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August 13, 2013

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re:

Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc.; Docket No. 130155-WU

2013 Limited Proceeding Rate Increase Application

Our File No. 31007.08

Dear Ms. Cole:

Attached is the affidavit of sending the "Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting" to all of the customers of the utility in accordance with the Commission rule. Should you have any questions in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

SUNDSTROM, FRIEDMAN & FUMERO

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cc:

Andrew Mowry Bart Fletcher

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**TALLAHASSEE** 

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

COUNTY OF BALLIMAKE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared Anthony Boehk, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose and say that he is the <u>TREASURGE</u> for Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc.. and that on August 7, 2013, he did have sent by U.S. Mail, a copy of the notice attached hereto to each of the utility's customers in accordance with the rules of the Florida Public Service Commission.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Anthony Boekk

Sworn to and subscribed before me BETHA. K.

this /2 day of August, 2013.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 130155-WU

# APPLICATION FOR LIMITED PROCEEDING INCREASE IN WATER RATES BY PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC. IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an Increase in Rates of Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. (Utility). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., August 22, 2013
Pensacola State College
Hagler Auditorium, Building 2, Room 252
1000 College Blvd. (corner of Underwood Avenue and Ninth Avenue)
Pensacola, Florida 32504

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

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

## **Emergency Cancellation of Customer Meeting**

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

### **PURPOSE**

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

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION**

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

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

All correspondence should refer to Docket No. 130155-WU, Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809 or the Commission's website available at: http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm.

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commissions Division of Service, Safety and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Utility is a water utility whose corporate offices are located at 905 Lownde Avenue, Pensacola, Florida. The Utility's water facilities are located in Escambia County, Florida. As reported in its Application for a Limited Proceeding Increase in Rates filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) on May 28, 2013, the Utility's revenues under current approved rates per books for calendar year 2012 were \$3,158,583. The Utility was authorized by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding in Docket No. 080695-WU to achieve revenues of \$3,420,678. The Utility is requesting in this application for limited proceeding increase in rates to have rates reset so that they will generate the revenues previously authorized by the Commission in Docket No. 080695-WU plus the inflation increases that are authorized by statute that have occurred since the Commission authorized those revenues. The current rates authorized by the Commission are not adequate to generate revenues which will allow the Utility the opportunity to recover its operating costs and earn a fair return on its investment and water plant and facilities.

As a result of analysis of the utility filing, several errors were detected by the Commission staff. The utility thereafter amended its application in several respects by revising many of its schedules and its request by letter filed on July 22, 2013.

Copies of the Application for a Limited Proceeding Increase in Rates, the amendment thereto, and all attachments are available for inspection by members of the public at the following locations:

Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc.

905 Lowndes Avenue

Monday through Friday

Pensacola, Florida 32507

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

A copy of the Utility's Petition will also be available at the above addresses.

The test period for setting rates is the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012.

### **CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES**

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

#### Residential and General Service

Base Facility Charges by Meter Size	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	\$5.68	\$7.62
1"	\$14.20	\$19.05
1 - 1/4"	\$22.71	\$30.48
1 - 1/1/2"	\$28.40	\$38.10
2"	\$45.43	\$60.96
3"	\$90.86	\$121.92
4"	\$141.96	\$190.50
6"	\$283.93	\$381.00
8"	\$510.25	\$685.80
10"	\$823.38	\$1,104.90
Charges per 1,000 gallons - Residential	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
First 3,000	\$1.31	\$1.47
3,001 - 6,000	\$4.43	\$4.41
6,001 - 12,000	\$6.59	\$6.62
Over 12,000	\$8.76	\$8.83
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$3.63	\$3.37

Multi-Family – per unit	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Facility Charge - All Meters Sizes	\$5.68	\$7.62
Charge Per 1,000 gallons	\$3.63	\$3.37
Private Fire Protection	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
2"	\$3.79	\$ 5.08
3"	\$7.57	\$10.16
4"	\$11.83	\$15.88
6"	\$23.66	\$31.75
8"	\$42.52	\$57.15
10"	\$68.62	\$92.08

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

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