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Commission Clerk & Administrative Services Director  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No.: 060254-SU; Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Application for Rate Increase in  
Volusia County, Florida  
Our File No.: 30057.109

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed you will find for filing in the above-referenced docket the original and  
twelve (12) copies of the Notice of Filing and Affidavit of Mailing Initial Customer Notice  
and Notice of Customer Meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me

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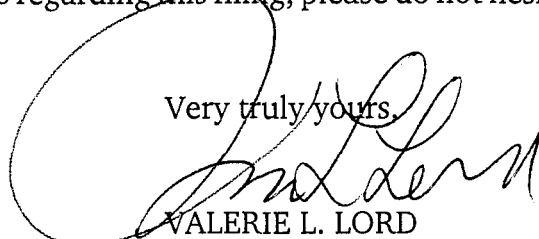
CR \_\_\_\_\_ cc: Mr. Troy Rendell, Division of Economic Regulation (w/enc. - via hand delivery)

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EC It <sup>cover</sup> ltr \_\_\_\_\_ Steven M. Lubertozzi, Chief Regulatory Officer (w/enc. - via U.S. Mail)

TH \_\_\_\_\_ John Hoy, Regional Vice President for Operations (w/o enc. - via U.S. Mail)

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Very truly yours,  
  
VALERIE L. LORD  
For the Firm

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of MID-COUNTY  
SERVICES, INC., for an increase  
in wastewater rates in Pinellas County

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DOCKET NO. 060254-SU

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC., hereby notices the filing of the Affidavit of Mailing the Combined Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting to the its customers.

Respectfully submitted on this the  
7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2006, by:

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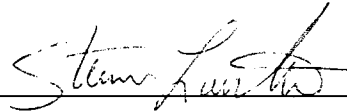
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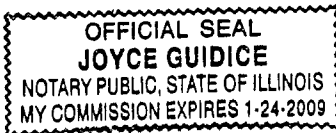
Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Mid-County Services, Inc., and that on October 4, 2006, he did send by regular U.S. Mail a copy of the Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting for Mid-County Services, Inc. to the Utility's customers in the form attached hereto.

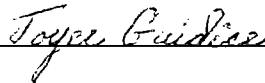
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
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STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of October, 2006, by STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Name:

My Commission Expires: Jan 24, 2009

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE  
AND  
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.  
AND  
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO.: 060254-SU  
APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES IN PINELLAS COUNTY  
BY MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.

DATED: October 3, 2006

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an increase in wastewater rates of Mid-County Services, Inc. (*Utility*). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, October 18, 2006  
6:00 p.m.  
William E. Hale Activity Center - Ballroom  
330 Douglas Avenue  
Dunedin, Florida

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 (*Commission*) may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

In addition to the customer meeting to be held on October 18, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., members of Commission staff will be available that afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to meet with representatives of customer groups, homeowners' associations, and developers who desire a more in-depth discussion of the issues. Appointments may be made for the meeting with Commission staff by contacting Mr. Jay Revell at (850) 413-6425 prior to Monday, October 16, 2006. All representatives who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meetings may be canceled if no appointments are made.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a

physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

### **Emergency Cancellation of Customer Meeting**

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the Utility provides and to ask questions, and comment on the rates included in this Notice as well as other issues. Commission staff will be available to address and coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. A representative from the Utility may also be in attendance. At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. Commission staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called in the order that they sign up to speak.

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission staff may do so at the meeting, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 060254-SU, Mid-County Services, Inc.". Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809. The Commission also has a website available at <http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm>

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

## **BACKGROUND**

The Utility is a wastewater utility located in Pinellas County, Florida. As reported in its MFRs, the Utility's revenues per books are \$1,374,712, with operating expenses per books of \$1,287,497, resulting in net operating income of \$87,216 per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings.

Copies of the MFRs filed by the Utility can be reviewed at:

Palm Harbor Library  
2330 Nebraska Avenue  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday (Closed)

Utilities, Inc. of Florida  
200 Weathersfield Avenue  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Office Hours:  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A copy of the "Rate Case Synopsis" is also available, along with the MFRs.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average twelve-month period ended December 31, 2005.

## **CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES**

The current and proposed rates and charges are listed below. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Commission staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

## WASTEWATER

<u>Residential Service</u>	<u>Rates Prior to Filing</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
<u>Class/Meter Size</u>				
All Meter Sizes	\$26.90	\$30.18	\$34.20	\$29.65
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gallons) (Maximum 20,000 gallons)	\$2.59	\$2.91	\$3.29	\$2.85

<u>General Service and Multi-Residential (Metered)</u>	<u>Rates Prior to Filing</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
<u>Class/Meter Size</u>				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$26.90	\$30.18	\$34.20	\$28.62
1"	\$69.03	\$77.44	\$87.77	\$73.46
1 1/2"	\$155.30	\$174.23	\$197.46	\$165.27
2"	\$276.10	\$309.76	\$351.05	\$293.83
3"	\$621.38	\$697.13	\$790.06	\$661.28
4"	\$1,104.37	\$1,238.99	\$1,404.16	\$1,175.33
6"	\$2,485.17	\$2,788.11	\$3,159.79	\$2,644.75
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.11	\$3.49	\$3.95	\$3.31

<u>Multi-Residential Service - Flat Rate</u>	<u>Rates Prior to Filing</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>
<u>Class/Meter Size</u>				
Flat Rate (Unmetered)	\$59.27	\$66.50	\$75.36	\$63.08

## SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

## PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

In addition to the customer meeting described above, other important dates in the rate application are as follows:

<u>Schedule Item</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Staff Recommendation on Interim Rates	July 6, 2006
Agenda Conference on Interim Rates	July 18, 2006
Order on Interim Rates	August 7, 2006
Staff Audit Report	September 26, 2006
Customer Meeting	October 18, 2006
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA") Recommendation	December 27, 2006
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	January 9, 2007
PAA Order Issued	January 29, 2007
Protest Period Expires	February 19, 2007

This notice was prepared by the Utility and Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers.