

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of amendment to connection/transfer sheets, increase in returned check charge, amendment to miscellaneous service charges, increase in meter installation charges, and imposition of new tap-in fee, in Marion County, by East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.

Docket No. 080562-WU

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DENNIS U. SMITH

Customer of East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc.

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5 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.**

6 A. My name is Dennis U. Smith. My address is 1384 NE 130th Terrace in Silver
7 Springs, FL, 34488. I am retired.

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9 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe my efforts to have an
11 irrigation/sprinkler water meter installed by the East Marion Sanitary Systems. I
12 am a customer of the East Marion Sanitary Systems.

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14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EFFORTS TO HAVE AN**
15 **IRRIGATION/SPRINKLER WATER METER INSTALLED BY THE**
16 **EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS.**

17 A. On March 7, 2007, I mailed a letter (Exhibit DUS-1) to East Marion Sanitary
18 Systems requesting the installation of an irrigation/sprinkler water meter. I also
19 requested the fee structure of the installation.

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21 **Q. DID YOU RECEIVE A RESPONSE TO YOUR MAILING FROM THE**
22 **EAST MARION SANITARY?**

1 A. No. However, approximately three (3) weeks later, I was at the community
2 mailbox area near the front gates, and I saw Bea Jordan there. Mrs. Jordan was
3 employed by and was a representative of the East Marion Sanitary Systems.
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5 **Q. DID YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH BEA JORDAN?**

6 A. Yes. I asked Mrs. Jordan if the East Marion Sanitary Systems had received my
7 mailing requesting the installation of an irrigation/sprinkler water meter. Mrs.
8 Jordan told me she didn't think my mailing had been received. I told Mrs. Jordan
9 that I could get her a copy of my mailing but, she said it would not be necessary.
10 Mrs. Jordan said that the East Marion Sanitary Systems was in the process of
11 applying to the PSC to request a complete overhaul of the company's fee
12 structure, and that no applications for the installation of an irrigation/sprinkler
13 water meters were being accepted until the PSC responded. Before leaving, I told
14 Mrs. Jordan that I was still interested in having an irrigation sprinkler water meter
15 installed.
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17 **Q. WAS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THE DOCUMENT YOU MAILED TO**
18 **THE EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS REQUESTING THE**
19 **INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION/SPRINKLER WATER METER?**

20 A. Yes. I later found out from correspondence between the East Marion Sanitary
21 Systems and the PSC that I had used the wrong post office box number on my
22 mailing. In error, I used P.O. Box 101 and it should have been P.O. Box 234.

1 **Q. WAS THE MAILING RETURNED TO YOU MARKED**
2 **UNDELIVERABLE BY THE US POST OFFICE?**

3 A. No. I presumed that the U.S. Post Office in Silver Springs, FL received a large
4 amount of mailings to the East Marion Sanitary Systems and that my mailing
5 would have been forwarded to the correct post office box based on the addressee
6 information regardless of the post office box information.

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8 **Q. MR. SMITH, DO YOU STILL WANT THE EAST MARION SANITARY**
9 **SYSTEMS TO INSTALL AN IRRIGATION SPRINKLER WATER**
10 **METER?**

11 A. Yes. I would like the installation to be completed using the same fee structure that
12 was on record on the dates of my mailing to the East Marion Sanitary System and
13 my conversation with Mrs. Jordan. The amount specified by East Marion Sanitary
14 System's tariff at the time was \$70.00.

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16 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

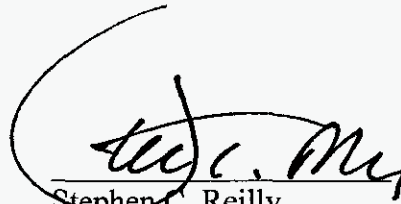
17 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of Dennis U. Smith has been furnished by Electronic and U.S. Mail to the following parties this 19th day of April, 2010.

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March 4, 2007

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Exhibit No. ____ (DUS-1)

To: East Marion Sanitary Sys
P.O. Box 101
Silver Springs, FL 34489

From: Dennis & Karin Smith
1384 NE 130th Terrace
Lakeview Woods
Silver Springs, FL 34488

Subject: Account #144
Lawn Irrigation Water Meter

This is a request for the installation of a water meter for my existing lawn irrigation system.

The use of water for lawn irrigation does not enter the sanitary sewer system and as such, should be exempt from sanitary sewer fees.

Please advise me of the fee structure for the installation of the lawn irrigation water meter.

Thank you,