



Florida Public Service Commission

SPECIAL REPORT

MARCH 2016

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Brevard County by

Aquarina Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 150010-WS

On February 25, 2015, Aquarina Utilities, Inc. (Aquarina) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a staff-assisted rate case. Aquarina provides service to approximately 295 water and wastewater, and 23 wastewater only customers in Brevard County. In addition, approximately 111 customers receive non-potable irrigation service.

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 customer feedback about Aquarina and the rate-setting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration when the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

2 Why is Aquarina requesting a rate increase?

Aquarina is requesting a rate increase in order to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was Aquarina's last approved rate increase?

Aquarina's current rates were established by the Commission in 2011.

CUSTOMER MEETING

**Thursday, March 10, 2016
2:00 P.M.**

Aquarina Community Center
Conference Room
450 Aquarina Blvd.
Melbourne Beach, Florida

4 How much are the average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons are \$40.01 and \$36.50 respectively.

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

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5 Using PSC staff's preliminary recommended rates, how much would the average monthly water and wastewater bills be for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer would be \$62.03 and \$45.68 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 emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **150010-WS**.

Customer comments are placed on the consumer 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 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:

Sonica Bruce
(850) 413-6994

Clayton Lewis
(850) 413-6578

Curt Mouring
(850) 413-6427

For legal questions, contact:

Charles Murphy
(850) 413-6191

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

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, **150010**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on May 26, 2016. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the June 9, 2016 Commission Conference.

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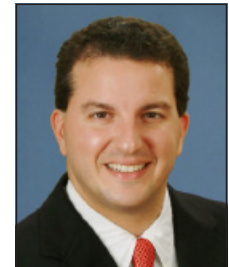
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Aquarina Utilities, Inc. Monthly Water Rates

Rates At Time Of Filing	Staff Recommended Phase I Rates	Staff Recommended Phase II Rates
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Residential Service

Base Facility Charge by Meter Size

5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.16	\$27.32	\$28.69
3/4"	\$28.74	\$40.98	\$43.04
1"	\$47.90	\$68.30	\$71.73
1 1/2"	\$95.79	\$136.60	\$143.45
2"	\$153.27	\$218.56	\$229.52
3"	\$306.55	\$437.12	\$459.04
4"	\$478.96	\$683.00	\$717.25
6"	\$957.93	\$1,366.00	\$1,434.50

Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General	\$6.95		
0 -3,000 gallons		\$11.57	\$12.15
Over 3,000 gallons		\$13.60	\$14.28

Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service		\$11.94	\$12.54
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Irrigation Service

Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$0.78	\$1.11	\$1.15
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Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison

3,000 Gallons	\$40.01	\$62.03	\$65.14
6,000 Gallons	\$60.86	\$102.83	\$107.98
8,000 Gallons	\$74.76	\$130.03	\$136.54

Aquarina Utilities, Inc. Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Rates At Time Of Filing	Staff Recommended Phase I Rates	Staff Recommended Phase II Rates
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Residential Service

Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$22.13	\$24.80	\$25.54
Charge Per 1,000 gallons			
8,000 gallon cap	\$4.79		
6,000 gallon cap		\$6.96	\$7.17
Flat Rate Service	\$34.69	\$39.83	\$41.02

General Service

Base Facility Charge by Meter Size

5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.13	\$24.80	\$25.54
3/4"	\$33.16	\$37.20	\$38.31
1"	\$55.28	\$62.00	\$63.85
1 1/2"	\$110.56	\$124.00	\$127.70
2"	\$176.90	\$198.40	\$204.32
3"	\$353.81	\$396.80	\$408.64
4"	\$552.83	\$620.00	\$638.50
6"	\$1,105.67	\$1,240.00	\$1,277.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.76	\$8.36	\$8.61

Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison

2,000 Gallons	\$31.71	\$38.72	\$39.88
6,000 Gallons	\$50.87	\$66.56	\$68.56
8,000 Gallons	\$60.45	\$66.56	\$68.56

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