

FLORIDA UTILITY SERVICES 1, LLC
5911 TROUBLE CREEK RD.
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652
863-904-5574

July 23, 2024

Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

**Re: Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case in Polk County by
West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.**

Dear Commission Clerk:

Enclosed please find an Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case
in Polk County by West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

In this case, the utility asks for interim rates.

On behalf of the utility,



Marianne McDonald- CFO

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APPLICATION FOR A
STAFF ASSISTED RATE CASE

I. GENERAL DATA

A. Name of Utility: **West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC**

B. Address: **5911 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, FL 34652**

Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

County: **Polk**

Nearest City: **Lakeland**

General Area Served: **Village of Lakeland**

C. Authority

Water Certificate No. _____ Date Received: _____

Wastewater Certificate No. **515S** Date Received: **2018**

Date Utility Started Operations: _____ Water: _____ Wastewater: **1972**

D. How was system acquired? **Purchase**

If utility was purchased, date: **2010** Amount Paid: \$ _____

Name of Seller: **West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.**

Was seller affiliated with present owners? **No**

Did you purchase: ___ Stock Assets only

E. Type of Legal Entity: **Corporation (LLC)**

F. Ownership & Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Percent Ownership</u>
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Michael Smallridge	Managing Member	100%
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G. List of Associated Companies and Addresses:

**All companies under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC
5911 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34652**

H. If you have retained an attorney and/or a consultant to represent the utility for this application, furnish the name(s) and address(es):

II. ACCOUNTING DATA

A. Outside Accountant

Name:
Firm:
Address:
Telephone:

B. Individual to contact on accounting matters: Name: **Marianne McDonald**
Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

C. Location of Books and Records: **Utility Office**

D. Have you filed an Annual Report with the Commission? **Yes** Date Last Filed: **2023**

E. Has your latest Regulatory Assessment Fee Payment been made? **Yes**

(January 30 or July 30 whichever is applicable): **Jan 30**

F. Basic Rate Base Data (*Most recent two years*)

1. WATER

Cost of Plant in Service	\$	\$
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
Less Contributed Plant		
Net Owner's Investment	\$	\$

2. <u>WASTEWATER</u>	2022	2023
Cost of Plant in Service	\$ 306,965	\$ 309,347
Less Accumulated Depreciation	272,736	272,771
Less Contributed Plant	-	-
Net Owner's Investment	\$ 34,229	\$ 36,576

G. Basic Income Statemen (*Most recent two years*)

1. WATER

Revenues (By Class)

a. Residential	\$	\$
b. General Service		
c. Other		
Total Operating Revenues:	\$	\$

Less Expenses:

a. Salaries & Wages – Employees	\$	\$
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers		
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits		
d. Purchased Water		
e. Purchased Power		
f. Fuel for Power Production		
g. Chemicals		
h. Materials & Supplies		
i. Contractual Services		
j. Rents		
k. Transportation Expenses		
l. Insurance Expense		
m. Regulatory Commission Expense		
n. Bad Debt Expense		
o. Miscellaneous Expense		
p. Depreciation Expense		
q. Property Taxes		
r. Other Taxes		
s. Income Taxes		
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Operating Income (Loss)	\$	\$

2. WASTEWATER

2022

2023

Revenues (By Class):

a. Residential	\$ 139,577	\$ 164,241
b. General Service	-	-
c. Other	7,466	7,580
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Total Operating Revenues:	\$ 147,043	\$ 171,821

Less Expenses:

a. Salaries & Wages - Employees	\$ 36,946	\$ 40,116
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers	7,201	7,201
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits	9	28
d. Purchased Wastewater Treatment	538	549
e. Sludge Removal Expense	24,981	26,037
f. Purchased Power	13,827	13,966
g. Fuel for Power Production	-	-
h. Chemicals	3,963	2,837
i. Materials & Supplies	5,974	3,863
j. Contractual Services	26,126	25,035
k. Rents	8,627	9,213
l. Transportation Expenses	5,761	7,998
m. Insurance Expense	9,283	8,060
n. Regulatory Commission Expense	390	1,000
o. Bad Debt Expense	2,566	3,914
p. Miscellaneous Expense	8,872	11,090
q. Depreciation Expense	7,087	7,181
r. Amortization Expense	(3,419)	(3,489)
s. Taxes Other Than Income	10,263	11,540
t. Income Taxes	-	-
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Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (21,953)	\$ (4,320)

H. Outstanding Debt:

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Date Borrowed</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Capital City Bank *1160	3/31/22	\$ 570	6.075%	3/7/25
Capital City Bank *2286	3/10/21	\$ 4,994	5.950%	3/8/26
Capital City Bank *0465	7/7/23	\$ 18,381	7.750%	7/3/28

I. Indicate Type of Tax Return Filed:

- Form 1120 -Corporation
 Form 1120S -Subchapter S Corporation
 Form 1065 - Partnership
 Form 1040 - Schedule C - Individual (Proprietorship)

III. ENGINEERING DATA

A. Outside Engineering Consultant

Name:
Firm:
Address:
Telephone:

B. Individual to contact on engineering matters: Name: **Marianne McDonald**
 Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

C. Is the utility under citation by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or County Health Department? If yes, explain: **Yes**

D. List any known service deficiencies and steps taken to remedy problems:

E. Name of plant operator(s) and DEP operator certificate number(s) held: **Consta Flow, Inc. (5025)**

F. Is the utility serving customers outside of its certificated area? If yes, explain: **No**

G. WATER

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:

 a. Existing: b. Under Construction: c. Proposed:

2. Type of treatment:

3. Approximate average daily flow of treated water:

4. Source of water supply:

5. Types of chemicals used and their normal dosage rates:

6. Number of wells in service:

 Total capacity in gallons per minute (gpm):

 Diameter/Depth:
 Motor horsepower:
 Pump capacity (gpm):

7. Reservoirs and/or hydropneumatic tanks:

 Description:
 Capacity:

8. High service pumping:

 Motor horsepower:
 Pump capacity (gpm):

9. How do you measure treatment plant production?

10. Approximate feet of water mains:

 Size (diameter):
 Linear feet:

11. Note any fire flow requirements and imposing government agency:
12. Number of fire hydrants in service:
13. Do you have a meter change out program?
14. Meter installation or tap in fees – Water \$
15. Service availability fees – Water \$
16. Has the existing treatment facility been approved by DEP?
17. Total gallons pumped during most recent twelve months:
18. Total gallons sold during most recent twelve months:
19. Gallons unaccounted for during most recent twelve months:
20. Gallons purchased during most recent twelve months:

G. WASTEWATER

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:
 - a. Existing: **70,000**
 - b. Under Construction:
 - c. Proposed:
2. Type and make of present treatment facilities: **Defiant, concrete, irrigation**
3. Approximate average daily flow of treatment plant effluent: **53,000**
4. Approximate length of wastewater mains:

	Collection	Force
Size (diameter):	6" – 12"	4" – 6"
Linear feet:	13,376	1,835
5. Number of manholes: **12**
6. Number of lift stations: **3**
7. How do you measure treatment plant effluent? **Meter**
8. Is the treatment plant effluent chlorinated? If yes, what is the normal dosage rate? **Yes**
9. Tap in fees – Wastewater: **\$15.00**
10. Service availability fees – Wastewater: **\$450.00**
11. DEP Treatment Plant Certificate: Number: **FLA-013009** Expiration date: **January 10, 2025**
12. Total gallons treated during most recent twelve months: **29,183,000 gallons**
13. Wastewater treatment purchased during most recent twelve months:

IV. RATE DATA

A. Individual to contact on tariff matters: Name: **Marianne McDonald**
 Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

B. Schedule of present rates (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed)

1. WATER

- a. Residential Water:
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other – Specify

2. WASTEWATER

- a. Residential Water:

Base Facility Charge			
All Meter Sizes	\$		22.61
Per 1,000 gallons			8.41
6,000 gallon cap			

- b. General Service

Base Facility Charge			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$		22.61
3/4"			33.92
1"			56.53
1 1/2"			113.05
2"			180.88
3"			361.76
4"			565.25
6"			1,130.50
8"			1,808.80
Per 1,000 gallons	\$		10.09

- c. Special Contract
- d. Other – Specify

C. Number of Customers (*Most recent two years*)

1. WATER Metered

- a. Residential
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other - Specify

2. WATER Unmetered

- a. Residential
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other - Specify

3. <u>WASTEWATER</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
a. Residential		316	316
b. General Service		1	1
c. Special Contract			
d. Other - Specify			

V. AFFIRMATION

I, **Marianne McDonald** the undersigned owner, officer, or partner of the above-named public utility, doing business in the State of Florida and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission, certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Signed 

Title CFO

Notice: Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that any person who knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.