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March 8, 2000

**Florida Public Service Commission**  
**Division of Records & Reporting**  
Room 110, Easley Building  
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Attn: Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director

Re: Docket No 991627-WU-Application for a rate increase by Park Water Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing is an original and fifteen copies of Park Water Company, Inc.'s Petition to Increase it's Rates and Charges in the above referenced docket. A copy of the petition has been served on the chairman of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Respectfully yours,

*Anthony Staiano*

Anthony Staiano  
President

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Park Water  
Company, Inc. to increase its  
Rates and charges in Polk County

DOCKET NO. 991627-WU  
Dated: November 20, 1999

**PARK WATER COMPANY'S PETITION  
TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES**

Park Water Company, Inc., a Florida Corporation (hereinafter "Petitioner" or "Company"), being a Class C Water utility, hereby presents the following Application pursuant to Section 367.081 and 367.0816, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.443, Florida Administrative Code, to increase its rates and charges for water service, and in support thereof, states:

1. The exact name and address of the principal business office of the Petitioner is:

Park Water Company, Inc.  
25 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
Lake Wales, FL 33853

2. The name and address of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this Petition are as follows:

Anthony Staiano, President  
Park Water Company, Inc.  
25 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Joseph G. Hodakowski  
Certified Public Accountant  
99 Grayrock Road  
Clinton, NJ 08809

3. Petitioner was incorporated by the State of Florida on September 12, 1955 under the name of Crooked Lake Park Water Company, Inc. The Company legally changed its name to Park Water Company, Inc. on September 9, 1996. The Company's stock is 100% owned by Louis Staiano, having the address in No.1, above.

4. Petitioner's present rates have been in effect since August 20, 1996 when Polk County last established the Company's rates and charges. The Florida Public Service Commission approved the Petitioner's present rates and charges by Order No. PSC-98-0361-FOF-WU, issued March 5, 1998, under the grandfather rights of Section 367.171, Florida Statutes.
5. Petitioner is engaged in business as a Class C water utility providing water service to approximately 743 customers in Polk County. Since the Company's annual revenues are above \$150,000, it does not meet the threshold for a staff assisted rate case.
6. A copy of the application is available for customer inspection from Anthony Staiano, President of Park Water Company, Inc., at the following address:

Park Water Company, Inc.  
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Lake Wales, FL 33853
7. Petitioner requests that the Commission process this application for rate relief using the Proposed Agency Action provision in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes.
8. Increased utility operating costs, and the need for plant expansion and improvement projects due to anticipated population growth have contributed to an inadequate rate of return. Significant system improvements were completed in 1999. The company spent \$171,180 on new standpipe storage tank; \$160,005 on a new main extension on US Hwy. 27; \$19,361 on expansion of our office building. All of these items have contributed to the projected inadequate rate of return.

9. The petitioner requested in January 2000, permission to use the 12 month period ending December 31, 1999 as the historical base year. The Chairman of the Commission granted this request and assigned the proceeding Docket No. 991627-WU.
10. Petitioner is projected to earn a proforma return on its investment of approximately 1% as of December 31, 1999, and this return does not provide reasonable compensation to the Company's stockholders and is not sufficient to attract new capital.
11. Petitioner requests approval to increase its rates by the amount of \$46,875 per annum, which will allow a return of 10% on the allowable rate base.
12. In support of the increases in rates and charges, Petitioner attaches the following items and makes them part of this Petition:
  - a. Filing Fee of \$2,000
  - b. Volume 1 – Minimum Filing Requirements (Financial, Rate and Engineering Information) for Class C Water Utility requirement by Rule 25-30.443; Rule 25-30.436; 25-30.4385; 25-30.44151; and 25-30.442 (16 copies). This also includes general information, and projections and allocation support details.
  - c. Affidavit signed by an officer of the utility that states the utility will comply with Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code.
13. Since the Petition is submitted pursuant to Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes, no direct testimony is required pursuant to Rule 25-30.436(2), Florida Administrative Code.

14. The Company does not request interim rate relief in accordance with Section 367.092, Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Park Water Company, Inc., respectfully requests that on the basis of this Petition and the information herein that the Commission utilize the PAA process permitted by Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and approve the Petitioner's request for permanent increase in its water rates and charges in Polk County by an amount of approximately \$46,875 per annum.

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

Anthony Staiano  
President  
Park Water Company, Inc.  
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