



Florida Public Service Commission

RATE CASE OVERVIEW

MARCH 2017

Application for increase in wastewater rates in Gulf County by

ESAD Enterprises d/b/a Beaches Sewer System

DOCKET NO. 160165-SU

On July 12, 2016, ESAD Enterprises d/b/a Beaches Sewer System (Beaches) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in wastewater rates. Beaches provides wastewater service to approximately 300 wastewater customers in Gulf County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Beaches' rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow customer feedback about Beaches 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 Beaches requesting a rate increase?

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

3 When was Beaches' last approved rate increase?

The last PSC staff-assisted rate case for this system occurred in 1988.

4 How much is the current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer?

The current monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer is \$32.20.

5 Using staff's preliminary rates, how much would the monthly wastewater bill be for a residential customer?

The monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer would be \$39.81.

CUSTOMER MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Gulf County School Board
Administrative Office
150 Middle School Road
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under Hot Topics 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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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, **160165-SU**.

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 Beaches' 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:

Marissa Friedrich
(850) 413-6473

Traci Matthews
(850) 413-6682

Todd Brown
(850) 413-6550

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 **160165**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on April 21, 2017. The Commissioners are tentatively expected to vote on this matter at the May 4, 2017 Commission Conference.

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ESAD Enterprises d/b/a Beaches Sewer System
Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Flat Rate	\$32.20	\$39.81

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