



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

JANUARY 2022

Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by

Environmental Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20200226-SU

On October 13, 2020, Environmental Utilities, LLC (Environmental or Utility) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an original certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County. The proposed service area includes the barrier islands of Little Gasparilla Island, Don Pedro Island, and Knight Island.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Why is Environmental requesting a certificate to provide wastewater service?

Environmental is requesting a certificate to provide wastewater service to customers of the barrier islands of Little Gasparilla Island, Don Pedro Island, and Knight Island, who are currently served by septic systems.

2 Is there an opportunity for public input on this original certificate request?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Environmental's request, Commission staff will conduct two service hearings to allow feedback about Environmental's original certificate request. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners will attend and participate during the service hearings.

Customers may register to speak at the service hearing in one of three ways. First, a customer may register using the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.floridapsc.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading. Second, customers may register to speak by calling the PSC at 1-850-413-7080 or by emailing speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us. Last, if you do not register to speak prior to the service hearing, you may register when you arrive at the venue.

Electronic and telephonic registration will be available beginning January 20, 2022 at 9 a.m.

EST, and the deadline to register, electronically or telephonically, is noon EST two business days prior to each service hearing. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register.

SERVICE HEARINGS

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

**RL Anderson Administration Center
4000 S Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34293**

3 What if I cannot attend the service hearings 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 service hearings 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

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If cancelled, notice of service hearing 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.

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us.

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20200226-SU**.

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

4 How much would the the current monthly bill be for a residential customer of Environmental using 4,000 gallons?

The current monthly bill for a residential customer of Environmental using 4,000 gallons would be \$256.66.

5 Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Public Service Commission?

The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility customers before the Commission and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accountable only to the people of the state of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

6 Can I obtain more detailed information online?

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 20200226.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Donald Phillips
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 - 6974

Sonica Bruce
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 - 6994

Wesley Thurmond
Accounting
(850) 413 - 6443

For legal questions, contact:

Jennifer Crawford
(850) 216-1808

8 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on April 21, 2022. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the May 3, 2022 Commission Conference.

9 How can I follow the Commission Conference?

You can watch the virtual customer meeting and Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. An audio only option is available by dialing 850-413-7999. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

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Environmental Utilities, LLC Monthly Wastewater Bills

	Utility's Proposed Initial Rates
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<u>Residential Service</u>	
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes:	\$112.78
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service (10,000 gallon cap)	\$35.97
<u>General Service</u>	
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$112.78
3/4"	\$169.16
1"	\$281.94
1 1/2" Turbine	\$563.88
2" Turbine	\$902.20
3" Turbine	\$1,973.56
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$43.16
<u>Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill at Varying Usage Levels</u>	
4,000 gallons	\$256.66
10,000 gallons	\$472.48
14,000 gallons	\$472.48
<u>Miscellaneous Service Charges</u>	
Initial Connection	\$30.00
Normal Reconnection	\$30.00
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost
Premise Visit Charge	\$30.00
Late Payment Fee	\$7.50
Bad Check Charge	Pursuant to 68.065(2), F.S.
<u>Service Availability Charges</u>	
Sewer Lateral Installation Charge	\$1,292.85
Main Extension Charge	\$11,928.00

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