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July 30, 2008

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Tallahassee, FL 32399


RE: Docket No. 070694-WS; Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.'s Application for Increase in  
Water Rates in Orange County, Florida  
Our File No.: 30057.151

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a Notice of Filing of the  
Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer  
Notice has been sent to the customers of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

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

Very truly yours,



CHRISTIAN W. MARCELLI  
Of Counsel

CWM/tlc  
Enclosures

cc: John Hoy, Chief Regulatory Officer (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)  
Rick Durham, Regional Vice President for Operations (w/o encs.) (via e-mail)  
Patrick C. Flynn, Regional Director (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)  
Ms. Kirsten E. Weeks (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of  
WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC.  
for an increase in water rates  
in Orange County, Florida


DOCKET NO. 070694-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted on this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 2008, by:

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For the Firm

**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared John P. Hoy, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Utilities, Inc., the sole shareholder of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc., and that on July 22, 2008, he did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Combined Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

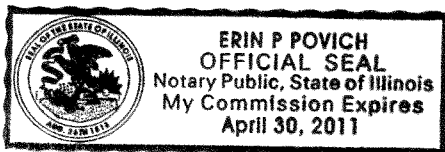


Print Name: John P Hoy  
Print Title: Chief Regulatory Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, by John P Hoy, who is personally known to me.



Print Name: Erin P Povich  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: April 30, 2011



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE  
AND  
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING**

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC.  
AND  
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 070694-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER RATES IN ORANGE COUNTY  
BY WEDGEFIELD UTILITIES, INC.

JULY 22, 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an increase in water rates of Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. (the "Utility"). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, August 5, 2008  
5:30 p.m.  
Wedgefield Golf and Country Club  
20550 Maxim Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32833

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 of the customers have been heard.

The purpose of this 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.

Representatives of customer groups, homeowner's associations, and developers who desire a more in-depth discussion of the issues may contact Mr. Jan Kyle of the Commission staff at (850) 413-6932 on Monday, August 4, 2008.

Pursuant to provisions of the **Americans With Disabilities Act**, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. 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) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

### **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 at the bottom of the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

### **How To Contact The Commission**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission Staff may do so at the meetings, 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:

Office of the Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

### **BACKGROUND**

Wedgfield Utilities, Inc. is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Orange County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for increased water rates for its Orange County customers on March 31, 2008. The application was assigned Docket No. 070694-WS, and May 30, 2008, was established as the official date of filing.

As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements (“MFRs”) filed with its application to the Commission, the Utility’s revenues per books are \$746,325, with operating expenses per books of \$889,086, for its water system, resulting in a net operating loss of \$142,761 for its water system, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility on the basis of inadequate earnings.

Copies of the MFRs will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Wedgefield Golf Course  
20550 Maxim Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32833  
(800) 573-3118

Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.  
200 Weathersfield Avenue  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(407) 869-1919

Pro shop hours:  
Daily - 7a.m. – 7p.m.

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

A “Rate Case Synopsis” will also be available for inspection, along with the application and MFRs. The test period for setting rates is the historical average thirteen-month period ended June 30, 2007.

**CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES**

The current and proposed water service rates and charges are reflected on the chart below. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

<u>Residential Service</u> Monthly	<u>Test Year Rates*</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested</u> <u>Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge			
<u>Meter Size:</u>			
5/8"	\$ 20.82	\$ 21.12	\$ 36.85
5/8" Irrigation	\$ 20.82	\$ 21.12	\$ 36.85
3/4"	\$ 31.29	\$ 31.74	\$ 55.28
3/4" Irrigation	\$ 22.31	\$ 22.63	\$ 55.28
1"	\$ 37.21	\$ 37.74	\$ 92.13

\* “Test Year rates” refers to the rates in effect during the Test Year, the 13-month average period ending June 30, 2007. When an approved increase is expressed as a percentage increase, it refers to the percentage increase over the Test Year rates.

<b>CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES (Continued)</b>			
<u>Residential Service</u> Monthly Base Facility Charge <u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Test Year Rates*</u> (See page 3 for definition of "Test Year")	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
1" Irrigation	\$ 52.17	\$ 52.92	\$ 92.13
1 1/2"	\$ 74.12	\$ 75.18	\$ 184.25
1 1/2" Irrigation	\$ 103.92	\$ 105.41	\$ 184.25
2"	\$ 119.05	\$ 120.75	\$ 294.80
2" Irrigation	\$ 166.91	\$ 169.30	\$ 294.80
3"	\$ 238.08	\$ 241.48	\$ 552.75
3" Irrigation	\$ 238.08	\$ 241.48	\$ 552.75
4"	\$ 372.02	\$ 377.34	\$ 921.25
4" Irrigation	\$ 372.02	\$ 377.34	\$ 921.25
6"	\$ 744.05	\$ 754.69	\$ 1,842.50
6" Irrigation	\$ 744.05	\$ 754.69	\$ 1,842.50
Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.19	\$ 3.09
<u>General Service</u> Monthly Base Facility Charge <u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Test Year Rates*</u> (See page 3 for definition of "Test Year")	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
5/8"	\$ 20.82	\$ 21.12	\$ 36.85
5/8" Irrigation	\$ 20.82	\$ 21.12	\$ 36.85
3/4"	\$ 22.31	\$ 22.63	\$ 55.28
1"	\$ 52.17	\$ 52.92	\$ 92.13
1 1/2"	\$ 103.92	\$ 105.41	\$ 184.25
2"	\$ 166.91	\$ 169.30	\$ 294.80

<b>CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES (Continued)</b>			
<u>General Service</u>	<u>Test Year Rates*</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested</u>
Monthly	(See page 3 for definition of "Test Year")		<u>Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge			
Meter Size:			
2" Irrigation	\$ 166.91	\$ 169.30	\$ 294.80
3"	\$ 238.08	\$ 241.48	\$ 552.75
4"	\$ 372.02	\$ 377.34	\$ 921.25
6"	\$ 744.05	\$ 754.69	\$ 1,842.50
Gallorage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.19	\$ 3.09

**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.

**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES**

The Utility is requesting the following changes to its miscellaneous service charges:

Type of Charge	Present Charge		Requested Charge	
	During Business Hours	After Business Hours	During Business Hours	After Business Hours
Initial Connection	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00
Normal Connection	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00
Violation Reconnection	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00



## **SCHEDULE**

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility's rate case:

<b><u>Schedule Item</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Customer Meeting	August 5, 2008
Staff's PAA Recommendation	October 16, 2008
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	October 28, 2008
PAA Order	November 17, 2008
Protest Period Expires	December 8, 2008

Customer comments concerning the Utility's service and its request for an increase in rates should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk, at the Florida Public Service Commission:

Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

A courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire  
Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP  
Sanlando Center  
2180 W. State Road 434, Suite 2118  
Longwood, Florida 32779

Complaints may also be made by phone to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at 1-800-342-3552, submitted through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission's website available at:  
<http://www.floridapsc.com/consumers/complaints/index.aspx>.

All comments should include reference to Commission Docket No. 070694-WS, and the name of the Utility, Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

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