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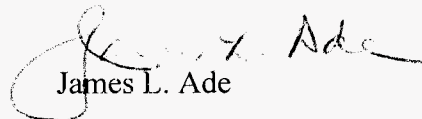
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Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing, in connection with the Application of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. ("Applicant") for Increased Water Rates in Highlands County ("Application"), Docket No. 080353-WU, is Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.'s Notice Of Filing the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the attached Initial Customer Notice has been mailed to the Utility's customers.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Ade

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cc: Ms. Peggy Ann Brewer  
Mr. John Guastella  
Mr. Gary White

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**


In re: Application of Placid Lakes )  
Utilities, Inc. for Increased Water )  
Rates in Highlands County. )  
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Docket No. 080353-WU

**NOTICE OF FILING**

1. Applicant, PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing in the above-referenced docket the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been mailed to the customers of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

  
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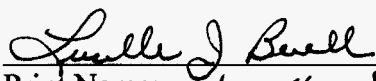
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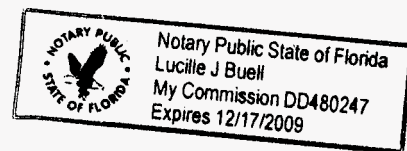
Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared **PEGGY ANN BREWER**, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is the Vice President of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc., and that on February 27, 2009, she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
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Peggy Ann Brewer, Vice President  
Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009, by **PEGGY ANN BREWER**, ( ) who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification or (X) who is personally known to me.

  
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Print Name: Lucille J. Buell  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 12-17-09



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE**

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

RE: DOCKET NO. 080353-WU; APPLICATION OF PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. FOR  
INCREASED WATER RATES IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY

FEBRUARY 27, 2009

**BACKGROUND**

PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. (the "Utility") is a water utility whose corporate offices are located at 410 Washington Boulevard NW, Lake Placid, Florida 33852. The Utility's water facilities are located in Highlands County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for increased water rates for its customers on December 5, 2008. The application was assigned Docket No. 080353-WU, and December 5, 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 \$541,232, with operating expenses per books of \$561,608, for its water system, resulting in a net operating loss of \$20,377 for its water system, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings.

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

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.  
410 Washington Boulevard N.W.  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Office Hours:  
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A "Rate Case Synopsis" will also be available, along with the application and MFRs. The test period for setting rates is the projected average test year ended December 31, 2008.

## CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES

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

### WATER SERVICE-

| <u>Residential and<br/>General Service</u><br><br><i>MONTHLY</i> | <u>Rates Prior<br/>to Filing</u> | <u>Utility's<br/>Requested<br/>Interim Rates</u> | <u>Utility's<br/>Requested<br/>Final Rates</u> | <u>Commission<br/>Approved<br/>Interim Rates</u><br><br><i>(In effect as of<br/>03/06/2009)</i> |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Base Facility Charge:  |                                  |  |  |   |
| <u>Meter Size:</u>   |                                  |  |  |   |
| 5/8" x 3/4"  | \$9.73                           | \$11.58  | \$14.64  | \$10.68   |
| 1"   | \$14.60                          | \$17.37  | \$21.96  | \$16.03   |
| 1 1/2"   | \$24.37                          | \$29.00  | \$36.66  | \$26.76   |
| 2"   | \$48.64                          | \$57.88  | \$73.16  | \$53.40   |
| 3"   | \$77.85                          | \$92.64  | \$117.10                                       | \$85.47   |
| 4"   | \$155.69                         | \$185.28   | \$234.18                                       | \$170.94  |
| 6"   | \$243.28                         | \$289.51   | \$365.93                                       | \$267.10  |
|  |                                  |  |  |   |
| GS Gallonage Charge<br>(per 1,000 gallons)                       | \$3.18                           | \$3.78   | \$3.76   | \$3.49  |
| 0 to 10,000 gallons  | \$2.80                           | \$3.33   | \$3.27   | \$3.07  |
| 10,001 – 20,000  | \$4.15                           | \$4.94   | \$4.90   | \$4.56  |
| Over 10,000 gallons  | \$5.50                           | \$6.55   | \$6.53   | \$6.04  |

### 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 not requesting any changes to its miscellaneous service charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust Miscellaneous Service Charges.