

HC WATERWORKS, INC.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

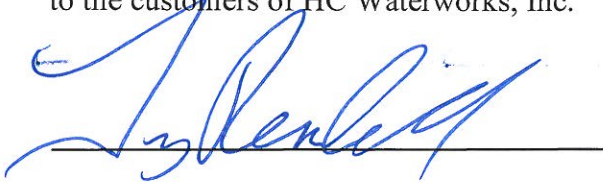
DOCKET NO. 140158-WS

**APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA
BY HC WATERWORKS, INC.**

AFFIRMATION OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

This statement submitted on May 4, 2015, affirms that on May 4, 2015, the Revised Initial Customer Notice (Attached) for the application for rate increase was mailed via US mail service to the customers of HC Waterworks, Inc.



Troy Rendell
Manager of Regulated Utilities

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

REVISED
INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
HC WATERWORKS, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 140158-WS

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY BY HC WATERWORKS, INC.

DATED: MAY 4, 2015

BACKGROUND

HC Waterworks, Inc. (the "Utility") is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 4939 Cross Bayou Blvd, New Port Richey, Florida. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Highlands County, Florida.

On October 2, 2014, the Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for an increase in its water and wastewater rates to its customers in Highlands County based on an historical test year ending June 30, 2014. Final rates are based upon the same test year. The application is assigned Docket No. 140158-WS. On May 1, 2015, HC Waterworks, Inc. filed revised minimum filing requirements (MFRs) to correct errors contained in its original filing and to include additional pro forma items which occurred after the test year. The revised requested revenues are \$545,113 for water and \$76,774 for wastewater. The revised filing reflects an additional increase of \$35,622 (7.00%) and \$3,203 (4.35%) over the prior noticed requested revenues for water and wastewater, respectively.

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to cover the required expenses of operations on a going-forward basis and an opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for the public use. The rate of return on equity requested in this proceeding is 9.52 percent. The overall return requested (the weighted cost of debt and equity) is 7.78 percent. The Company's last rate proceeding was in Docket No. 100330-WS, utilizing a test year ending April 30, 2010, which culminated in Order No. PSC-12-0102-FOF-WS dated March 5, 2012.

Copies of the petition, minimum filing requirements, and the rate case synopsis are available for inspection during normal office hours at the Utility's office and at the local library:

U. S. Water Services Corporation 4939 Cross Bayou Blvd. New Port Richey, FL 34652	Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Sebring Public Library 319 W. Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870	Hours Sun-Mon – Closed Tue-Thur – 10:30 – 6:30 Fri-Sat – 9:30 – 5:30
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HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission staff may do so in writing by sending your comments **on the attached comment sheet for your convenience.** Comments should be submitted within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this notice. 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:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

A courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Troy Rendell
U.S. Water Services Corporation
4939 Cross Bayou Blvd.
New Port Richey, Florida 34652

All correspondence should refer to “Docket No. 140158-WS, HC Waterworks, 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 email at clerk@psc.state.fl.us, or the Commission’s website available at <http://floridapsc.com/about/contact/form.aspx>.

If you wish to contact the Florida Public Service Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission’s Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach at the following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

MONTHLY WATER SERVICE

	Present Rates	Prior Noticed Requested Final Rates	Revised Requested Final Rates
<u>Residential, General Service, and Irrigation</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$18.92	\$21.60	\$23.42
3/4"	\$28.38	\$32.40	\$35.14
1"	\$47.31	\$53.99	\$58.56
1 1/2"	\$94.61	\$107.99	\$117.12
2"	\$151.38	\$172.78	\$187.39
3"	\$302.77	\$345.55	\$374.78
4"	\$473.07	\$539.93	\$585.60
6"	\$946.15	\$1,079.86	\$1,171.20
8"	\$1,513.83	\$1,727.77	\$1,873.92
10"	\$2,176.13	\$2,483.67	\$2,693.76
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential and Irrigation			
0 – 6,000 gallons	\$6.46	\$7.33	\$8.21
6,001 – 12,000 gallons	\$9.71	\$10.99	\$12.31
Over 12,000 gallons	\$12.93	\$14.65	\$16.41
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service	\$7.25	\$7.89	\$ 8.79
<u>Private Fire Protection Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
2"	\$12.62	\$14.40	\$15.62
3"	\$25.23	\$28.80	\$31.23
4"	\$39.43	\$44.99	\$48.80
6"	\$78.85	\$89.99	\$97.60
8"	\$126.16	\$143.98	\$156.16
10"	\$181.34	\$206.97	\$224.48

MONTHLY WASTEWATER SERVICE

	Present Rates	Prior Noticed Requested Final Rates	Revised Requested Final Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$22.59	\$14.51	\$15.14
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 6,000 gallon cap	\$7.64	\$4.12	\$4.30

General Service

Base Facility Charge By Meter Size

5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.59	\$14.51	\$15.14
3/4"	\$33.90	\$21.77	\$22.71
1"	\$56.50	\$36.28	\$37.86
1 1/2"	\$112.98	\$72.55	\$75.71
2"	\$180.78	\$116.09	\$121.14
3"	\$361.54	\$232.17	\$242.28
4"	\$564.91	\$362.77	\$378.56
6"	\$1,129.83	\$725.53	\$757.12
8"	\$1,807.20	\$1,160.85	\$1,211.40
10"	\$2,598.61	\$1,668.72	\$1,741.39
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service	\$9.16	\$4.94	\$5.16

Flat Rate Service

Residential Service	\$0.00	\$20.96	\$21.88
General Service	\$0.00	\$14.51	\$15.14

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.

RATE CASE PROCEDURES

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

<u>Scheduled Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Customer Meeting - HELD	02/19/2015
Staff's PAA Recommendation	06/04/2015
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	06/18/2015
PAA Order Issued	07/08/2015
Protest Period Expires	07/29/2015
Consummating Order if no Protest	08/03/2015

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers. If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at 888-228-2134.

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Name _____

Address _____

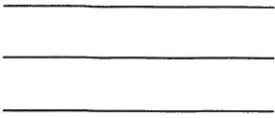
Please submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission by completing this comment form and return it by mail, or send a fax to 1-800-511-0809.

Correspondence will be placed in the file of this docket.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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