

State of Florida



## Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** September 12, 2013  
**TO:** Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Lydia Roberts, Division of Economics *LR*  
**RE:** Docket No. 130161-WS – Application for staff assistance for alternative rate setting case in Polk County by Four Points Utility Corp.

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The attached documents were sent to the Division of Economics. Please incorporate the attached documents into the docket file.

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COMMISSION  
CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-107**  
(Amends Resolution 07-137)

**WHEREAS**, Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, is authorized to establish and modify water, wastewater and reclaimed water rates, connection fees, service charges and customer deposits for its utility customers, and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2007, the Board adopted Resolution 07-137 setting forth a five (5) year rate schedule by which rates would be increased by five-percent (5%) each year for the years 2007 through 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County must obtain financing through the issuance of bonds and due to the economic downturn, and because such financing has become more difficult to obtain, Polk County's financial advisors have recommended that the county maintain a higher debt coverage ratio of 1.25 rather than the 1.1 currently contained in the bond covenants; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain the higher coverage ratio, Polk County Utilities must continue the five-percent (5%) rate indexing for an additional three (3) years on its service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, after a properly noticed Public Hearing, in which the public was given an opportunity to be heard as to the three (3) year extension of the five-percent (5%) yearly indexed rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

The five-percent (5%) yearly indexed rate increase approved by the Board on November 20, 2007 for the years 2007 through 2011 shall be extended for an additional three (3) year period as set forth in the tables attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and will become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. This Amendment shall not affect the calculation of water or wastewater connection fees and other miscellaneous fees as provided for in Resolution 07-137.

**ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

RICHARD M. WEISS, CLERK

By: *Judith L. Wade*  
Deputy Clerk

(seal)



POLK COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: *Bob English*  
Bob English, Chairman

## EXHIBIT "A"

### Polk County Utilities Residential Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Rates Effective October 1, 2010

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Base Charge	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.79	\$ 9.23	\$ 9.69
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 3	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.84
4 - 10	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
11 - 20	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
21 - 30	\$ 6.01	\$ 6.31	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.96	\$ 7.31
31 - 40	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
Over 40	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05

RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER RATES					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Base Charge	\$ 29.73	\$ 31.22	\$ 32.78	\$ 34.42	\$ 36.14
Usage per thousand gallons up to 7,000 gallons	\$ 5.33	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.88	\$ 6.17	\$ 6.48

RESIDENTIAL RECLAIMED WATER RATES					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Reclaimed Water Base Charge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 20	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.41
21 - 30	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.22
31 - 40	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.36	\$ 5.63
Over 40	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.45



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**Commercial and Multifamily Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Rates**  
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<b>COMMERCIAL WATER RATES</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>5/8" &amp; 3/4" Base Charge</b>	\$ 11.96	\$ 12.56	\$ 13.19	\$ 13.85	\$ 14.54
<b>5/8" &amp; 3/4" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 15	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
16 - 30	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
31 - 60	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 60	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>1" Base Charge</b>	\$ 19.92	\$ 20.92	\$ 21.97	\$ 23.07	\$ 24.22
<b>1" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 25	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
26 - 50	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
51 - 100	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 100	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>1-1/2" Base Charge</b>	\$ 39.86	\$ 41.85	\$ 43.94	\$ 46.14	\$ 48.45
<b>1-1/2" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 50	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
51 - 100	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
101 - 200	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 200	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>2" Base Charge</b>	\$ 63.76	\$ 66.95	\$ 70.30	\$ 73.82	\$ 77.51
<b>2" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 80	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
81 - 160	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
161 - 320	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 320	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>3" Base Charge</b>	\$ 119.55	\$ 125.53	\$ 131.81	\$ 138.40	\$ 145.32
<b>3" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 150	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
151 - 300	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
301 - 600	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 600	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05

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<b>COMMERCIAL WATER RATES</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>4" Base Charge</b>	\$ 199.28	\$ 209.24	\$ 219.70	\$ 230.69	\$ 242.22
<b>4" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 250	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
251 - 500	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
501 - 1,000	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 1,000	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>6" Base Charge</b>	\$ 398.54	\$ 418.47	\$ 439.39	\$ 461.36	\$ 484.43
<b>6" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 500	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
501 - 1,000	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
1,001 - 2,000	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 2,000	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>8" Base Charge</b>	\$ 637.68	\$ 669.56	\$ 703.04	\$ 738.19	\$ 775.10
<b>8" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 800	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
801 - 1,600	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
1,601 - 3,200	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 3,200	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>10" Base Charge</b>	\$ 916.66	\$ 962.49	\$ 1,010.61	\$ 1,061.14	\$ 1,114.20
<b>10" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 1,150	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
1,151 - 2,300	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
2,301 - 4,600	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 4,600	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05
<b>12" Base Charge</b>	\$ 1,714.85	\$ 1,800.59	\$ 1,890.62	\$ 1,985.15	\$ 2,084.41
<b>12" Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)</b>					
0 - 2,150	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.45
2,151 - 4,300	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86
4,301 - 8,600	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.73
over 8,600	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.47	\$ 16.24	\$ 17.05



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<b>COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER RATES</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Base Charge 5/8" & 3/4" Meter	\$ 44.59	\$ 46.82	\$ 49.16	\$ 51.62	\$ 54.20
Base Charge 1" Meter	\$ 74.32	\$ 78.04	\$ 81.94	\$ 86.04	\$ 90.34
Base Charge 1-1/2" Meter	\$ 148.64	\$ 156.07	\$ 163.87	\$ 172.06	\$ 180.66
Base Charge 2" Meter	\$ 237.82	\$ 249.71	\$ 262.20	\$ 275.31	\$ 289.08
Base Charge 3" Meter	\$ 445.93	\$ 468.23	\$ 491.64	\$ 516.22	\$ 542.03
Base Charge 4" Meter	\$ 743.21	\$ 780.37	\$ 819.39	\$ 860.36	\$ 903.38
Base Charge 6" Meter	\$ 1,486.43	\$ 1,560.75	\$ 1,638.78	\$ 1,720.72	\$ 1,806.76
Base Charge 8" Meter	\$ 2,378.27	\$ 2,497.18	\$ 2,622.04	\$ 2,753.14	\$ 2,890.80
Base Charge 10" Meter	\$ 3,418.77	\$ 3,589.71	\$ 3,769.19	\$ 3,957.65	\$ 4,155.53
Base Charge 12" Meter	\$ 6,391.48	\$ 6,711.05	\$ 7,046.61	\$ 7,398.94	\$ 7,768.89
Usage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.34	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.88	\$ 6.17	\$ 6.48

<b>COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY RECLAIMED WATER RATES</b>					
<b>5/8 Inch &amp; 3/4 Inch Rates</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Reclaimed Water Base Charge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 30	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.41
31 - 45	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.22
46 - 60	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.36	\$ 5.63
Over 60	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.45
<b>1 Inch Rates</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Reclaimed Water Base Charge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 50	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.41
51 - 75	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.22
76 - 100	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.36	\$ 5.63
Over 100	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.45

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<b>COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY RECLAIMED WATER RATES</b>					
<b>1.5 Inch Rates</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Reclaimed Water Base Charge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 100	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.41
101 - 150	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.22
151 - 200	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.36	\$ 5.63
Over 200	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.45
<b>2 Inch Rates</b>					
Effective Date	10/1/2010	10/1/2011	10/1/2012	10/1/2013	10/1/2014
Indexing Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Reclaimed Water Base Charge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usage Block Ranges (in thousands of gallons)					
0 - 160	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.41
161 - 240	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.22
241 - 320	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.36	\$ 5.63
Over 320	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.45
Bulk Priority 3 inch and above	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.05
Bulk Interruptible 3 inch and above	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.45