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# Public Service Commission

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**Re: Docket No. 20210120-SU - Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding, by TKCB, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Terry:

Please find enclosed draft Notices for the Solicitation of Comments. As you are aware, due to the pandemic, staff will not be conducting customer meetings in this proceeding. In order to allow customers an opportunity to provide comments, please mail the attached notices to the customers of the respective utility and provide an affidavit of mailing. We ask that this be mailed to your customers as soon as possible so that comments may be received in time to be considered by the Florida Public Service Commission at its November 2, 2021 Commission Conference. The date has been left blank so you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice that is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

Should you have any questions about the matters contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6584. In addition, you may contact Sonica Bruce at (850) 413-6994 or Shannon Hudson at (850) 413-7021 with any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Walt L. Trierweiler*

Senior Attorney

Enclosures  
WLT/mgm

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20210120-SU)

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
**NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS**  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
**TKCB, INC.**  
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

**RE: DOCKET NO. 20210120-SU**

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Brevard County by TKCB, Inc.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of TKCB, Inc. (TKCB or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Brevard County.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

**HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information may do so in one of the ways listed below.

- ❖ Email your comments to the Commission at [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us).
- ❖ Fill out and return, by US Mail or fax, the "Comment Card" attached to this Notice.
- ❖ Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20210120-SU, TKCB, INC"

- ❖ Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for November 2, 2021. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Walter Trierweiler with the PSC at (850) 413-6584 or [wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us) prior to November 2, 2021.

**Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.**

## BACKGROUND

TKCB, Inc. (TKCB or utility) is a Class C utility providing wastewater service in Brevard County to approximately 277 customers. TKCB was originally certificated in 2011.<sup>1</sup> The utility's rates for wastewater were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2019.<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, the rates were increased by a price index rate adjustment effective June 21, 2020. According to TKCB's 2020 annual report, wastewater service total gross revenues were \$98,455 and total operating expenses were \$92,668.

The limited alternative rate increase (LARI) process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On June 25, 2021, the utility filed an application for a LARI to recover the increase in costs that has or will occur due to the abrupt change in operator services and recovery of pro forma related to repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. However, on July 21, 2021, the utility withdrew its request for pro forma plant adjustments. As shown in the utility's application, the utility is requesting a 20 percent increase to its existing rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20210120 in the docket number search field.

## CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>		
All Meter Sizes	\$14.60	\$17.52
Charge per 1,000 gallons 6,000 gallon cap	\$5.14	\$6.17
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$14.60	\$17.52
3/4"	\$21.90	\$26.28
1"	\$36.50	\$43.80
1-1/2"	\$73.00	\$87.60
2"	\$116.80	\$140.16
3"	\$233.60	\$280.32
4"	\$365.00	\$438.00
6"	\$730.00	\$876.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$6.17	\$7.40

<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-2011-0522-FOF-SU, issued November 7, 2011, in Docket No. 100442-SU, *In re: Application for a certificate to provide wastewater service in Brevard County by TKCB.*

<sup>2</sup> Order No. PSC-2019-0362-PAA-SU, issued August 26, 2019, in Docket No. 20180218-SU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Brevard County by TKCB, Inc.*

## **PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS**

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on October 21, 2021. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its November 2, 2021, Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com). Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage.

The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date that the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's PAA order. Customers may obtain a copy of staff's recommendation and all documents filed in this docket under the Clerk's Office tab at the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>).

## **CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (OPC)**

At any time during this process, you may contact the Office of Public Counsel. The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility consumers before both the Commission, and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accounts only to the people of the state of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or [www.floridaopc.gov](http://www.floridaopc.gov)

## **HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Contact information for staff is provided below. You may also find additional information in the Rate Case Overview, which can be viewed at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Publications/RateCaseOverviews>.

For technical questions contact: Sonica Bruce at (850) 413-6994 or [Sbruce@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Sbruce@psc.state.fl.us)  
For legal questions contact: Walter Trierweiler at (850) 413-6584 or  
[wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us)

Please note, if you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Walter Trierweiler prior to November 2, 2021.

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

