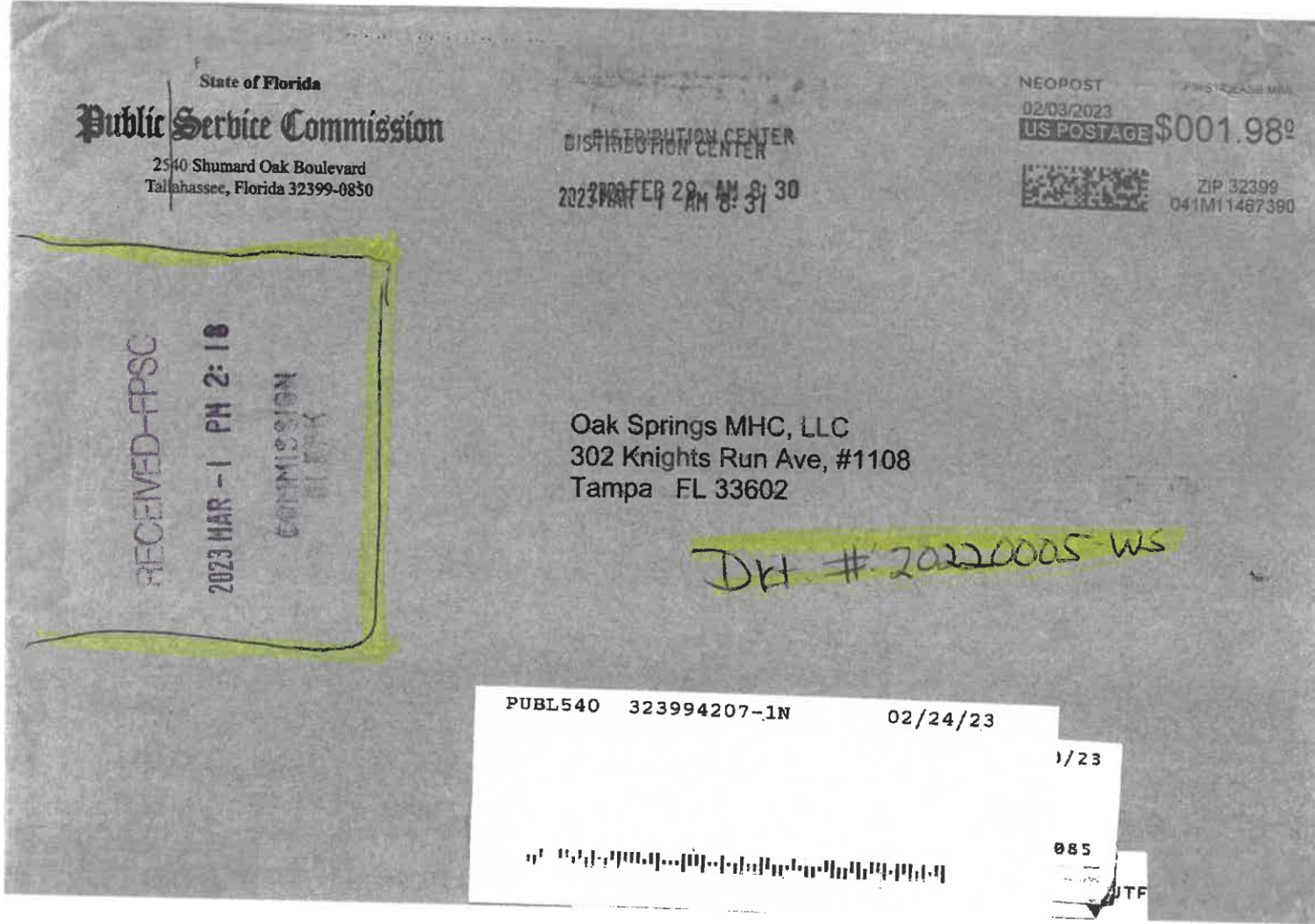


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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

DOCKET NO. 20220005-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-2022-0438-PAA-WS
ISSUED: December 27, 2022

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
GARY F. CLARK
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER ESTABLISHING 2023 PRICE INDEX FOR
WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Background

Since March 31, 1981, pursuant to the guidelines established by Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-30.420, F.A.C., we have established a price index increase or decrease for major categories of operating costs on or before March 31 of each year. This process allows water and wastewater utilities to adjust rates based on current specific expenses without applying for a rate case.

We calculated the 2023 price index by comparing the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. This same procedure has been used each year since 1995 to calculate the price index. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, released its most recent third quarter figures on October 27, 2022.

Since March 31, 1981, we have received and processed approximately 3,948 index and pass-through applications. We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 367.081, F.S.