

**TKCB, INC.**  
**5600 NORTH COCOA, BLVD.**  
**COCOA, FL 32927**  
**(321) 639-1124**

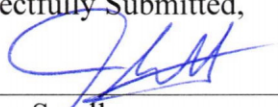
September 27, 2021

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

**Re: Docket No. 20210120-SU – Application for a limited alternative rate case proceeding,  
by TKCB, Inc.**

Please find attached TKCB, Inc's (Utility) affirmation for the mailing of customer notices in the above mentioned docket.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Jeffery Small  
OCBOA Consulting, LLC  
on behalf of ///

Thad A. Terry  
President  
TKCB, Inc.

**Affirmation**

I, Thad A. Terry, hereby affirm that I have provided, by U.S. mail, the attached **Notice for the Solicitation of Comments** to the customers of TKCB, Inc. on September 27, 2021.

Signature: 

Name: Thad A. Terry

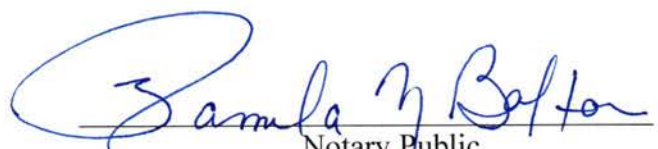
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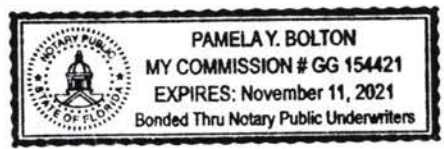
Tel Number: (321) 639-1124

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of September, 2021.

- Personally known
- Identification presented \_\_\_\_\_
- My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

  
Notary Public  
State of Florida



BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
**NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS**  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
**TKCB, INC.**  
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

**RE: DOCKET NO. 20210120-SU**

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Brevard County by TKCB, Inc.

DATED: **September 27, 2021**

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of TKCB, Inc. (TKCB or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Brevard County.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

**HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information may do so in one of the ways listed below.

- ❖ Email your comments to the Commission at [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us).
- ❖ Fill out and return, by US Mail or fax, the "Comment Card" attached to this Notice.
- ❖ Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

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All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20210120-SU, TKCB, INC"

- ❖ Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for November 2, 2021. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Walter Trierweiler with the PSC at (850) 413-6584 or [wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us) prior to November 2, 2021.

**Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.**

## BACKGROUND

TKCB, Inc. (TKCB or utility) is a Class C utility providing wastewater service in Brevard County to approximately 277 customers. TKCB was originally certificated in 2011.<sup>1</sup> The utility's rates for wastewater were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2019.<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, the rates were increased by a price index rate adjustment effective June 21, 2020. According to TKCB's 2020 annual report, wastewater service total gross revenues were \$98,455 and total operating expenses were \$92,668.

The limited alternative rate increase (LARI) process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On June 25, 2021, the utility filed an application for a LARI to recover the increase in costs that has or will occur due to the abrupt change in operator services and recovery of pro forma related to repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. However, on July 21, 2021, the utility withdrew its request for pro forma plant adjustments. As shown in the utility's application, the utility is requesting a 20 percent increase to its existing rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20210120 in the docket number search field.

### CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

	<b>UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES</b>
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>		
All Meter Sizes	\$14.60	\$17.52
Charge per 1,000 gallons 6,000 gallon cap *	\$5.14	\$6.17
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$14.60	\$17.52
3/4"	\$21.90	\$26.28
1"	\$36.50	\$43.80
1-1/2"	\$73.00	\$87.60
2"	\$116.80	\$140.16
3"	\$233.60	\$280.32
4"	\$365.00	\$438.00
6"	\$730.00	\$876.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$6.17	\$7.40

<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-2011-0522-FOF-SU, issued November 7, 2011, in Docket No. 100442-SU, *In re: Application for a certificate to provide wastewater service in Brevard County by TKCB.*

<sup>2</sup> Order No. PSC-2019-0362-PAA-SU, issued August 26, 2019, in Docket No. 20180218-SU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Brevard County by TKCB, Inc.*



## **PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS**

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on October 21, 2021. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its November 2, 2021, Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com). Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage.

The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date that the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's PAA order. Customers may obtain a copy of staff's recommendation and all documents filed in this docket under the Clerk's Office tab at the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>).

## **CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (OPC)**

At any time during this process, you may contact the Office of Public Counsel. The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility consumers before both the Commission, and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accounts only to the people of the state of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or [www.floridaopc.gov](http://www.floridaopc.gov)

## **HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Contact information for staff is provided below. You may also find additional information in the Rate Case Overview, which can be viewed at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Publications/RateCaseOverviews>.

For technical questions contact: Sonica Bruce at (850) 413-6994 or [Sbruce@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Sbruce@psc.state.fl.us)

For legal questions contact: Walter Trierweiler at (850) 413-6584 or [wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:wtrierwe@psc.state.fl.us)

Please note, if you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Walter Trierweiler prior to November 2, 2021.

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.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

*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.*