

FLORIDA UTILITY SERVICES 1 LLC
5911 Trouble Creek Road
New Port Richey, FL 34652

August 8, 2024

Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Application for Staff Assisted Rate Case in Polk County by
Alturas Water LLC

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COMMISSION
CLERK

Dear Commission Clerk:

Enclosed please find an Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case in Polk County by
Alturas Water LLC.

Alturas Water experienced a hydrotank failure and will be doing an emergency "like for like"
tank exchange. A preliminary copy of the tank invoice is attached.

Additional charges not yet determined:

- (1) Crane - Crane to move old tank from service and install new tank
- (2) Fixtures and Piping – cost to plumb in new tank and replace fixtures as needed

In this docket, the utility seeks updated miscellaneous service charges (see attached) and
interim rates.

On behalf of the utility,



Marianne McDonald, CFO

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A
STAFF ASSISTED RATE CASE

I. GENERAL DATA

A. Name of Utility: **Alturas Water, LLC**

B. Address: **5911 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, FL 34652**

Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

County: **Polk**

Nearest City: **Lake Wales, FL**

General Area Served: **Alturas community**

C. Authority

Water Certificate No: **628W** Date Received:

Wastewater Certificate No: **n/a** Date Received: **n/a**

Date Utility Started Operations: Water Wastewater

D. How was system acquired? **Purchase**

If utility was purchased, date: **2018** Amount Paid: \$

Name of Seller: **Leslie Szabo**

Was seller affiliated with present owners? **No**

Did you purchase: ___Stock Assets only

E. Type of Legal Entity: **Corporation (LLC)**

F. Ownership & Officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Percent Ownership</u>
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Michael Smallridge	Managing Member	100%
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G. List of Associated Companies and Addresses:

**All companies under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC
5911 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34652**

H. If you have retained an attorney and/or a consultant to represent the utility for this application, furnish the name(s) and address(es):

II. ACCOUNTING DATA

A. Outside Accountant:

Name:
 Firm:
 Address:
 Telephone:

B. Individual to contact on accounting matters:

Name: **Marianne McDonald**
 Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

C. Location of Books and Records: **Utility Office**

D. Have you filed an Annual Report with the Commission? **Yes**

Date Last Filed: **2023**

E. Has your latest Regulatory Assessment Fee Payment been made? **Yes**

(January 30 or July 30 whichever is applicable): **Jan 30**

F. Basic Rate Base Data (Most recent two years)

1. <u>WATER</u>	2022	2023
Cost of Plant in Service	\$ 74,542	\$ 74,542
Less Accumulated Depreciation	52,487	55,476
Less Contributed Plant		
Net Owner's Investment	\$ 22,055	\$ 19,066

2. <u>WASTEWATER</u>		
Cost of Plant in Service		
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
Less Contributed Plant		
Net Owner's Investment		

G. Basic Income Statemen (Most recent two years)

1. <u>WATER</u>	2022	2023
Revenues (By Class)		
a. Residential	\$ 28,011	\$ 31,269
b. General Service	3,961	4,980
c. Other	1,506	1,209
Total Operating Revenues:	\$ 33,478	\$ 37,458

Less Expenses:

a. Salaries & Wages – Employees	\$ 8,210	\$ 8,915
b. Salaries & Wages - Officers	1,600	1,600
c. Employee Pensions & Benefits	2	6
d. Purchased Water	-	-
e. Purchased Power	1,416	2,241
f. Fuel for Power Production	-	-
g. Chemicals	1,260	2,130
h. Materials & Supplies	7,505	2,525
i. Contractual Services	15,322	8,817
j. Rents	1,458	1,155
k. Transportation Expenses	1,280	1,777
l. Insurance Expense	3,245	4,706
m. Regulatory Commission Expense	1,143	1,143
n. Bad Debt Expense	24	647
o. Miscellaneous Expense	2,643	2,953
p. Depreciation Expense	2,924	2,989
q. Property Taxes	2,196	2,439
r. Other Taxes		
s. Income Taxes		
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Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (16,752)	\$ (6,585)

2. WASTEWATER

Revenues (By Class):

- a. Residential
- b. General Service
- c. Other

Total Operating Revenues:

Less Expenses:

- a. Salaries & Wages - Employees
- b. Salaries & Wages - Officers
- c. Employee Pensions & Benefits
- d. Purchased Wastewater Treatment
- e. Sludge Removal Expense
- f. Purchased Power
- g. Fuel for Power Production
- h. Chemicals
- i. Materials & Supplies
- j. Contractual Services
- k. Rents
- l. Transportation Expenses
- m. Insurance Expense
- n. Regulatory Commission Expense
- o. Bad Debt Expense
- p. Miscellaneous Expense
- q. Depreciation Expense
- r. Amortization Expense
- s. Taxes Other Than Income
- t. Income Taxes

Operating Income (Loss)

H. Outstanding Debt:

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Date Borrowed</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
CVS Mortgage	6/15/18	\$ 13,519	6.00%	5/19/28
Capital City Bank *2345	6/20/24	\$ 10,902	8.06%	12/20/27

I. Indicate Type of Tax Return Filed:

- Form 1120 -Corporation
- Form 1120S -Subchapter S Corporation
- Form 1065 - Partnership
- Form 1040 - Schedule C - Individual (Proprietorship)

III. ENGINEERING DATA

A. Outside Engineering Consultant:

Name:
Firm:
Address:
Telephone:

B. Individual to contact on engineering matters:

Name: **Marianne McDonald**
Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

C. Is the utility under citation by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or County Health Department? If yes, explain: **No**

D. List any known service deficiencies and steps taken to remedy problems:

E. Name of plant operator(s) and DEP operator certificate number(s) held: **Consta Flow, Inc. (5025)**

F. Is the utility serving customers outside of its certificated area? If yes, explain: **No**

G. WATER

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:

a. Existing: **648,000** b. Under Construction: c. Proposed:

2. Type of treatment: **Chemical Feed**

3. Approximate average daily flow of treated water: **13,000**

4. Source of water supply: **Ground**

5. Types of chemicals used and their normal dosage rates: **Chlorine, 17 GPD**

6. Number of wells in service: **1**

Total capacity in gallons per minute (gpm): **350**

Diameter/Depth: **6**
Motor horsepower: **15 hp**
Pump capacity (gpm): **350**

7. Reservoirs and/or hydropneumatic tanks:

Description: **Steel, Ground**
Capacity: **3,000 gal**

8. High service pumping:

Motor horsepower:
Pump capacity (gpm):

9. How do you measure treatment plant production? **Meter**

10. Approximate feet of water mains:

Size (diameter):

Linear feet:

11. Note any fire flow requirements and imposing government agency:

12. Number of fire hydrants in service: **0**

13. Do you have a meter change out program? **No**

14. Meter installation or tap in fees – Water **\$15.00**

15. Service availability fees – Water \$

16. Has the existing treatment facility been approved by DEP? **Yes**

17. Total gallons pumped during most recent twelve months: **4,933,000 gal**

18. Total gallons sold during most recent twelve months: **3,010,000 gal**

19. Gallons unaccounted for during most recent twelve months: **1,761,000 gal**

20. Gallons purchased during most recent twelve months: **0**

G. WASTEWATER

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities:

a. Existing:

b. Under Construction:

c. Proposed:

2. Type and make of present treatment facilities:

3. Approximate average daily flow of treatment plant effluent:

4. Approximate length of wastewater mains:

Size (diameter): Collection Force
Linear feet:

5. Number of manholes:

6. Number of lift stations:

7. How do you measure treatment plant effluent?

8. Is the treatment plant effluent chlorinated? If yes, what is the normal dosage rate?

9. Tap in fees – Wastewater:

10. Service availability fees – Wastewater:

11. DEP Treatment Plant Certificate: Number: Expiration date:

12. Total gallons treated during most recent twelve months:

13. Wastewater treatment purchased during most recent twelve months:

IV. RATE DATA

A. Individual to contact on tariff matters: Name: **Marianne McDonald**
Telephone: **(512) 694-8406**

B. Schedule of present rates (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed)

1. WATER

(See attached Tariff sheets effective June 1, 2024)

- a. Residential Water:
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other – Specify

2. WASTEWATER

- a. Residential Water:
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other – Specify

C. Number of Customers (*Most recent two years*)

1. <u>WATER Metered</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
a. Residential	53	53
b. General Service	8	8
c. Special Contract		
d. Other - Specify		

2. <u>WATER Unmetered</u>		
a. Residential		
b. General Service		
c. Special Contract		
d. Other - Specify		

3. <u>WASTEWATER</u>		
a. Residential		
b. General Service		
c. Special Contract		
d. Other - Specify		

GENERAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE (GS)

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
APPLICABILITY - For water service to all Customers for which no other schedule applies.
LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATE -

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 18.12
3/4"	\$ 27.18
1"	\$ 45.30
1 1/2"	\$ 90.60
2"	\$ 144.96
3"	\$ 289.92
4"	\$ 453.00
6"	\$ 906.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 8.17

MINIMUM CHARGE - Base Facility Charge
TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered. In accordance with Rule 25-30.320, Florida Administrative Code, if a Customer is delinquent in paying the bill for water service, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE - June 1, 2024
TYPE OF FILING - 2024 Price Index

WS-2024-0027

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE
ISSUING OFFICER
SOLE MANAGING MEMBER
TITLE

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE (RS)

- AVAILABILITY – Available throughout the area served by the Company.
- APPLICABILITY – For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.
- LIMITATIONS – Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD – Monthly

RATE –

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V. AFFIRMATION

I, **Marianne McDonald** the undersigned owner, officer, or partner of the above-named public utility, doing business in the State of Florida and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission, certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Signed 

Title CFO

Notice: Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that any person who knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

MODERN WELDING COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.

P.O. BOX 568678, ORLANDO, FL, 32856

Tel.: (407) 843-1270 - Fax: (407) 423-8187

FABRICATORS OF METAL PRODUCTS

Date: 08/02/24

To: Florida Utility Services

Date: 2-Aug-24

Attn: Mike Smallridge

From: Greg Caton

Email: mike@fus1llc.com

E-Mail: gcaton@modweldco.com

Phone: 352-302-7406

No. of Pages: 1

Fax: _____

(Including this cover sheet)

WE PROPOSE TO QUOTE:

QUOTE #: **8.02.24-1R1**

(1) 3,000 Gallon Capacity - 60" diameter x 20'-0 long shell length - horizontal - aboveground - hydropneumatic tank - carbon steel material - 100 P.S.I. design pressure @ -20°F / 150°F metal design temperature - Fabrication in accordance to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1 - (Not ASME Stamped - Tank Not to have third party inspection / testing or certification) - interior surfaces: interior surfaces epoxy coated for potable water - exterior surfaces: blast + epoxy primer + urethane finish coat - (1) 14" x 18" elliptical manway - (2) 4" dia. - 150# RFSO flanged nozzles - (2) 2" dia. // (4) 1" dia. // (2) 3/4" dia. - 3000# CPLG's - (2) 60" dia. plate saddles x 12" high, welded to the tank - tank weight {empty}: 5,800 lbs. (includes weight of (2) saddles)

Price Each Tank (taxes are not included)... \$ 32,278.00

Prices does not include any accessories other than stated above.
Freight Terms: Ex-Works our facility Orlando, FL // Price includes freight cost to Polk Co., FL.

Payment Terms: 50% deposit due prior to material ordering & fabrication. Balance due at completion of fabrication.

{Modern Welding Company of Florida, Inc. is hereafter referred to MWCF}

Due to current steel industry volatility, the pricing offered in this quotation is subject to adjustment, without markup, based on material cost increases occurring between the date of quotation and time MWCF receives the signed approval drawings and the deposit. We regret the necessity of this action and will discontinue said practice as market conditions permit.

Fabrication lead time approximately (16 to 17) weeks after MWCF receives signed approval drawing & deposit.

This transaction is governed by Seller's Terms and Conditions of Sale attached hereto and/or located at the website indicated below.

ANY ADDITIONAL AND/OR DIFFERENT TERMS PROPOSED BY BUYER ARE DEEMED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS AND ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY REJECTED.

Seller's website: <https://www.modweldco.com/terms-and-conditions-of-sale>

Price and lead time is subject to review after MWCF receives the signed approval drawings and the deposit.

MWCF does not supply any appurtenances, anchor bolts, valves, piping or accessories.

MWCF does not provide engineered stamped drawings or structural calculations.

MWCF does not provide offloading or installation services.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES
Cost Justification

Requesting the amounts approved for Pinecrest Utilities LLC, SARC Docket No. 20230071-WU:

Violation Reconnection Charge.....	\$69.00
Investigation of Meter Tampering Charge.....	\$50.00

Actual Costs

Meter Tampering Charge.....	Actual Cost
Initial Connection Charge.....	Actual Cost

Calculations for Charges

Requesting for Normal Reconnection Charge.....	\$34.50
Requesting for Premises Visit Charge.....	\$34.50

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Cost
Mileage	Round trip miles from FUS maintenance building to ALT calculated at the 2024 IRS mileage rate	11.00	0.67	7.37
Labor - Tech	Driving time round trip from FUS to ALT customer (hourly)	0.30	26.10	7.83
Labor - Tech	Repair at location (hourly)	0.50	26.10	13.05
Labor - CSR	Customer Service Manager phone call with customer and process the charge to customer billing account (hourly)	0.25	25.30	6.33
TOTAL				34.58

Requesting for Late Payment Charge.....	\$7.00
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Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Cost
Office Supply	Paper & Envelope	1.00	0.08	0.08
Office Supply	Postage	1.00	0.66	0.66
Labor - CSR	Customer Service Manager phone call with customer and process the charge to customer billing account (hourly)	0.25	25.30	6.33
TOTAL				7.07

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The Company may charge the following miscellaneous service charges in accordance with the terms stated herein. If both water and wastewater services are provided, only a single charge is appropriate unless circumstances beyond the control of the Company require multiple actions.

INITIAL CONNECTION - This charge may be levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously.

NORMAL RECONNECTION - This charge may be levied for transfer of service to a new Customer account at a previously served location or reconnection of service subsequent to a Customer requested disconnection.

VIOLATION RECONNECTION - This charge may be levied prior to reconnection of an existing Customer after disconnection of service for cause according to Rule 25-30.320(2), Florida Administrative Code, including a delinquency in bill payment.

PREMISES VISIT CHARGE (IN LIEU OF DISCONNECTION) - This charge may be levied when a service representative visits a premises for the purpose of discontinuing service for nonpayment of a due and collectible bill and does not discontinue service because the Customer pays the service representative or otherwise makes satisfactory arrangements to pay the bill.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE - This charge would be levied when a customer's billing account is not paid timely and is therefore delinquent.

Schedule of Miscellaneous Service Charges

Initial Connection Charge	\$15.00
Normal Reconnection Charge	\$15.00
Violation Reconnection Charge	\$15.00
Premises Visit Charge (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00
Late Payment Charge	\$ 5.50

EFFECTIVE DATE - July 29, 2019

TYPE OF FILING - Transfer Certificate

WS-2019-0073

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE
ISSUING OFFICER

SOLE MANAGING MEMBER
TITLE