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March 13, 2020

Ms. Holly Burge
Aquarina Utilities, Inc.
P.O. Box 1114
Fellsmere, FL 32948
aquarinautilities@bellsouth.net

VIA EMAIL & US MAIL

Re: Docket No. 20190080-WS – Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Brevard County, by Aquarina Utilities, Inc.

Dear Ms. Burge:

This letter is to inform you of cancellation of the customer meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Attached is a cancellation notice to inform your customers of the meeting cancellation and how they can provide comments regarding this proceeding in lieu of a customer meeting. Also attached is the Rate Case Overview, which includes the comment form, that was prepared for distribution at the customer meeting. Please distribute the attached cancellation notice, Rate Case Overview, and comment form in the same manner as the previously distributed meeting notice.

Please furnish me with a copy of the cancellation notice that is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to customers. Should you have any questions about the matters contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Doehling".

Jefferson Doehling
Engineering Specialist

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Attachments

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20190080-WS)
Mr. Martin S. Friedman (mfriedman@deanmead.com)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CANCELATION OF CUSTOMER MEETING
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20190080-WS
APPLICATION FOR LIMITED PROCEEDING RATE INCREASE IN BREVARD COUNTY,
BY AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.

DATED: _____

NOTICE is hereby given that the customer meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 6:00 pm, is **CANCELED**. Included with this notice is a form for mailing written comments, along with the Rate Case Overview prepared for distribution at the customer meeting. Commission staff is requesting that any person who wishes to comment or provide information regarding the proposed rate increase should do so in one of the five manners (letter, email, fax, website, or phone) as described below by **April 10, 2020**.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be mailed to this address using the attached form:

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

The Commission will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

All correspondence should refer to “Docket No. 20190080-WS, Aquarina Utilities, Inc.” 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 fax line at 1-800-511-0809 or the Commission’s website available at:

<http://floridapsc.com/ConsumerAssistance/ComplaintForm>

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



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

MARCH 2020

Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Brevard County by

Aquarina Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20190080-WS

On April 1, 2019, Aquarina Utilities, Inc. (Aquarina) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a limited proceeding rate increase. Aquarina provides water and wastewater service to approximately 350 water, 120 non-potable, and 340 wastewater customers in Brevard County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Aquarina's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about Aquarina and the rate setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

CUSTOMER MEETING

**Thursday, March 26, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Aquarina Community Center
Conference Room
450 Aquarina Blvd.
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

2 Why is Aquarina requesting a rate increase?

Aquarina is requesting a rate increase to recover the revenue it will lose as a result of the loss of Aquarina Golf, Inc. as an irrigation customer and to seek recognition of capital improvements that have taken place since the last rate case.

3 When was Aquarina's last approved rate increase?

Aquarina's last approved rate increase from a rate proceeding was in 2016.

4 How much is the current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer of Aquarina using 2,000 gallons?

The utility's current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 2,000 gallons is \$34.16 and \$35.45, respectively.

If canceled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website, (www.floridapsc.com), under Hot Topics found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

5 Using the Utility's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water and wastewater bill be for a residential customer of Aquarina using 2,000 gallons?

Using the Utility's proposed rates, the monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 2,000 gallons would be \$51.71 and \$35.45, respectively.

6 What if I cannot attend the customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the meeting or in writing.* Written comments should be mailed to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20190080-WS**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Aquarina's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Jeff Doehling
(850) 413-6127

Sonica Bruce
(850) 413-6994

Justin Sowards
(850) 413-6844

For legal questions, contact:

Charles Murphy
(850) 413-6191

8 Can I obtain more detailed information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number **20190080**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on April 23, 2020. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the May 5, 2020 Commission Conference.

** Any email or other correspondence sent to a Florida Public Service Commissioner, or any other public official and/or employee of the PSC, in the transaction of public business is considered a public record and is subject to Florida's Public Records Law. This means that Florida law generally requires the PSC to provide a copy of any such email or correspondence, upon request, for inspection and copying to any Florida citizen or to any member of the media.*

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Aquarina Utilities, Inc. - Monthly Water Rates

	Rates Prior to Filing	Utility Proposed Rates
Residential and General Service		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.80	\$29.97
3/4"	\$29.70	\$44.95
1"	\$49.50	\$74.92
1 1/2"	\$99.00	\$149.84
2'	\$158.40	\$239.74
3"	\$316.80	\$479.49
4"	\$495.00	\$749.20
6"	\$990.00	\$1,498.40
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.18	\$10.87
Irrigation Service		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$14.24	\$11.07
3/4"	\$21.36	\$16.61
1"	\$35.60	\$27.68
1 1/2"	\$71.20	\$55.35
2"	\$113.92	\$88.56
3"	\$227.84	\$193.73
4"	\$356.00	\$332.10
6"	\$712.00	\$691.88
8"	\$1,139.20	\$996.30
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$1.42	\$0.89
Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison		
2,000 Gallons	\$34.16	\$51.71
4,000 Gallons	\$48.52	\$73.45
6,000 Gallons	\$62.88	\$95.19

Aquarina Utilities, Inc. - Monthly Wastewater Rates
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	Rates Prior to Filing	Utility Proposed Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge All Meter Sizes	\$24.75	\$24.75
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.35	\$5.35
Flat Rate Service	\$38.79	\$38.79
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$24.75	\$24.75
3/4"	\$37.13	\$37.13
1"	\$61.88	\$61.88
1 1/2"	\$123.75	\$123.75
2"	\$198.00	\$198.00
3"	\$396.00	\$396.00
4"	\$618.15	\$618.15
6"	\$1,237.50	\$1,237.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$6.44	\$6.44
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 Gallons	\$35.45	\$35.45
4,000 Gallons	\$46.15	\$46.15
6,000 Gallons	\$56.85	\$56.85

STAMP

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