

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval for new class of
service by Lake Talquin Waterworks.

DOCKET NO. 20220119-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-2022-0309-TRF-WU
ISSUED: August 22, 2022

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
GARY F. CLARK
MIKE LA ROSA
GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR NEW CLASS OF SERVICE
BY LAKE TALQUIN WATERWORKS

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

Lake Talquin Waterworks (Lake Talquin or utility) is a class C utility providing water service to approximately 237 residential customers, in single family and mobile homes, located next to Lake Talquin in southwest Leon County. Wastewater service is provided by septic tank. The Utility's service area is located in the Northwest Florida Water Management District. According to Lake Talquin's 2021 Annual Report, total gross water revenue was \$136,342 and total water operating expense was \$107,669. We granted Lake Talquin's grandfather water certificate and approved its existing rates and charges in 2021.¹

On June 9, 2022, Lake Talquin filed a request to add additional base facility charges (BFC) to its tariff for larger meter sizes for the residential and general service classes. Currently, the utility only has Commission-approved residential and general service BFCs for the 5/8" x 3/4" meter size. This order addresses the utility's request to add the additional BFCs for larger meter sizes to its tariff. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.).

¹ Order No. PSC-2021-0113-PAA-WU, issued March 22, 2021, *In re: Application of Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. for grandfather water certificate in Leon County and pass through of regulatory assessment fees.*

DECISION

Analysis

Lake Talquin Waterworks explained that it has two general service customers with larger meter sizes of 1-inch and 1-1/2 inch. Currently, Lake Talquin's tariff only has a BFC for a 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size. The utility's proposed BFCs for the additional meter sizes are calculated by using the utility's existing BFC of \$36.60 for the 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch size meter as a foundation, and then applying the American Water Works Association's (AWWA's) meter equivalent factor. The AWWA meter equivalent factors are contained in Rule 25-30.055, F.A.C. Lake Talquin's existing BFC for the 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size and the BFCs for the proposed additional meters based on the AWWA meter equivalents are shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Utility's Existing and Proposed BFC Charges

Meter Size	AWWA Meter Factor	BFC
5/8" X 3/4"	1	\$36.60
3/4"	1.5	\$54.90
1"	2.5	\$91.50
1-1/2"	5	\$183.00
2"	8	\$292.80
3"	16	\$585.60
4"	25	\$915.00

Source: Utility's filing.

The utility has been charging the general service customers the only BFC it currently has in place. The gallonage charge is \$3.23 per 1,000 gallons for all meter sizes. The utility will charge the two general service customers the appropriate BFC based on the customers' meter size once authorized by us.

Conclusion

The utility's proposed tariffs containing the BFCs for additional meter sizes for the residential and general service classes shall be approved. The utility shall file a proposed customer notice to reflect our approved rates. Lake Talquin's Second Revised Sheet No. 12.0 and Second Revised Sheet No. 13.0 will be approved as filed. The approved rates shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date of the tariffs pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C., provided that the notice of the tariff has been received by the two general service customers impacted. The utility shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Lake Talquin Waterworks' proposed tariffs containing the BFCs for additional meter sizes for the residential and general service classes shall be approved. The utility shall file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. Lake Talquin's Second Revised Sheet No. 12.0 and Second Revised Sheet No. 13.0 shall be approved as filed. The approved rates shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date of the tariffs pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C., provided that the notice of the tariff has been received by the two general service customers impacted. The utility shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff sheets shall become effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the Order, the tariff shall remain in effect with the revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest, and the docket shall remain open. If no timely protest is filed, the docket shall be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of August, 2022.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on September 12, 2022.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.