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# VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS



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

RE: Docket No. 130025-WU; Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in Water Rates in Highlands County, Florida Our File No.: 46068.01

Dear Ms. Cole:

TEL CLK Enclosed are the following for filing in the above-referenced docket:

DN 02139-13 Sixteen (16) copies of the Application for Increase in Rates DN 02140-13 . Sixteen (16) copies of the Minimum Filing Requirements (Volume I) Two (2) copies of the Billing Analysis (Volume II) NN 02141-13 . Two (2) copies of the Additional Engineering Information DN 02142-13 . Two (2) copies of the Supporting Workpapers (Volume IV) DN 02143-13. Sixteen (16) copies of the Affidavit required by Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code (attached to the Application) COM One (1) detailed map for each system. AFD APA ECO The original and three (3) copies of the proposed Final Rate Tariff Sheets (Exhibit "A" to the Application). ENG GCL **IDM** 

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• Our firm's check in the amount of \$3,500.00 representing the appropriate filing fee.

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

Very truly yours,

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MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN For the Firm

MSF/mp Enclosures

cc: Ms. Pam Brewer (w/enclosures) (via e-mail) Larry King, CPA (w/enclosures) (via email)

# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for an increase in water rates in Highlands County by PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC.

Docket No. 130025-WU

# APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN RATES

Applicant, PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. (the "Utility"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-30, Florida Administrative Code, files this Application for an increase in its water rates in Highlands County, Florida.

# Preliminary Matters

1. The following information is provided pursuant to Rule 25-30.436, Florida

Administrative Code:

(a) (i) The name of the Utility and its mailing address is:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. 410 Washington Blvd., NW Lake Placid, FL 33852

(ii) The names and address of the persons authorized to receive

notices and communications in respect to this application are:

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, LLP 766 North Sun Drive, Suite 4030 Lake Mary, FL 32746 Telephone: (407) 830-6331/Fax: (407) 830-8522 Email: <u>mfriedman@sfflaw.com</u>

(b) The Utility is a Florida corporation incorporated in Florida on June

11, 1970. The names and addresses of the persons owning more than 5% of the Utility's

stock are:

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Lake Placid Holding Co. 410 Washington Blvd., NW Lake Placid, FL 33852 100%

(c) The Utility's last rate proceeding was in Docket No. 080353-WU utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2008, which culminated in Order No. PSC 09-0632-PAA-WU dated September 17, 2009, and Consummating Order No. PSC-09-0700-CO-WU issued October 22, 2009.

(d) The address where the Application is available for customer inspection during the time the rate application is pending is:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. 410 Washington Blvd., NW Lake Placid, FL 33852

(e) The Utility is requesting water revenues which would allow it to recover all expenses that the Utility will incur on a going-forward basis utilizing a historic test year, and generate a fair rate of return on its investment on all property considered used and useful in the public service. The revenue which the Company requests should be adjusted to incorporate the repression in the customer usage as a result of the rates established in this case, in accordance with Volume IV, Workpaper 2.

The Utility has demonstrated through the supporting schedules within the attached **Volume I** that it is earning outside its range of reasonable returns. Submitted as part of **Volume I** are schedules of rate base (Schedules A-1 and A-2), cost of capital (Schedule D-1) and net operating income (Schedule B-1 and Schedule B-2), as applicable, pursuant to Commission Rule 25-30.437(5), F.A.C.

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(f) The Affidavit of Peggy Ann Brewer, the Vice President and Secretary of the Utility, that the Utility will comply with Rule 25-22.0407, F.A.C., is attached hereto.

(g) The Utility requests that this Application be processed under the Commission's proposed agency action procedure set forth in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes.

(2) The appropriate filing fee of \$3,500.00 (from 2,001 TO 4,000 ERCs) is filed herewith.

(3) The Utility knows of no deviations from the policies, procedures and guidelines prescribed by the Commission in relevant rules or in the Utility's last rate case.

# Additional Information

I.

Sixteen copies of the Utility's Financial, Rate and Engineering Minimum Filing Requirements are provided herewith as **Volume** I.

# II.

The Utility has costs or charges to it from an affiliate or related party. These costs are reported in Schedule B-12 of **Volume I**.

# III.

Two copies of the Billing Analysis Schedules as required by Rule 25-30.437(4) are provided herewith as **Volume II**.

# IV.

Two copies of the Additional Engineering Information required by Rule 25-30.440(2)-(10), F.A.C. are provided herewith as **Volume III**.

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Two copies of the Utility's supporting workpapers are provided herewith as **Volume IV**.

VI.

One copy of a detailed system map, as required by Section 25-30.440(1)(a) and (b), is provided herewith.

VII.

The original and two (2) copies of the Revised Tariff Sheets reflecting the proposed final water rates are attached hereto as **Exhibit "A**".

WHEREFORE, the Utility requests that the Florida Public Service Commission do the following:

Accept jurisdiction of this Application to grant an increase in water rates utilizing the PAA procedure outlined in Section 367.081(8), F.S., grant final water rates as requested herein and contained in the tariffs included in **Exhibit "A**, and provide such other and further relief as is fair, just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2013, by:

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# NOTE:

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULE 25-22.0407(2), THE MFRs, WHEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMISSION, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE UTILITY UPON REQUEST.

# AFFIDAVIT

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared PEGGY ANN BREWER, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That she is the Vice President and Secretary of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.
- 2. That in her capacity as Vice President and Secretary of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc., she has actual knowledge of the facts and representations set forth in this Affidavit; and
- 3. That she will cause representatives of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. to comply with the notice and public information requirements for a general rate increase set forth in Rule 25-22.0407, FAC for the Application of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. filed in Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 130025-WS.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of April, 2013, by PEGGY ANN BREWER who  $[\chi]$  is personally known to me or [] has produced a \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did not take an oath.



Notary Public. \$tate and County Aforesaid Printed:

My Commission expire Commission No.

**EXHIBIT A** 

# EXHIBIT "A"

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Proposed Final Rate Sheets

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# NINETEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0 CANCELS EIGHTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0

# **GENERAL SERVICE**

# RATE SCHEDULE GS

 AVAILABILITY
 Available throughout the area served by the Company.

 APPLICABILITY
 For water service to all customers for which no other schedule applies.

 LIMITATIONS
 Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

### RATES:

Meter Size	Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4" 1" 1-1/2" 2" 3" 4" 6"	\$ 12.09 \$ 30.23 \$ 60.45 \$ 96.72 \$193.44 \$302.25 \$604.51

Gallonage Charge	
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.95

MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

<u>TERMS OF PAYMENT</u>: Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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### TWENIETH REVISED SHEET NO. 18.0 CANCELS NINETEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 18.0

### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

#### RATE SCHEDULE RS

<u>AVAILABILITY</u> - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.

- <u>LIMITATIONS</u> Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD Monthly

#### RATES:

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5/8" x 3/4" 1" 1-1/2" 2" 3" 4" 6"	\$ 12.09 \$ 30.23 \$ 60.45 \$ 96.72 \$193.44 \$302.25 \$604.51
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons 0 to 10,000 gallons 10,001 to 20,000 gallons 20,001 gallons and over	\$ 5.56 \$ 8.34 \$ 11.12

MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

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#### MULTI-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

## RATE SCHEDULE MS

<u>AVAILABILITY</u> - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

- <u>APPLICABILITY</u> For water service for all master-metered residential customers including but not limited to Condominiums, Apartments and Mobile Home Parks.
- <u>LIMITATIONS</u> Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

#### RATES:

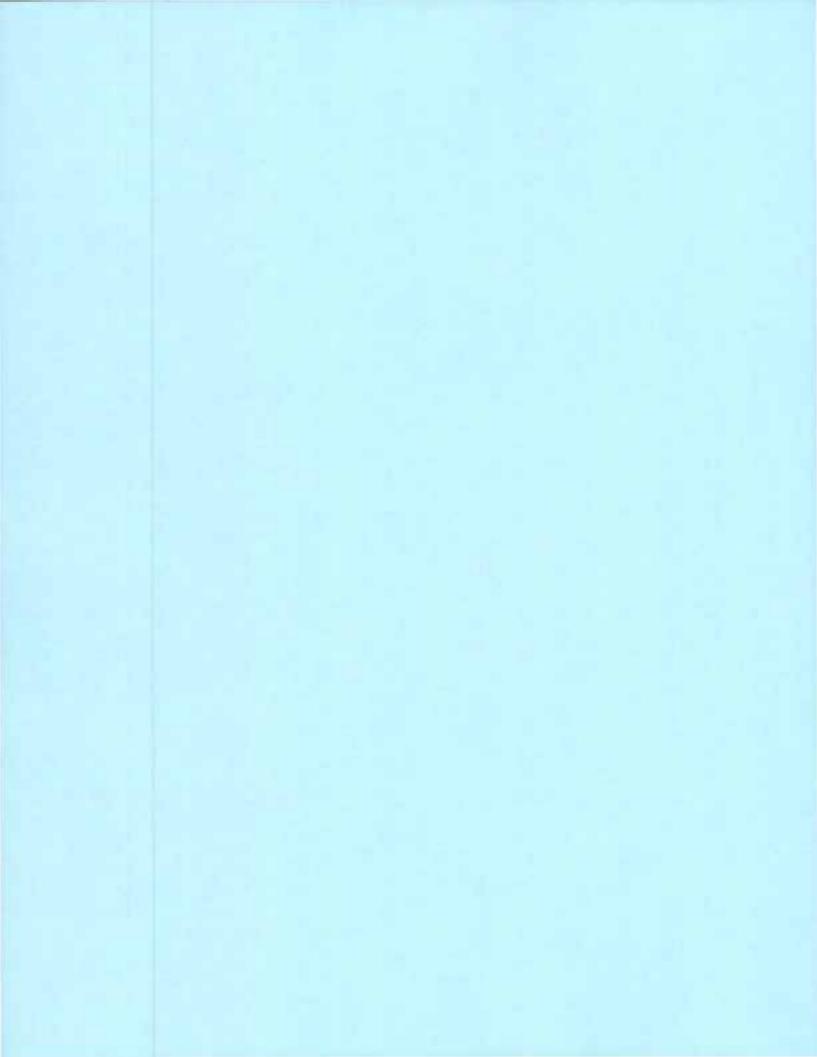
Meter Size	Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4" 1" 1-1/2" 2" 3" 4"	\$ 12.09 \$ 30.23 \$ 60.45 \$ 96.72 \$193.44 \$302.25
6" <u>Gallonage Charge</u> Per 1,000 Gallons 0 to 10,000 gallons 10,001 to 20,000 gallons 20,001 gallons and over	\$604.51 \$5.56 \$8.34 \$11.12

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<b>BILLING PERIOD</b>	-	Monthly
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# RATES:

Meter Size	Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4" 1"	\$ 12.09 \$ 30.23
1-1/2"	\$ 60.45
2"	\$ 96.72
3"	\$193.44
4"	\$302.25
6"	\$604.51
Gallonage Charge	

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Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.56
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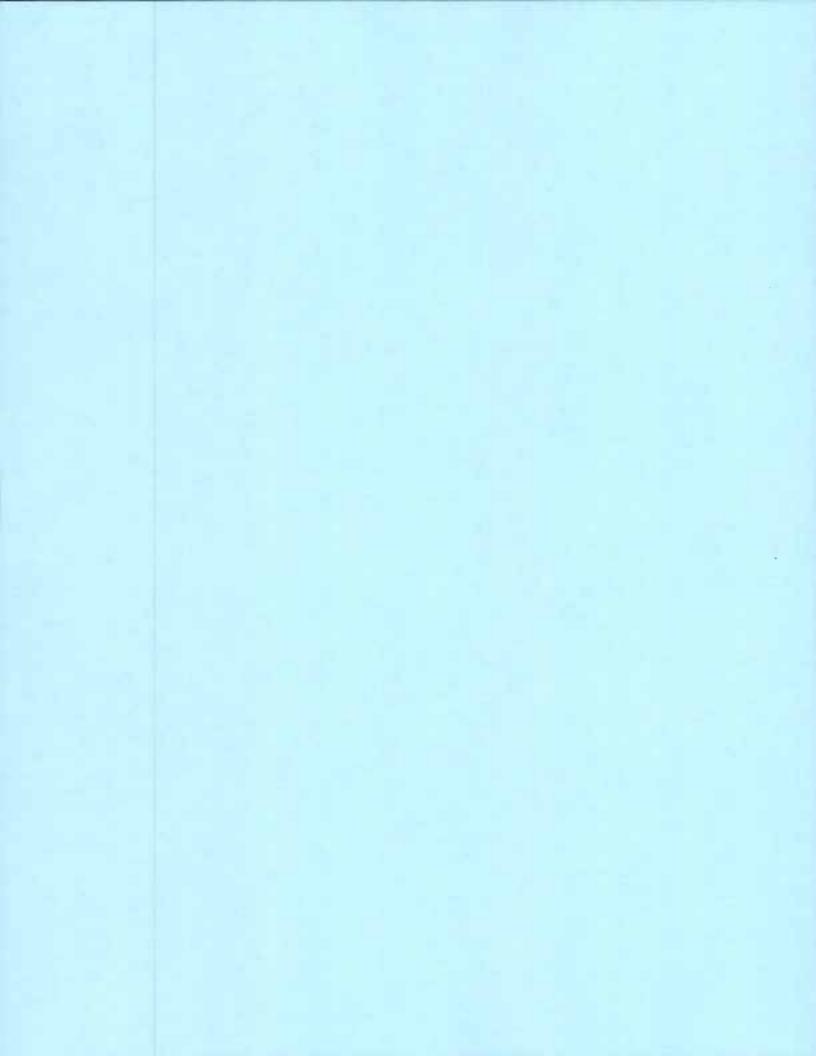
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