \$ | 7.81 | | | | | |
| Non-residential | \$ | 9.60 | \$ | 13.55 | \$ | 9.38 | | | | | |

| FL CENTRAL COMMERCE PARK MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Bas | e Facility (| Sha | irge | 1 | THE RESERVE | | | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | Pre | oposed Final | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 38.72 | \$ | 54.68 | \$ | 67.14 | | | | | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 58.08 | \$ | 82.03 | \$ | 100.71 | | | | | |
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| 10 inch | \$ | 4,452.36 | \$ | 6,288.46 | \$ | 7,721.24 | | | | | |
| Gallonage | Cha | ırge (per ti | 100 | sand gallo | ns) | | | | | | |
| 2 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | | Present | | Interim | Pro | oposed Final | | | | | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | | Rates | | | | | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | - | | - | | 6,000 | | | | | |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 7.81 | | | | | |
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| HARMONY HOMES | S M | ONTHLY V | VA٦ | TER RATES | 3 | |
|---|----------|--|-----------|---|----|-----------------------------|
| Base Meter Size | Fac | Hity Charg Present Rates | je : | Interim Rates | | oposed al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch Gallonage Char | \$ ge | 21.02 (per thous: Present Rates | \$ and | 27.75 I gallons) Interim Rates | Pr | 27.42 oposed al Rates |
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VII. Location of MFRs for Review

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Seminole County Library 1101 East First Street Sanford, FL 32771 (407) 665-0311

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

SUMTER COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Sumter County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

The last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in December 1995, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in August 2003. Since then, the Utility will have invested nearly \$150,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. This amount translates to a capital investment of approximately \$1,000 per customer. The upgrades include rehabilitating sand filters at the water treatment plant to improve water quality. For the wastewater system, the Utility is replacing deteriorating pipe that carries waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment plant. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Sumter County of \$78,624 or 179%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$58,243 or 148%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

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|---|-------|-----------|-----|------------|-----|----------|
| Ba | se Fa | cility Ch | arg | 9 | | (a) (A) |
| Meter Size | Р | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 16.40 | \$ | 42.97 | \$ | 32.72 |
| Gallonage C | narge | (per tho | ısa | nd gallons |) | |
| 1 | Р | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 3.09 | \$ | 8.10 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 8.67 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 10.83 |

| THE WOODS | MON | THLY SE | WE | R RATES | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| Bas | e Fac | ality Cha | rge | | | -6-7 |
| Meter Size | P | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | ı | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 15.74 | \$ | 38.12 | \$ | 40.22 |
| Gallonage Cha | arge (| per thou | sar | id gallons) | | |
| | P | resent | | Interim | Pr | oposed |
| | 1 | Rates | | Rates | Fin | al Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 4.10 | \$ | 9.93 | \$ | 17.80 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commissioners who hear this case are appointed by the Governor and will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel has intervened as a party in this rate case on behalf of the Utility's customers.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally

intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by a utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or "MFRs".) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes an engineering physical inspection of the utility's facilities and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access

to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reporters record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water and wastewater rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida's rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
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VII. Location of MFRs for Review

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Clark Maxwell Library System 1405 CR 526-A Sumterville, FL 33585

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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

VOLUSIA COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Rule 25-22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Volusia County**. The following information provides background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates and charges for its customers. The Application is assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 has been established as the official date of filing.

For Jungle Den, the last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$100,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater services. The upgrades include equipment rehabilitation and structural improvements at wastewater treatment facility, as well as the replacement of deteriorating pipe that carries waste from collection points in the system to the treatment plant.

For Tomoka/Twin Rivers, the last water base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring this system in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested approximately \$115,000 in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water service. The upgrades include replacing a deteriorating water storage tank to improve water quality and water pressure. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional investments.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Volusia County of \$242,219 or 222%. It has also requested and been granted an interim revenue increase of \$164,942 or 155%. As part of its request for permanent rates, the Commission permits the Company to collect a portion of the request as interim rates, subject to refund. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

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|--------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Meter Size | | Present Rates | 100 C - 100 C 100 | Interim Rates | Proposed Final Rates | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 6.51 | \$ | 8.59 | \$ | 24.19 | |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 9.77 | \$ | 12.90 | \$ | 36.29 | |
| 1 inch | \$ | 16.31 | \$ | 21.54 | \$ | 60.48 | |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 32.59 | \$ | 43.04 | \$ | 120.96 | |
| 2 inch | \$ | 52.16 | \$ | 68.87 | \$ | 193.54 | |
| 3 inch | \$ | 104.29 | \$ | 137.71 | \$ | 387.07 | |
| 4 inch | \$ | 162.97 | \$ | 215.19 | \$ | 604.80 | |
| 6 inch | \$ | 325.97 | \$ | 430.40 | \$ | 1,209.60 | |
| 8 inch | \$ | 521.52 | \$ | 688.62 | \$ | 1,935.36 | |
| 10 inch | \$ | 749.69 | \$ | 989.88 | \$ | 2,782.09 | |
| Gallonage C | harge | e (per tho | usai | nd gallons |) | | |
| | F | resent | | Interim | P | roposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates | |
| Total consumption | \$ | 5.02 | \$ | 6.63 | | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.64 | |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.80 | |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 4.64 | |

| HINCLE DEN MONTHI V CENTER RATES | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|------------|----|-------------|
| JUNGLE DEN MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | | | | |
| Base Facility Charge Meter Size Present Interim Proposed | | | | | | |
| Wieter Size | | Rates | | Rates | | nal Rates |
| 1 | | Natos | | Nates | ٠. | iiai itales |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 12.35 | \$ | 17.44 | \$ | 31.63 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 18.51 | \$ | 26.14 | \$ | 47.44 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 30.83 | \$ | 43.54 | \$ | 79.07 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 61.67 | \$ | 87.11 | \$ | 158.14 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 98.68 | \$ | 139.37 | \$ | 253.02 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 197.36 | \$ | 278.75 | \$ | 506.05 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 308.35 | \$ | 435.51 | \$ | 790.70 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 616.74 | \$ | 871.08 | \$ | 1,581.39 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 986.79 | \$ | 1,393.74 | \$ | 2,530.23 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,418.50 | \$ | 2,003.47 | \$ | 3,637.20 |
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| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| | | | | | | |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 9.57 | \$ | 13.51 | \$ | 29.92 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 11.49 | \$ | 16.23 | \$ | 35.91 |

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| TOMOKA/TWIN RIVERS MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------|------------|------------|----|-----------|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | Р | resent | | Interim | P | roposed |
| İ | F | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| | | | | | | |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 4.78 | \$ | 6.25 | \$ | 24.19 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 11.96 | \$ | 15.63 | \$ | 36.29 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 23.94 | \$ | 31.29 | \$ | 60.48 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 120.96 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 193.54 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 387.07 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 604.80 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 1,209.60 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 1,935.36 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 38.28 | \$ | 50.03 | \$ | 2,782.09 |
| Gallonage Ch | arge (p | er thous | anc | gallons) . | | Sec. 31. |
| Marketing of the country of the coun | 2 22 22 22 24 1 24 20 2 | resent | - 17 MCHES | Interim | P | roposed |
| | F | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 1.40 | \$ | 1.83 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.64 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.80 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 4.64 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow the Utility the opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public service and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all of the specific issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following general issues will likely be addressed by the Commission:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
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V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

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- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The Utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
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specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

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The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes a physical inspection of the utility's facilities by staff engineers and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission to hold a formal public hearing to decide this case. The formal technical hearing is governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are held in Tallahassee. Customer service hearings are also scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer input is requested regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

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Completing the Rate Case

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|-----|--|-------------------------------|
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| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
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AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

DOCKET NO. 060368-WS

RATE CASE SYNOPSIS

WASHINGTON COUNTY

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's Rule 25.22.0407 regarding Notice of and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests, a synopsis of the rate request must be prepared and distributed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. ("Utility"), in **Washington County**. The following information provides the background on the rate request and the rate case process in general.

II. Comparison of the Present, Interim, and Proposed Final Rates

On December 1, 2006, Aqua Utilities Florida filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") for increased water and wastewater for its customers. The Application is assigned Docket No. 060368-WS and March 26, 2007 was established as the official date of filing.

The last water and wastewater base rate increase occurred in October 1996, and this is the Utility's first rate request since acquiring these systems in July 2004. Since then, the Utility will have invested more than \$1.5 million in this community's infrastructure through 2007 to improve the quality and reliability of water and wastewater service. This amount translates to a capital investment of more than \$2,100 per customer. The Utility is upgrading the water treatment facilities and replacing aging equipment to improve water quality and fire protection, as well as installing a new emergency generator to run the water system in the event of a power failure. The Utility is also adding treatment to the wells that supply water to address past quality issues and replacing a pressure-stabilizing tank at one of its well sites. For the wastewater system, the Utility has upgraded lift stations that pump waste from collection points in the system to the sewage treatment facility, as well as replaced deteriorating pipe that carries waste to the plant. In addition, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requirements mandate that the Utility analyze and develop plans to improve the wastewater system's capacity to handle increased flows during heavy rainstorms. The Utility is also developing a master plan, as required by DEP, which will address future demand for water and wastewater services in the community. A rate increase is necessary for the Utility to be given an opportunity to recover those additional expenses.

The utility has requested a permanent water and wastewater revenue increase in Washington County of \$138,000 or 41%. The interim rates are subject to refund with interest, if the Commission finds that the utility was not entitled to collect such rates pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the utility's present, interim, and proposed final rates follows.

| SUNNY HILLS MONTHLY WATER RATES | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|-----|------------|----|-----------|
| Base Facility Charge | | | | | | |
| Meter Size | | Present | | Interim | F | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 11.70 | \$ | 15.45 | \$ | 24.15 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 17.57 | \$ | 23.20 | \$ | 36.23 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 29.27 | \$ | 38.65 | \$ | 60.38 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 58.54 | \$ | 77.29 | \$ | 120.77 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 93.67 | \$ | 123.68 | \$ | 193.23 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 187.34 | \$ | 247.37 | \$ | 386.45 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 292.72 | \$ | 386.50 | \$ | 603.83 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 585.42 | \$ | 772.98 | \$ | 1,207.66 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 936.68 | \$ | 1,236.79 | \$ | 1,932.26 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 1,346.47 | \$ | 1,777.87 | \$ | 2,777.62 |
| Gallonage Cl | narge | e (per thou | ısa | nd gallons |) | |
| | | Present | | Interim | P | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Total consumption | \$ | 4.51 | \$ | 5.95 | | |
| < 6,001 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 4.34 |
| Over 6,000 (Residential) | | | | | \$ | 5.43 |
| Non-residential | | | | | \$ | 4.34 |

| SUNNY HILLS | MC | NTHLY S | W | ER RATES | | |
|--|---------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Bas | e F | acility Cha | rge | | 4 | |
| Meter Size | Present | | Interim | | Proposed | |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| 5/8 X 3/4 inch | \$ | 19.74 | \$ | 27.88 | \$ | 33.97 |
| 3/4 inch | \$ | 29.60 | \$ | 41.80 | \$ | 50.95 |
| 1 inch | \$ | 49.33 | \$ | 69.68 | \$ | 84.92 |
| 1 1/2 inch | \$ | 98.68 | \$ | 139.37 | \$ | 169.84 |
| 2 inch | \$ | 157.88 | \$ | 222.99 | \$ | 271.75 |
| 3 inch | \$ | 315.78 | \$ | 446.00 | \$ | 543.50 |
| 4 inch | \$ | 493.38 | \$ | 696.85 | \$ | 849.22 |
| 6 inch | \$ | 986.79 | \$ | 1,393.74 | \$ | 1,698.44 |
| 8 inch | \$ | 1,578.85 | \$ | 2,229.95 | \$ | 2,717.50 |
| 10 inch | \$ | 2,269.59 | \$ | 3,205.54 | \$ | 3,906.41 |
| Gallonage Ch | arg | e (per thou | isai | nd gallons | | production 1 |
| The property control of the property of the pr | | Present | a / - 120c | Interim | - | roposed |
| | | Rates | | Rates | Fi | nal Rates |
| Residential Gallonage Cap | | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Residential use to cap | \$ | 8.31 | \$ | 11.74 | \$ | 9.25 |
| Non-residential | \$ | 10.01 | \$ | 14.14 | \$ | 11.10 |

III. General Reasons for Rate Request

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to allow a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for public use and the recovery of the required expenses of operations during the period of time when the rates will be effective.

IV. Major Rate Case Issues

It is difficult to anticipate all the issues that may develop during a rate case. However, the following issues are anticipated to be the major areas considered:

- 1. What is the test year rate base?
- 2. What is the test year net operating income?
- 3. What is the test year cost of capital?
- 4. What is the test year revenue requirement?
- 5. What is the proper rate design to recover the test year revenue requirement?

V. Description of the Ratemaking Process

<u>Participants</u>: Many people are involved in a utility rate case. The following is a list of some of the main participants:

- 1. The Commission is composed of five Commissioners appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners who hear this case will make a final decision on all of the issues in the case.
- 2. The Commissioners are assisted by a Commission Staff. The Staff members involved in the case include engineers, accountants, attorneys, consumer affair specialists, and rate and financial analysts.
- 3. The Public Counsel is appointed by the Legislature to represent the citizens in rate cases before the Commission. Public Counsel also has a staff of attorneys, accountants, rate and financial analysts. The Public Counsel may monitor the case or may participate.
- 4. The Utility's officers and staff personnel may testify about the utility, its operation, revenue and expenses. The utility may also employ outside consultants as expert witnesses and an attorney or other specialists to assist them with the rate case. The accountants, rate analysts and engineers compile information in support of the rate increase request and testify at hearings.
- 5. Intervenors representing organizations, local governments, consumer groups, and commercial organizations may participate. An intervenor is a party who legally intervenes in the rate case through petition to the Commission to represent a specific interest or point of view in the rate case. The intervenor has equal opportunity with other parties in the case to ask questions, present testimony, and cross examine witnesses.

Rate Case Requirements: A test year is requested by the utility, and when approved, is used as a measuring point to determine if a rate increase should be approved. The utility files an application pursuant to Commission rules (minimum filing requirements or MFRs.) This application reflects the amount of money the utility has invested in its facilities to serve its customers. It also includes the utility's requested rate return on its investment and the expenses the utility incurs to provide service for the test year. The data provides information about the operations of the company, supplies and expenses, taxes, construction, depreciation and all of the operating and financial matters that are crucial to a decision. The utility will also be requested to file additional information before the case is over. Among the things the Commission looks for are expenditures that could be considered unnecessary, improper, or imprudent. Expenditures of this kind are disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

The Commission and its staff review the application, and the Commission determines whether interim rates are appropriate to be collected during the pendency of the rate case. If interim rates are authorized and charged, those rates are subject to refund with interest pending the Commission's final decision in the case. The Commission staff performs an audit of the utility's books and records to see if they match the utility's MFRs, and that the utility is in compliance with the Commission's rules and policies. The staff auditors issue a report of their findings which is filed

with the Commission. The staff also performs other examinations and document requests of the utility's personnel and the utility's quality of service. This includes an engineering physical inspection of the utility's facilities and a review of records filed with other regulatory agencies regarding the utility.

Hearings

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. has requested the Commission hold formal public hearings to decide this case. The hearings are governed by rules similar to those used by courts. Witnesses are sworn and subject to cross-examination, and the final decision must be based upon information presented to the Commission during the hearings. These hearings are scheduled in the local service area for the customers' convenience. At this time, customer testimony is give regarding quality of service. The customers also may testify about rates and charges they consider improper or unfairly discriminatory.

The Public Counsel provides legal representation for consumers in matters before the Commission. The Public Counsel usually participates in major rate cases, has access to all the information filed by the utility, assists members of the public who wish to testify and may even provide expert witnesses on various issues in the case.

Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Public Counsel and intervenors present testimony and are cross-examined. There are official transcripts of all hearings. Court reports record the hearings, just as they do in a courtroom.

Completing the Rate Case

After the hearings are completed, briefs are usually filed by all parties to the case. The briefs summarize each party's position on the issues. The Commission staff then makes recommendations to the Commissioners on each issue of the case. When the Commission makes its final decision there will be a "vote sheet" which is a listing of all the issues requiring a vote by the Commissioners. There are many issues in a major water rate case, and it sometimes takes the Commissioners several hours to complete the final review of the case and to vote on each issue based on the evidence in the record.

Commission attorneys prepare a formal order containing the background of the case, the Commission decisions, the basis for the decisions, the new rates, and when they will be effective. After the Commission's order is issued, any party may ask the Commission to reconsider any decision on the issues. After reconsideration, the Public Counsel, the utility or any other party may appeal the Commission's decision to the courts.

VI. Aqua Utilities Florida Tentative Time Schedule

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Aqua Utilities Florida rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

| (1) | Utility's testimony and exhibits | December 1, 2006 |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|
| (2) | Intervenors' testimony and exhibits | July 2, 2007 |
| (3) | Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any | July 16, 2007 |
| (4) | Rebuttal testimony and exhibits | August 13, 2007 |
| (5) | Prehearing Statements | August 16, 2007 |
| (6) | Prehearing Conference | October 8, 2007 |
| (7) | Discovery deadline | October 17, 2007 |
| (8) | Hearing | October 24-26 and 29-30, 2007 |
| (9) | Briefs | November 19, 2007 |

VII. Location of MFRs for Review

All of the information on file at the Commission open to the public and is available for review at the commission offices in Tallahassee. The MFRs filed by thte utility are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Washington County Library 1444 Jackson Avenue Chipley, FL 32428

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Customer comments concerning Aqua Utilities Florida's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

and a courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. 1100 Thomas Avenue Leesburg, Florida 34748

Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following phone number 1-800-342-3552.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket 060368-WS which has been assigned to this case.