

ROYAL WATERWORKS, INC.

October 31, 2023

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 20230081-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Broward County by Royal Waterworks, Inc. – Initial Customer Notice

Dear Commission Clerk:

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code, Royal Waterworks, Inc. hereby submits the attached Initial Customer Notice to be included in the above referenced docket. This notice will be sent via U.S mail to Royal's customers.

If you have questions or require any more information, please contact me at 727-848-8292, ext. 245 or via email at trendell@uswatercorp.net.

Respectfully,



Troy Rendell
Vice President
Investor Owned Utilities
// for Royal Waterworks, Inc.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
ROYAL WATERWORKS, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20230081-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN
BROWARD COUNTY BY ROYAL WATERWORKS, INC.

DATED: October 31, 2023

BACKGROUND

Royal Waterworks, Inc. (the "Utility") is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 4939 Cross Bayou Blvd, New Port Richey, Florida. The Utility's water facilities are located in Broward County, Florida.

On August 14, 2023, the Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates for its customers. The Application was assigned Docket No. 20230081-WS and September 20, 2023 has been established as the official date of filing.

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to cover the required expenses of operations on a going-forward basis and an opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for the public use. The rate of return on equity requested in this proceeding is 9.70%. The overall return requested (the weighted cost of debt and equity) is 6.74%. The Utility's rates were last established in a previous rate case by Order No. 12170, issued June 24, 1983. At that time, the Utility was owned by University Utility Corporation. 5)

All of the information on file at the Commission is open to the public and is available for review at the Commission offices in Tallahassee. A copy of the petition and Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) can be accessed on the Commission's website: <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>

Further a copy of this rate case synopsis can also be accessed on the Commission's website.

A schedule of the Utility's present and proposed final rates for water and wastewater are as follows:

MONTHLY WATER RATES

<u>Class/Meter Size</u>	<u>Prior to Filing</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Residential		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 13.29	\$ 25.31
3/4"	\$ -	\$ 37.97
1" Charged at 5/8"	\$ 13.29	\$ 25.31

1"	\$ 90.54	
1-1/2"	\$ 180.95	\$ 126.55
2"	\$ 290.04	\$ 202.48
3"	\$ 579.10	\$ 404.96
4"	\$ -	\$ 632.75
6"	\$ -	\$ 1,265.50
8"	\$ -	\$ 2,024.80
10"	\$ -	\$ 2,910.65
Gallonage Charge, per 1,000 gallons		
All gallons	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.54
General Service		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 13.29	\$ 25.31
3/4"	\$ -	\$ 37.97
1"	\$ 90.54	\$ 63.28
1-1/2"	\$ 180.95	\$ 126.55
2"	\$ 290.04	\$ 202.48
3"	\$ 579.10	\$ 404.96
4"	\$ -	\$ 632.75
6"	\$ -	\$ 1,265.50
8"	\$ -	\$ 2,024.80
10"	\$ -	\$ 2,910.65
Gallonage Charge	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.54
Irrigation		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 13.29	\$ 25.31
3/4"	\$ -	\$ 37.96
1" Charged at 5/8"	\$ 13.29	\$ 25.31
1"	\$ 90.54	
1-1/2"	\$ 180.95	\$ 126.55
2"	\$ 290.04	\$ 202.48
3"	\$ 579.10	\$ 404.96
4"	\$ -	\$ 632.75
Gallonage Charge, per 1,000 gallons		
All gallons	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.54
Private Fire Protection		
2"	\$ -	\$ 16.87
3"	\$ -	\$ 33.75
4"	\$ 27.69	\$ 52.73
6"	\$ 55.37	\$ 105.46
8"	\$ -	\$ 168.73
10"	\$ -	\$ 242.55

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

Prior Proposed

<u>Class/Meter Size</u>	<u>to Filing</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Residential		
All Meter Sizes	\$ 13.45	\$ 53.31
Gallonage Cap (gallons)	10,000	10,000
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.21	\$ 2.32
General Service		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 13.45	\$ 53.31
3/4"	\$ -	\$ 79.96
1"	\$ 95.69	\$ 133.26
1-1/2"	\$ 191.56	\$ 266.53
2"	\$ 306.19	\$ 426.44
3"	\$ 612.48	\$ 852.88
4"	\$ -	\$ 1,332.63
6"	\$ -	\$ 2,665.26
8"	\$ -	\$ 4,264.42
10"	\$ -	\$ 6,130.10
Gallonage Charge	\$ 5.22	\$ 2.78

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Royal Waterworks, Inc. rate case:

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

1. Customer Meeting: December 11, 2023, 6 p.m.,
2. Staff's Recommendation: January 25, 2024
3. Commission Agenda Conference: February 6, 2024; 9:30 a.m.
4. Proposed Agency Action Order: February 26, 2024
5. Protest Period Ends: March 18, 2024
6. Consummating Order in Event of No Protest: March 25, 2024

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers. If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at (727) 848- 8292, ext. 245.

Royal Waterworks, Inc.