



# Florida Public Service Commission

# **SPECIAL REPORT**

APRIL 2014

Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by

## **Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.**

DOCKET NO. 130243-WS

*On September 30, 2013, Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. (Lake Placid) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a staff-assisted rate case to increase its water and wastewater rates. Lake Placid provides service to approximately 120 water and wastewater customers in Highlands County.*

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Lake Placid's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about Lake Placid and the rate-setting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

#### **2 Why is Lake Placid requesting a rate increase?**

Lake Placid is requesting a rate increase to cover increasing operating costs.

#### **3 When was Lake Placid's last rate case?**

Lake Placid's last rate case was in 2011.

#### **CUSTOMER MEETING**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

Deeann Lakefront Estates Clubhouse  
409 Stephen Drive  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

#### **4 How much are the current monthly water and wastewater bills for a customer using 6,000 gallons of water per month?**

Currently, the monthly water bill for a customer using 6,000 gallons per month is

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\$48.65 and the wastewater bill is \$48.44.

**5 Using PSC Staff's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water and wastewater bill for a customer using 6,000 gallons be?**

Under PSC Staff's proposal, the water and wastewater bills would be \$63.05 and \$52.82, 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 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:

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

The PSC will also accept faxes and e-mails.

Fax number: 1-800-511-0809

Internet e-mail address:  
[contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us)

Please be sure to include the  
Docket Number, **130243-WS**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Lake Placid's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

**7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?**

For technical questions, contact:

Matthew Vogel  
(850) 413-6453

Lydia Roberts  
(850) 413-6877

Melinda Watts  
(850) 413-6952

For legal questions, contact:

Lee Eng Tan  
(850) 413-6185

**8 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?**

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com). Click on **Clerk's Office/Dockets** and then type in the Docket Number, **130243-WS**.

**9 When will the PSC make a decision?**

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on May 22, 2014. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the June 5, 2014 Commission Conference.

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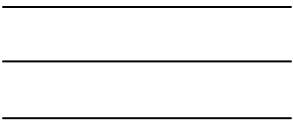
## Lake Placid Utilities Monthly Water Service Rates

	Utility Present Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$13.85	\$17.81
3/4"	\$20.78	\$26.72
1"	\$34.63	\$44.53
1 1/2"	\$69.26	\$89.05
2"	\$110.81	\$142.48
3"	\$221.63	\$284.96
4"	\$346.30	\$445.25
6"	\$692.60	\$890.50
Charge per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.80	\$7.54
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
2,000 gallons	\$25.45	\$32.89
6,000 gallons	\$48.65	\$63.05
8,000 gallons	\$60.25	\$78.13

## Lake Placid Utilities Monthly Wastewater Service Rates

	Utility Present Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$13.94	\$14.18
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential* *6,000 gallon cap	\$5.75	\$6.44
Flat Rate	\$27.72	\$25.73
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$13.94	\$14.18
3/4"	\$20.90	\$21.27
1"	\$34.82	\$35.45
1 1/2"	\$69.65	\$70.90
2"	\$111.44	\$113.44
3"	\$222.87	\$226.88
4"	\$348.24	\$354.50
6"	\$696.46	\$709.00
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$6.90	\$7.73
<b><u>Bulk Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge - Deeann Estates	\$474.62	\$476.45
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.52	\$6.19
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
2,000 gallons	\$25.44	\$27.06
6,000 gallons	\$48.44	\$52.82
8,000 gallons	\$48.44	\$52.82





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