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## Public Service Commission

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VIA EMAIL

**Re: Docket No. 20210182-WU – Application for limited alternative rate increase in Highlands County by Country Walk Utilities, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Rendell:

On November 16, 2021, Country Walk Utilities, Inc. (Country Walk) filed an application for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) requesting authority to increase its rates for water service pursuant to Sections 367.0814 and 367.121, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 25-30.457 and 25-30.458, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). In accordance with Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the petition must be accompanied by certain information and schedules in support of the requested increase. We have reviewed the petition and have determined that Country Walk has met the initial requirements imposed by Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 25-30.457(4), F.A.C., the official date of filing is established as January 14, 2022.

The staff engineer determined the filing fee is \$1,000. The fee is based on the design capacity of the utility system as provided by Section 367.145(2), F.S. and Rule 25-30.020(2)(f), F.A.C. A filing fee of \$500 was received along with the petition for this LARI. The remaining balance of \$500 is due no later than January 14, 2022. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457(4), F.A.C., the Commission will deny the application if the utility does not remit the filing fee within 30 days after official acceptance.

Please be aware that the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) is an available resource that assists both small and large water and wastewater systems with all phases of water and wastewater operations. The FRWA is a nonprofit, non-regulatory professional association. For more information, you may visit the FRWA's website at [www.frwa.net](http://www.frwa.net) or call (850) 668-2746.

Sincerely,

*s/Tom Ballinger*

Tom Ballinger, Director  
Division of Engineering  
Florida Public Service Commission

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20210182-WU)