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DATE: May 27, 2009
TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Anna R. Williams, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel *ARW*
RE: DOCKET NO. 080709-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by Damon Utilities, Inc.

Please place the attached document in the above-referenced docket file. Thank you.

ARW/th

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Damon Utilities
47 Lake Damon Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825

May 20, 2009

Anna Williams
Office of the General Counsel
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear MS. Williams:

Enclosed please find the notice we sent to our customers regarding the customer meeting to be held on June 10, 2009, at the River Greens Club House at 47 Lake Damon Drive, Avon Park, FL.

The notice was mailed on May 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

Deborah Crews
Clerk



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF DAMON UTILITIES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 080709-WS

APPLICATION OF DAMON UTILITIES, INC.

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN
HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Issued: May 11, 2009

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

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009
River Greens Club House
47 W. Lake Damon Drive
Avon Park, Florida 33825

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.

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.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk 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 Damon'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 meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the 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

Damon Utilities, Inc. (Damon or Utility) is a Class C utility which is currently providing water service to approximately 278 customers and wastewater service to approximately 101 customers. The Utility is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). According to the utility's 2007 annual report, the Utility had operating revenues of \$47,897 water and \$38,027 wastewater. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending December 31, 2008.

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 decision by the Commissioners. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Residential and General Service Water Rates

<u>Base Facility Charge By Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing BFC Converted to a Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Preliminary Monthly Rate</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$8.83	10.42
3/4"	\$13.24	15.63
1"	\$22.09	26.05
1-1/2"	\$44.15	52.10
2"	\$70.84	83.36
3"	\$141.31	166.72
4"	\$220.78	260.50
6"	\$441.55	521.00
<u>Gallonge Charge</u>		
RS Gallonge charge (Per 1,000 gallons)	\$1.82	\$3.18
GS Gallonge charge (Per 1,000 gallons)	\$1.82	\$3.14

Residential Wastewater Rates

<u>Base Facility Charge By Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing BFC Converted to a Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Preliminary Monthly Rate</u>
All Meter Sizes	\$16.59	16.89
<u>Gallonge Charge</u>		
Per 1,000 gallons	\$6.77	\$6.81

General Service Wastewater Rates

<u>Base Facility Charge By Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing BFC Converted to a Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Preliminary Monthly Rate</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$16.59	16.89
3/4"	\$24.89	25.34
1"	\$41.48	42.23
1-1/2"	\$82.97	84.45
2"	\$132.73	135.12
3"	\$265.50	270.24
4"	\$414.84	422.25
6"	\$829.67	844.50
<u>Gallonge Charge</u>		
Per 1,000 gallons	\$8.11	\$8.17

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated May 1, 2009. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday at the following location:

Damon Utilities, Inc.
47 Lake Damon Drive
Avon Park, Florida 33825

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Public Service Commission on August 6, 2009. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its August 18, 2009 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 other 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, Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 080709-WS, Damon Utilities, 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.