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Subject: Electronic Filing 100330-WS-Letter to Ms. Cole referencing Aqua's Water and Wastewater Rates
Attachments: 10-13-2010 Aqua Letter to Ms. Cole.pdf

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b. Docket No. 100330-WS

In Re: Application for increase in water/wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

c. Document being filed on behalf of Office of Public Counsel

d. There are a total of 5 pages.

e. The document attached for electronic filing is Citizens' Letter to Ms. Cole referencing Aqua's Water and Wastewater Rates

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Ms. Ann Cole
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket 100330-WS

Dear Ms. Cole:

I have enclosed a document prepared by our office which compares the current rates charged by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., to the statewide uniform rates proposed by the company in Docket 100330-WS.

We are filing this document because we have received a complaint that the notice provided by the company is inadequate and misleading. First, the notice does not disclose the current rates paid by customers, so there is no benchmark for customers to compare the proposed rates against existing rates. Without this benchmark a customer does not know the percent by which the company proposes to increase rates in this case. Second, the notice does not state that the gallonage charge proposed by the company is the rate *per 1000 gallons*. The notice, for example, states that the water gallonage charge in block 1 (0-6000 gallons) is \$6.49. This would lead a customer to incorrectly believe that the total gallonage charge for up to 6000 gallons of use is \$6.49.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Charlie Beck".

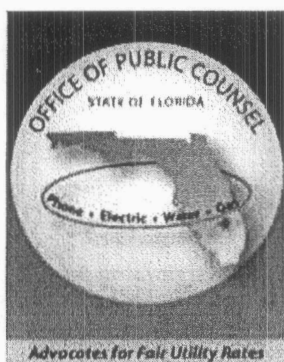
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**Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.
Present & Proposed Rates
Docket No. 100330-WS**

The following charts compare current water and wastewater rates to the statewide uniform rates proposed by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., in Docket No. 100330-WS. If the Florida Public Service Commission does not adopt statewide uniform rates, the result could be rates significantly higher or lower than those proposed by Aqua.



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**Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.
Systems By Rate Band
Docket No. 100330-WS**

WATER

<u>Rate Band 1</u>		<u>Rate Band 2</u>		<u>Rate Band 3</u>		<u>Rate Band 4</u>	
Jasmine Lakes	Pasco	Carlton Village	Lake	48 Estates	Lake	Arredondo	Alachua
Kings Cove	Lake	Fern Terrace	Lake	Gibsonia Estates	Polk	Beechers Point	Putnam
					Palm		
Ocala Oaks	Marlon	Grand Terrace	Lake	Lake Osborne	Beach	East Lake Harris	Lake
Picciola Island	Lake	Lake Gibson Estates	Polk	Orange Hill	Polk	Friendly Center	Lake
Silver Lake							
Estates/Western				Interlachen			
Shores	Lake	Pinney Woods	Lake	Lake/Park Manor	Putnam	Haines Creek	Lake
Tangerine	Orange	St. Johns Highlands	Putnam	Quail Ridge	Lake	Harmony Homes	Seminole
		Sunny Hills	Washington	Ravenswood	Lake	Hermits Cove	Putnam
		Valencia Terrace	Lake	Venetian Village	Lake	Hobby Hills	Lake
				Sugar Creek	Polk	Holiday Haven	Lake
						Imperial Mobile Terrace	Lake
						Jungle Den	Volusia
						Kingswood	Brevard
						Lake Josephine	Highlands
						Lake Suzy	DeSoto
						Leisure Lakes	Highlands
						Morningview	Lake
						Oakwood	Brevard
						Palm Port	Putnam
						Palm Terrace	Pasco
						Palms MHP	Lake
						Pomona Park	Putnam
						River Grove	Putnam
						Rosalle Oaks	Polk
						Sebring Lakes	Highlands
						Silver Lake Oaks	Putnam
						Skycrest	Lake
						Stone Mountain	Lake
						Summit Chase	Lake
						The Woods	Sumter
						Tomoka/Twin River	Volusia
						Village Water	Polk
						Welaka/Saratoga Harbor	Putnam
						Wootens	Putnam
						Zephyr Shores	Pasco

<u>Not In Rate Bands</u>	
<u>Purchased After Last Case</u>	
Breeze Hill	Polk
Fairways	Lake
Peace River	Hardee

WASTEWATER

<u>Rate Band 1</u>		<u>Rate Band 2</u>		<u>Rate Band 3</u>		<u>General Service Band</u>	
Kings Cove	Lake	Arredondo		Alachua	Beechers Point	Putnam	Village Water
Leisure Lakes	Highlands	Holiday Haven		Lake	Jungle Den	Volusia	FL Central Commerce Park
Summit Chase	Lake	Lake Suzy		DeSoto	Lake Gibson Estates	Polk	
Valencia Terrace	Lake	Palm Port		Putnam	Rosalle Oaks	Polk	
		Silver Lake Oaks		Putnam			
		Sunny Hills		Washington			
		Venetian Village		Lake			
		Interlachen					
		Lake/Park Manor		Putnam			
		Jasmine Lakes		Pasco			
		Morningview		Lake			
		Palm Terrace		Pasco			
		South Seas		Lee			
		The Woods		Sumter			

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Rate Comparison - Water

Current Rates Compared to Requested Uniform Rate

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

Docket No. 100330-WS

	Rate Band 1			Rate Band 2			Rate Band 3			Rate Band 4		
	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase
Water Rates												
Base Facility Charge	14.13	17.66	24.98%	16.29	17.66	8.41%	16.68	17.66	5.88%	15.71	17.66	12.41%
Block 1 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	2.00	6.49	224.50%	3.82	6.49	69.90%	5.01	6.49	29.54%	7.31	6.49	-11.22%
Block 2 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	2.51	9.73	287.65%	4.77	9.73	103.98%	6.26	9.73	55.43%	8.98	9.73	8.35%
Block 3 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	6.01	12.98	115.97%	11.46	12.98	13.26%	15.03	12.98	-13.64%	20.67	12.98	-37.20%
Typical Bill at 3,000 gallons	20.13	37.13	84.45%	27.75	37.13	33.80%	31.71	37.13	17.09%	37.64	37.13	-1.35%
Typical Bill at 5,000 gallons	24.13	50.11	107.67%	35.39	50.11	41.59%	41.73	50.11	20.08%	52.26	50.11	-4.11%
Typical Bill at 10,000 gallons	36.68	95.52	160.41%	59.24	95.52	61.24%	73.03	95.52	30.80%	97.16	95.52	-1.69%

Note: Current Res blocks are 0-5kgals, 5-10 k, and >10k; Proposed blocks are 0-6 kgals, 6-12 k, and >12k

	Breeze Hill			Peace River			Fairways		
	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase
Water Rates									
Base Facility Charge	15.51	17.66	13.86%	16.44	17.66	7.42%	7.59	17.66	132.67%
Block 1 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	2.70	6.49	140.37%	4.94	6.49	31.38%	1.77	6.49	266.67%
Block 2 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	2.70	9.73	260.37%	6.17	9.73	57.70%	1.77	9.73	449.72%
Block 3 - Charge per 1,000 gallon	2.70	12.98	380.74%	14.81	12.98	-12.36%	1.77	12.98	633.33%
Typical Bill at 3,000 gallons	23.61	37.13	57.26%	31.26	37.13	18.78%	12.90	37.13	187.83%
Typical Bill at 5,000 gallons	29.01	50.11	72.73%	41.14	50.11	21.80%	16.44	50.11	204.81%
Typical Bill at 10,000 gallons	42.51	95.52	124.70%	71.99	95.52	32.69%	25.29	95.52	277.70%

Note: Current Res blocks are 0-5kgals, 5-10 k, and >10k; Proposed blocks are 0-6 kgals, 6-12 k, and >12k

Rate Comparison - Wastewater

Current Rates Compared to Requested Uniform Rate

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

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	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase
Wastewater Rates												
Base Facility Charge	17.13	37.87	121.07%	35.44	37.87	6.86%	29.41	37.87	28.77%	75.47	37.87	-49.82%
Charge per 1,000 gallons	4.75	9.53	100.63%	7.11	9.53	34.04%	8.99	9.53	6.01%	9.37	9.53	1.71%
Typical Bill at 3,000 gallons	31.38	66.46	111.79%	56.77	66.46	17.07%	56.38	66.46	17.88%	103.58	66.46	-35.84%
Typical Bill at 5,000 gallons	40.88	85.52	109.20%	70.99	85.52	20.47%	74.36	85.52	15.01%	122.32	85.52	-30.09%
Typical Bill at 10,000 gallons	45.63	95.05	108.31%	78.10	95.05	21.70%	83.35	95.05	14.04%	131.69	95.05	-27.82%

Gallorage cap at 6,000

	Breeze Hill			Peace River			Fairways		
	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase	Current Rates	Req Uniform Rates	Percent Increase
Wastewater Rates									
Base Facility Charge	19.04	37.87	98.90%	29.03	37.87	30.45%	12.65	37.87	199.37%
Charge per 1,000 gallons	3.39	9.53	181.12%	8.87	9.53	7.44%	3.80	9.53	150.79%
Typical Bill at 3,000 gallons	29.21	66.46	127.52%	55.64	66.46	19.45%	24.05	66.46	176.34%
Typical Bill at 5,000 gallons	35.99	85.52	137.62%	73.38	85.52	16.54%	31.65	85.52	170.21%
Typical Bill at 10,000 gallons	39.38	95.05	141.37%	82.25	95.05	15.56%	35.45	95.05	168.12%

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