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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Carlotta Stauffer, Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Orchid Springs Development Corp.; Docket No. 20180063-WS
Application for limited proceeding water and wastewater rate increase

Dear Ms. Stauffer,

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket, please find the Affidavit of mailing the Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting for June 19th. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Marshall Deterding" followed by a stylized initial "brf".

F. Marshall Deterding
Of Counsel

FMD/brf

Enclosure

cc: Gary Morse
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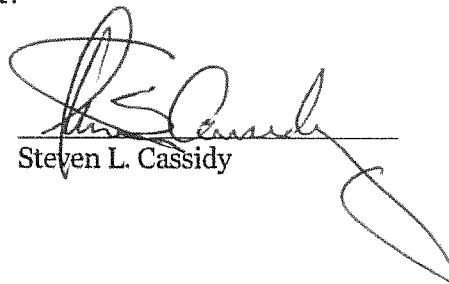
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF POLK


Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared Steven L. Cassidy, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the Manager of Orchid Springs Development Corp., and that on June 1, 2018, he did send by U.S. mail, a copy of the notice attached hereto to each of the customers of the utility.

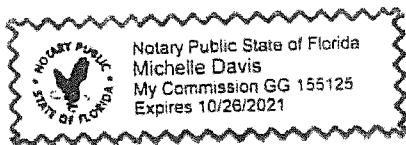
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Steven L. Cassidy

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 4th day of June, 2018.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
**INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING**
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORP.
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20180063-WS
APPLICATION FOR LIMITED PROCEEDING INCREASE IN WATER
AND WASTEWATER RATES BY ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORP.
IN POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

DATED: June 1, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an Increase in Rates of Orchid Springs Development Corp. ("utility"). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., June 19, 2018
Chain O'Lakes Complex
210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard West
Winter Haven, Florida

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 of the customers have been heard.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 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 (TDD).

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 on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the 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 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. The Public Service Commission staff will have sign-up sheets and customers will be called in the order that they sign up to speak.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting, 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

Or by e-mail to Clerk@psc.state.fl.us

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20180063-WS, Orchid Springs Development Corp." 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 or the Commission's website available at:

<http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm>.

If you wish to contact the 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.

BACKGROUND

Orchid Springs Development Corporation (Orchid Springs or utility) is a Class C utility providing service to approximately 300 water and wastewater customers in Polk County. The utility has been in existence since 1969. Effective July 7, 1998, Orchid Springs was granted Certificate Nos. 600-W and 516-S. The utility's rates and charges were last approved in a staff-assisted rate case in 2015. The utility has filed two index and pass through applications since its last rate case. According to Orchid Springs' 2017 annual report, total gross revenues were \$101,959 for water and \$210,342 for wastewater. Total operating expenses were \$104,567 for water and \$238,576 for wastewater.

On March 7, 2018, Orchid Springs filed its application for staff assistance in alternative rate setting. Subsequently, the filing was amended to a limited proceeding. The minimum filing requirements were met and the official filing date was established as May 11, 2018. In its application, the utility is seeking to recover costs associated with land maintenance of the decommissioned wastewater plant site, purchased wastewater treatment, purchased emergency

water, management salary, and rate case expense. In addition, the utility is seeking recognition of capital improvements that have taken place since the last rate case.

Copies of the Application for a Limited Proceeding Increase in Rates and all attachments are available for inspection by members of the public at the following locations:

Orchid Springs Development Corp.
346 East Central Avenue
Winter Haven, Florida 33880

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

The current and requested rates are listed below. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Commission Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners:

ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		
MONTHLY WATER RATES		
	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
Residential and General Service		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X3/4"	\$9.96	\$13.39
3/4"	\$14.94	\$20.09
1"	\$24.90	\$33.48
1-1/2"	\$49.80	\$66.95
2"	\$79.68	\$107.12
3"	\$159.36	\$214.24
4"	\$249.00	\$334.75
6"	\$498.00	\$669.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General Service	\$1.81	\$2.43

**ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES**

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
Residential Service		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$24.64	\$30.77
Charge Per 1,000 gallons 6,000 gallon cap	\$5.88	\$7.34
General Service		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$24.64	\$30.77
3/4"	\$36.96	\$46.16
1"	\$61.60	\$76.93
1-1/2"	\$123.20	\$153.85
2"	\$197.12	\$246.16
3"	\$394.24	\$492.32
4"	\$616.00	\$769.25
6"	\$1,232.00	\$1,538.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.00	\$8.74

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