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Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Room 110, Easley Building  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 100128-WU

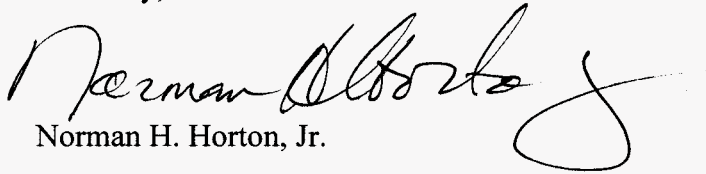
Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. is Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.'s Affidavit of Mailing the Initial Customer Notice and the Notice of Customer Meeting in the above referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

  
Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: Keino Young, Esq. (with enclosures)  
Office of Public Counsel (with enclosures)  
Mr. Jay Rish  
Mr. Michael McKenzie

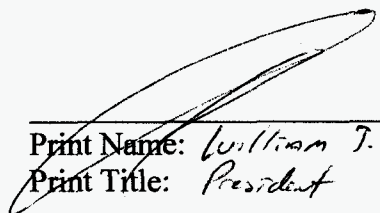
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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

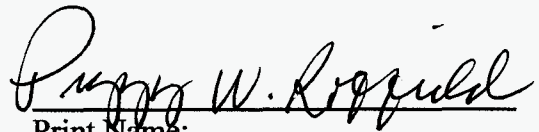
STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Gulf

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared William J. Rish, Jr., who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the President of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. and that on April 14th 2011, he did send by regular U. S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice, attached hereto, and a copy of the Notice of Customer Meeting, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
Print Name: William J. Rish, Jr.  
Print Title: President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of April, 2011, by William J. Rish, Jr. who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.

  
Print Name:  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA  
Peggy W. Raffield  
Commission #DD690219  
Expires: AUG. 15, 2011  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE**

**TO THE CUSTOMERS OF LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.  
AND  
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

**RE: DOCKET NO. 100128-WU**

**APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER RATES IN GULF COUNTY BY  
LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.**

April 12, 2010

**BACKGROUND**

Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (“LUCI” or the “Utility”) is a water utility whose office is located at 252 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The Utility’s water facilities are located in Gulf County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC” or the “Commission”) for increased water rates for its customers on September 1, 2010. The application was assigned Docket No. 100128-WU, and February 21, 2011, was established as the official date of filing.

As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements (“MFRs”) filed with its application to the Commission, for the year ended December 31, 2009, the test year for this case, the Utility’s revenues per books are \$472,364, with operating expenses per books of \$475,472, for its water system, resulting in a net operating loss of \$3,108, 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 main office of LUCI during regular working hours located at:

252 Marina Drive  
Port St. Joe, Florida  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

A “Rate Case Synopsis” will also be available, along with the application and MFRs. The test period for setting rates is the historical period ending December 31, 2009.

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

<u>Schedule Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Staff Audit Report	Filed 12/22/10
Customer Meeting	5/4/11
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA") Recommendation	6/29/11
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	7/12/11
PAA Order	8/1/11
Protest Period Expires	8/22/11

The customer meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
The Centennial Building  
300 Allen Memorial Way  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

### **CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES**

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

### **MONTHLY RATES – ALL SERVICES**

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>BASE FACILITIES CHARGE</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
5/8 X 3/4"	\$14.60	\$19.90
1"	\$36.51	\$49.75
1 1/2"	\$73.04	\$99.53
2"	\$116.86	\$159.25
3"	\$233.74	\$318.52
4"	\$365.20	\$497.66
6"	\$730.41	\$995.33
8"	\$1,168.66	\$1,592.53
10"	\$1,679.95	\$2,289.27
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$3.07	\$4.18

**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.

**LATE PAYMENT FEE**

The Utility is requesting a late payment fee of \$5.25 when a bill is not paid within twenty (20) days.

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (“NSF”) CHECK CHARGES**

The Utility is requesting approval of NSF Check charges that may be levied pursuant to Section 68.065 and Section 832.08(5), Florida Statutes, when a customer pays by check and that check is dishonored by the customer’s banking institution. The Company will charge the amount set by Section 68.065 and Section 832.08(5), Florida Statutes, as may be amended. As currently set forth in Section 832.08(5), the following fees may be assessed.

1. \$25, if the face value does not exceed \$50,
2. \$30, if the face value exceeds \$50 but does not exceed \$300,
3. \$40, if the face value exceeds \$300, or five percent (5%) of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater.

**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES**

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

	<u>Normal Business Hours</u>		<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Initial Connection Fee	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$42.00
Normal Reconnection Fee	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$42.00
Violation Reconnection Fee	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	
Premises Visit	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$10.00	\$42.00
Late Payment Charge	---	\$5.25	---	\$5.25

Written comments regarding the Utility’s service or the requested final rate increases may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-08050

All comments should refer to Docket No. 100128-WU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Service, Safety and consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at 850-227-7427.

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING**

**TO THE CUSTOMERS OF LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.**

**AND**

**ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

**RE: Docket No. 100128-WU; Application for Increase in Water Rates in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.'s Application for a rate increase. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
The Centennial Building  
300 Allen Memorial Way  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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 not 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.

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 (950) 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 (TDFD) 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 Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 100128-WU, Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc." Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Florida Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

If you wish to contact the Florida Public Service Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Service, Safety and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552. You may also submit a complaint through the Commission's website at:

<http://www.floridapsc.com/consumers/complaints/index.aspx>.

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