

Application for increase in water rates in Alachua County by

Gator Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20190114-WU

On May 13, 2019, Gator Waterworks, Inc. (Gator Waterworks) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in water rates. Gator Waterworks provides water service to approximately 330 residential customers and 4 general service customers in Alachua County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Gator Waterworks' rate request, the Commission staff will conduct a customer meeting to allow feedback about Gator Waterworks and the rate-setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

CUSTOMER MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Headquarters Branch Library 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601

2 Why is Gator Waterworks requesting a rate increase?

Gator Waterworks is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was Gator Waterworks' last approved rate increase?

Gator Waterworks' has not had a staff-assisted rate case proceeding. However, there have been three price index increases.

4 How much is the current monthly water bill for a residential customer of Gator Waterworks using 5,000 gallons?

The utility's current monthly water bill for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons is \$11.54.

If canceled, 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.

5 Using staff's recommended rates, how much would the monthly water bill be for a residential customer of Gator Waterworks using 5,000 gallons?

Using staff's recommended rates, the monthly water bill for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons would be \$48.75.

6 What if I cannot attend the customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested 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, **20190114-WU**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Gator Waterworks' 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

Kordell Wilson (850) 413-6447

For legal questions, contact:

Margo DuVal (850) 413-6076

8 Can I obtain more detailed information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at <u>www.FloridaPSC.com</u>. Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number **20190114**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on January 23, 2020. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the February 4, 2020 Commission Conference.

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COMMISSIONER Gary F. Clark

10,000 Gallons



COMMISSIONER Julie I. Brown



CHAIRMAN Art Graham



COMMISSIONER

\$22.66

\$99.55

\$16.14



COMMISSIONER Donald J. Polmann Andrew Giles Fay

Gator Waterworks, Inc. Monthly Water Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
Residential and General Service			
Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes	\$6.94	\$9.76	N/A
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	N/A	\$14.90
3/4"	N/A	N/A	\$22.35
1"	N/A	N/A	\$37.25
1 1/2"	N/A	N/A	\$74.50
2"	N/A	N/A	\$119.20
3"	N/A	N/A	\$238.40
4"	N/a	N/A	\$372.50
6"			\$745.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential	\$0.92	\$1.29	N/A
0-5,000 Gallons	N/A	N/A	\$6.77
5,001-10,000 Gallons	N/A	N/A	\$10.16
Over 10,000 Gallons	N/A	N/A	\$13.54
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Ser- vice	\$0.92	\$1.29	\$7.07
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill C</u>	Comparison		
5,000 Gallons	\$11.54	\$16.21	\$48.75
8,000 Gallons	\$14.30	\$20.08	\$79.23

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Address _____

To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

CUSTOMER	COMMENTS

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