

LP WATERWORKS, INC.

January 27, 2025

Laurie Hurner
County Administrator
Highlands County
600 S. Commerce Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870

Re: Docket No. 20250013-WS - Application for Staff Assisted Rate Case (SARC) in Highlands County by LP Waterworks, Inc.

Dear Ms. Hurner,


Please find attached LP Waterworks, Inc. staff assisted rate case application for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County which was filed with the Florida Public Service Commission.

Pursuant to Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes,

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding, and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (727) 848-8292, ext. 245.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Cc: Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A STAFF ASSISTED RATE CASE

I. GENERAL DATA

A

Name of Utility: **LP Waterworks, Inc.**

B

Address: **4939 Cross Bayou Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34652**

1. Telephone Nos.: **(727) 848- 8292**

2. County: **Highlands**

Nearest City: **Lake Placid, FL**

3. General Area Served: **Camp Florida Resort RV Park**

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Authority: **See Order No. PSC-14-0130-PAA-WS, issued March 17, 2014**

1. Water Certificate No. **620-W**

Date Received: **March 17, 2014**

2. Wastewater Certificate No. **533-S**

Date Received: **March 17, 2014**

3. Date Utility Started Operations: Water: **1988**

Wastewater: **1988**

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How System Was Acquired: **Purchased from LP Utilities Corporation**

If utility was purchased, give date **December 27, 2012**

Amount Paid \$ **\$165,000**

1. Name of Seller: **LP Utilities Corporation**

2. Was seller affiliated with present owners? Yes No

3. Did you purchase: Stock or assets only

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Type of Legal Entity:

Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship

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Ownership & Officers:

	Name	Title	Percent Ownership
1.	<u>Gary Deremer</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>51%</u>
2.	<u>Cecil Delcher</u>	<u>Vice-President</u>	<u>12%</u>
3.	<u>Dave Shultz, Sr.</u>	<u></u>	<u>15%</u>
4.	<u>Brad Labela</u>	<u></u>	<u>5%</u>

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. List of Associated Companies and Addresses:

U.S. Water Services Corporation
4939 Cross Bayou Blvd.
New Port Richey, FL 34652

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

Name:

Address:

Troy Rendell, U.S. Water Services Corporation

4939 Cross Bayou Blvd.
New Port Richey, FL 34652

II. ACCOUNTING DATA

A
. Outside Accountant

1. Name: **Larry Schalles, CPA, PA**
2. Firm: **Larry Schalles, CPA, PA**
3. Address: **5320 Main St., New Port Richey, FL 34652**
4. Telephone: **(727) 847-2277**

B
. Individual To Contact On Accounting Matters:

1. Name: **Troy Rendell, Vice President, Investor Owned Utilities**
2. Telephone: **(727) 848- 8292 ext. 245**

C
. Location of Books and Records: **4939 Cross Bayou Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34652**

D
. Have you filed an Annual Report with the Commission? Yes No

Date Last Filed: **2023**

E
. Has your latest Regulatory Assessment Fee Payment been made?
(January 30 or July 30 whichever is applicable) Jan 30 July 30

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

	<u>Year End</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Year End</u> <u>10/31/2024</u>
1. <u>Water:</u>		
Cost of Plant In Service	<u>706,438</u>	<u>712,978</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-483,028</u>	<u>-497,127</u>
Less Contributed Plant	<u>-271,395</u>	<u>-271,795</u>
Plus Accumulated Amortization – CIAC	<u>230,436</u>	<u>236,585</u>
Net Owner's Investment	\$ 182,451	180,641

	<u>Year End</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Year End</u> <u>10/31/2024</u>
2. <u>Wastewater:</u>		
Cost of Plant In Service	<u>481,575</u>	<u>549,667</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-376,324</u>	<u>-385,888</u>
Less Contributed Plant	<u>-92,400</u>	<u>-92,400</u>
Plus Accumulated Amortization - CIAC	<u>75,795</u>	<u>77,650</u>
Net Owner's Investment	<u>\$ 88,646</u>	<u>149,029</u>

G. Basic Income Statement: *(Most recent two years)*

	<u>Year End</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Year End</u> <u>10/31/2024</u>
1. <u>Water:</u>		
Revenues (By Class)		
a. Residential	<u>\$ 35,281</u>	<u>34,799</u>
b. Commercial	<u>135,235</u>	<u>132,876</u>
c. Other	<u>2,569</u>	<u>4,389</u>
Total Operating Revenues:	<u>\$ 173,084</u>	<u>\$ 172,065</u>
Less Expenses:		
a. Salaries & Wages - Employees	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,300</u>
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. Purchased Water	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
e. Purchased Power	<u>2,984</u>	<u>3,849</u>
f. Fuel for Power Production	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
g. Chemicals	<u>665</u>	<u>552</u>
h. Contractual Services – Testing	<u>0</u>	<u>524</u>
i. Contractual Services - Professional	<u>121,780</u>	<u>126,147</u>
j. Contractual Services - Legal	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
k. Contractual Services – Accounting	<u>250</u>	<u>262</u>
l. Materials and Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
m. Rental of Real Estate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
n. Office Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
o. Insurance Expense	<u>952</u>	<u>1,057</u>
p. Regulatory Commission Expense	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
q. Bad Debt Expense	<u>-1,959</u>	<u>161</u>

r. Miscellaneous Expense	1,944	2,939
s. Depreciation Expense	17,643	18,415
t. Amortization Expense (net)	(2,806)	(6,219)
u. Property Taxes	3,918	3,780
v. Other Taxes - RAFs	7,789	7,743
w. Income Taxes	0	0
Operating Income (Loss)	12,474	6,405
	<u>Year End</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Year End</u> <u>10/31/24</u>
2. <u>Wastewater</u>	\$	\$
Revenues (By Class):		
a. Residential	2,937	2,562
b. Commercial	130,139	121,517
c.		
Total Operating Revenues:	\$ 133,076	\$ 124,080
Less Expenses:		
a. Salaries & Wages - Employees		0
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders	6,300	6,300
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits		
d. Purchased Wastewater Treatment		
e. Sludge Removal Expense		
f. Purchased Power	8,570	7,654
g. Fuel for Power Production		
h. Chemicals	2,450	3,034
i. Materials & Supplies		
j. Contractual Services - Professional	94,549	97,938
k. Contractual Services - Accounting	250	263
Contractual Services - Legal	150	150
Rents		
Insurance Expense	952	1,057
l. Regulatory Commission Expense		
m. Bad Debt Expense	121	121
n. Miscellaneous Expense	75	639
o. Depreciation Expense	10,573	11,359
p. Amortization CIAC	(2,171)	(2,228)
q. Property Taxes	698	698
r. Other Taxes - RAFs	5,988	5,584
s. Income Taxes		
Operating Income (Loss)	4,572	(\$8,489)

H. Outstanding Debt:

	Creditor	Date Borrowed	Balance Due	Interest Rate	Expiration Date
1.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

I. Indicate Type of Tax Return Filed:

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

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ENGINEERING DATA

A. Outside Engineering Consultant:

- 1. Name: **N/A**
- 2. Firm:
- 3. Address:
- 4. Telephone: ()

B. Individual to contact on engineering matters:

- 1. Name: **Troy Rendell, Vice President, Investor Owned Utilities**
- 2. Telephone: **(727) 848- 8292 ext. 245**

C. Is the utility under citation by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or County Health Department?
No.

If yes, explain: **N/A.**

D. List any known service deficiencies and steps taken to remedy problems: **N/A**

E. Name of plant operator(s) and DEP operator certificate number(s) held:
Sharon Purviance - U.S. Water Services Corporation

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

G. Wastewater:

- 1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:
 - a. Existing: 50,000 gpd
 - b. Under Construction: **N/A**
 - c. Proposed:
- 2. Type and make of present treatment facilities: **MARLOF**

3. Approximate average daily flow of treatment plant effluent: **10,205 gpd**

4. Approximate length of wastewater mains:

Size (diameter):	4"/6"/8"	4" Force			
Linear feet:	9,313	918			

5. Number of manholes: **47**

6. Number of lift stations: **1**

7. How do you measure treatment plant effluent? **Elapsed Time Meter**

8. Is the treatment plant effluent chlorinated? Yes No

If yes, what is the normal dosage rate? **Varies with flow**

9. Tap in fees – Wastewater: \$ **400**

10. Service availability fees – Wastewater: \$ **390**

11. Note DEP Treatment Plant Certificate Number and date of expiration: **FLA014340**

Number Expiration Date: **5/12/2025**

12. Total gallons treated during most recent twelve months: **3,725,000**

13. Wastewater treatment purchased during most recent twelve months: **na**

H. Water: PWS ID No. 6280304

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:

a. Existing: 175,200

b. Under Construction : **n/a**

c. Proposed: **n/a**

2. Type of treatment: **Disinfection – gas chlorine**

3. Approximate average daily flow of treated water: **30,000 gpd**

4. Source of water supply: **Ground Water**

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

6. Number of wells in service: **2**

Total capacity in gallons per minute (gpm): **gpm**

Diameter/Depth:	10" / 1,780	6" / Unknown	
Motor horsepower:	50	20	
Pump capacity (gpm):	500	350	

7. Reservoirs and/or hydro pneumatic tanks:

Description:	Steel / Ground	Steel / Ground	
Capacity:	11,000	14,000	

8. High service pumping:

Motor horsepower:	N/A			
Pump capacity (gpm):	N/A			

9. How do you measure treatment plant production? Well Meters

10. Approximate feet of water mains:

Size (diameter):	8"	6"	4"	3" / 2" / 1"
Linear feet:	2,790 lf	9,440	1,660	2,818 / 920 / 9,258

11. Note any fire flow requirements and imposing government agency: Highlands County
500 gpm

12. Number of fire hydrants in service: 3

13. Do you have a meter change out program? No Yes

14. Meter installation or tap in fees - Water \$ 189.00

15. Service availability fees - Water \$ 200.00

16. Has the existing treatment facility been approved by DEP? No Yes

17. Total gallons pumped during most recent twelve months: 10,980,000

18. Total gallons sold during most recent twelve months: 9,043,000

19. Gallons unaccounted for during most recent twelve months: 810,000

20. Gallons purchased during most recent twelve months: N/A

IV. RATE DATA

A. Individual to contact on tariff matters:

1. Name: Troy Rendell
2. Telephone Number: (727) 848- 8292 ext. 245

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

1. Water:

	BFC - \$15.65
	Gallage Charge -
	0 - 3,000 - \$9.24
	Over 3,000 - \$13.86
a. Residential Water	_____
	BFC - \$15.65
b. General Service	Gallage Charge - \$10.06

c. Special Contract	_____
d. Other - Specify	_____

2. Wastewater:

	BFC - \$19.34
	Gallage - \$9.99

a. Residential Wastewater	BFC - \$19.34 Gallage - \$12.00

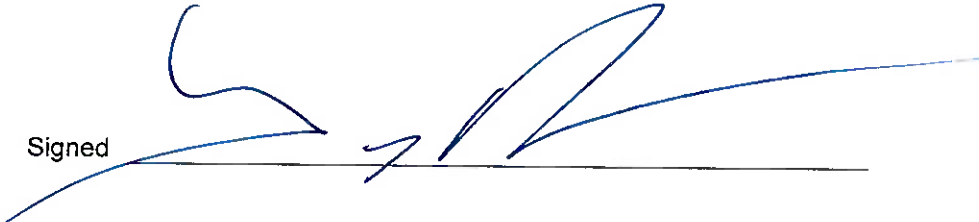
b. General Service	_____
c. Special Contract	_____
d. Other - Specify	_____

C. Number of Customers: (Most recent two years) _____

1. Water Metered	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
a. Residential	426	435
b. General Service	22	19
c. Special Contract	0	
d. Other - Specify	0	
2. Water Unmetered	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
a. Residential	0	
b. General Service	0	
c. Special Contract	0	
d. Other - Specify	0	
3. Wastewater	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
a. Residential	377	375
b. General Service	13	35
c. Special Contract		
d. Other - Specify		

V. AFFIRMATION

I, **Troy Rendell** 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 Vice President

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.