



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

May 2023

Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Hardee County by

Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

On November 7, 2022, Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC (Charlie Creek or Utility) filed an application for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. Charlie Creek is a Class C utility providing water service to 165 residential and one general service customer in Hardee County. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company.

Questions & Answers

1 Why is Charlie Creek requesting a rate increase?

Charlie Creek is requesting a rate increase to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding.

2 When was Charlie Creek's last approved rate increase?

Charlie Creek's last rate case was approved in 2017. However, the utility has had four price index price adjustments.

3 What if I wish to provide input on the proposed rate increases?

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information regarding the proposed rate increase should do so in one of the four ways (letter, email, phone, or website) as described below:

- Mail comments to:

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

- Email comments to clerk@psc.state.fl.us.
- Submit and return the comment card attached to the Notice and available on the Commission's website.
- Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Charlie's Creek Utilities, LLC." Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Charlie Creek'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 is the current and proposed monthly water bill for a Charlie Creek residential customer using 4,000 gallons?

The current monthly water bill for a Charlie Creek residential customer using 4,000 gallons is \$35.02. The proposed monthly water bill would be \$42.03.

5 Can I obtain more 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 20220185.

6 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 Office of 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.

* Any email or other correspondence sent to a Florida Public Service Commissioner, or any other public official and/or employee of the PSC, in the transaction of public business is considered a public record and is subject to Florida's Public Records Law. This means that Florida law generally requires the PSC to provide a copy of any such email or correspondence, upon request, for inspection and copying to any Florida citizen or to any member of the media.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Greg Davis
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 - 6582

Christopher Richards
Accounting
(850) 413 - 6742

Terence Bethea
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 - 6435

For legal questions, contact:

Timothy Sparks
(850) 413 – 6216

8 When will the PSC make a decision?

PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on June 1, 2023. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the June 13, 2023 Commission Conference.

9 How can I follow the customer meeting and Commission Conference?

You can watch the customer meeting and Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the “Watch Live and Archived PSC Events” 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).

If cancelled, notice of customer 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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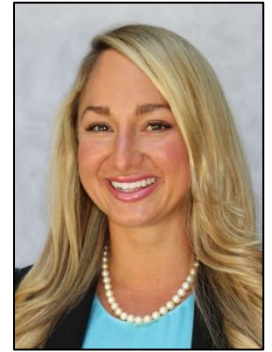
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Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC

Current and Proposed Monthly Water Rates	Utility's Current Rates	Utility's Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$17.46	\$20.95
3/4"	\$26.19	\$31.43
1"	\$43.65	\$52.38
1-1/2"	\$87.30	\$104.76
2"	\$139.68	\$167.62
3"	\$279.36	\$335.23
4"	\$436.50	\$523.80
6"	\$873.00	\$1,047.60
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 – 4,000 gallons	\$4.39	\$5.27
Over 4,000 gallons	\$5.51	\$6.61
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
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