

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET
(PLEASE TYPE)

Date 11/24/98

Docket No. 981744-WU

1. Division Name/Staff Name Water and Wastewater
2. DPR Willis, Rendell, Casey, Butts ^{MS} W
3. OCR _____
4. Suggested Docket Title Tariff filing requesting allowance to collect deposits on rental property.

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)

- A. Provide NAMES ONLY for regulated companies or ACRONYMS ONLY regulated industries, as shown in Rule 25-22.104, F.A.C.
- B. Provide COMPLETE name and address for all others. (Match representatives to clients.)

1. Parties and their representatives (if any)

Lucille J. Buell
2000 Jefferson Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Roland Tobler, President
2000 Jefferson Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852

2. Interested Persons and their representatives (if any)

6. Check one:

- Documentation is attached.
 Documentation will be provided with the recommendation.

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Placid Lake Utilities, Inc.

A DIVISION OF LAKE PLACID HOLDING CO.

2000 Jefferson Avenue
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
November 20, 1998

Office: (941) 465-0345
Water Plant: (941) 465-2427
Fax: (941) 465-1313

Troy Rendell
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Water and Wastewater

Dear Mr. Rendell:

In reference to Mr. Bill Lowe's letter of November 2, 1998 we were given your name to contact regarding customer deposits.

We would like to amend our water tariff to allow us to collect deposits on rental property only. We are currently not collecting any deposits at all. In the past we kept rental property in the owner's name. If a renter moved out owing a water bill, the owner paid the bill out of the security deposit he received from his tenant. Now that there is a dispute about holding the property owner responsible for his tenants water usage, we need to collect at least a two (2) month deposit.

Based on average monthly bills for rental property with the irrigation systems hooked to our water system we believe that \$100.00 on a 5/8" meter and \$150.00 on a 1" meter is necessary to cover our loss if a renter moves out owing a past due water bill.

Enclosed please find the proposed amendments of our water tariff sheets on deposits. If these are not done correctly, please fax the appropriate changes to (941) 465-1313.

Sincerely,

Lucille J. Buell
Placid Lakes Utilities

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NAME OF COMPANY **PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC.**

WATER TARIFF

SCHEDULE OF CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT - Before rendering water service, the Company may require an applicant for service to satisfactorily establish credit, but such establishment of credit shall not relieve the customer from complying with the Company's rules for prompt payment. Credit will be deemed so established, in accordance with Rule 25-30.311, Florida Administrative Code, if:

- (A) The applicant for service furnishes a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for the service requested.
- (B) The applicant pays a cash deposit.
- (C) the applicant for service furnishes an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or a surety bond.

AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT - The amount of initial deposit shall be the following according to meter size:

	Residential	General Service	Rental Property
5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	N/A	\$100.00
1"	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
1 1/2"	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over 2"	N/A	N/A	N/A

ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT - Under Rule 25-30.311 (7), Florida Administrative Code, the Company may require a new deposit, where previously waived or returned, or an additional deposit in order to secure payment of current bills provided. The Company shall provide the customer with reasonable written notice of not less than 30 days where such request or notice is separate and apart from any bill for service. The total amount of the required deposit shall not exceed an amount equal to the average actual charge for water service for two monthly billing periods for the 12- month period immediately prior to the date of notice. In the event the customer has had service less than 12 months, the Company shall base its new or additional deposit upon the average actual monthly billing available.

Mr. Roland Tobler
ISSUING OFFICER

President
TITLE

NAME OF COMPANY PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC.

WATER TARIFF

INTEREST ON DEPOSIT - The Company shall pay interest on customer deposits pursuant to Rule 25-30.311 (4) and (4a). The rate of interest is 6% per annum. The payment of interest shall be made once each year as a credit on regular bills or when service is discontinued as a credit on final bills. No customer depositor will receive interest on his or her deposit until a customer relationship and the deposit have been in existence for at least six (6) months. At such time, the customer depositor shall be entitled to receive interest from the day of commencement of the customer relationship and placement of the deposit. The Company will pay or credit accrued interest to the customers account during the month of _____ each year.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT - After a residential customer has established a satisfactory payment record and has had continuous service for a period of 23 months, the Company shall refund the customer's deposit provided the customer has not, in the preceeding 12 months:

- (a) made more than one late payment of the bill (after the expiration of 20 days from the date of mailing or delivery by the Company),
- (b) paid with a check refused by a bank,
- (c) been disconnected for non-payment, or
- (d) at any time tampered with the meter or used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company may hold the deposit of a non-residential customer after a continuous service period of 23 months and shall pay interest on the non-residential customer's deposit at the rate of 7% per annum upon the retainment of such deposit.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the Company from refunding a customer's deposit in less than 23 months.

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Mr. Roland Tobler
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