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Public Service Commission

June 4, 2001

Jack Espenship
Consolidated Water Works, Inc.
2915 Baxter Lane
Lake City, FL 32025

Re: Docket No. 001682-WU - Application for staff assisted rate case in Columbia County by Consolidated Water Works, Inc.

Dear Mr. Espenship:

This will confirm that Commission staff will hold a customer meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001, in regard to the above-referenced docket. The location of the meeting will be the Columbia County School System's Administration Complex. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers must have at least 14 calendar days notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

Two copies of the staff report dated May 4, 2001, are enclosed. Please ensure that a copy of the complete Application for Staff Assistance and the enclosed reports are available for review by all interested persons at your construction office, located at 2915 Baxter Lane, Lake City, Florida 32025, during its regular business hours.

Sincerely,

Samantha M. Cibula
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Senior Attorney

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Willis, Rendell, Walker)
Division of Records and Reporting (001682-WU)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF CONSOLIDATED WATER WORKS, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 001682-WU

APPLICATION OF CONSOLIDATED WATER WORKS, INC.

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

COLUMBIA COUNTY

ISSUED:

Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Consolidated Water Works, Inc. (Consolidated or utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Columbia County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2001
Columbia County School System's
Administration Complex
528 West Duvall Street
Lake City, Florida 32025
(Across from Quincy's)

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

In addition, the Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on July 11, 2001, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service

Commission Staff, please contact Charles Walker at (850) 413-6968 at least five calendar days prior to July 11, 2001.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Consolidated's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting(s), orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Consolidated Water Works, Inc., is a Class C water utility providing service to approximately 230 customers including two churches and a convenience store in Columbia County. The utility's revenues for the test period are \$42,344 with adjusted operating expenses of \$65,626 resulting in an operating loss of \$23,282. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending December 31, 2000.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final approval by the Commissioners. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Monthly Rates - Water
Residential and General Service

Base Facility Charge - Minimum Charge for
3,000 Gallons

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$7.24	\$7.62
3/4"	N/A	\$11.73
1"	\$18.11	\$19.05
1 1/2"	\$36.22	\$38.10
2"	\$57.97	\$60.96
3"	\$108.68	\$121.92
4"	\$181.13	\$190.50
6"	\$362.28	\$381.00
<u>Gallonage Charge</u> per 1,000 gallons	\$1.30	\$4.23

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated May 4, 2001. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, at the following address:

Jack Espenship Construction
2915 Baxter Lane
Lake City, Florida 32025

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on August 2, 2001. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its August 14, 2001, agenda conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 001682-WU, Consolidated Water Works, Inc.".

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.