



# Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

May 2023

Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Polk County by

West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

On November 7, 2022, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC (WL) 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. WL is a Class C utility providing service in Polk County to 316 wastewater residential customers and 1 general service customer. The City of Lakeland provides water service to the customers. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company.

## Questions & Answers

### 1 Why is WL requesting a rate increase?

People's 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 WL's last approved rate increase?

WL's last rate case was approved in 2019. However, the utility has had two price index rate adjustments.

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:tsparks@psc.state.fl.us) prior to June 13, 2023.

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC" Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider WL'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 are the current and proposed monthly wastewater bills for a WL residential customer using 4,000 gallons?

The current monthly wastewater bill for a WL residential customer using 4,000 gallons is \$43.68. The proposed monthly wastewater bill would be \$52.43.

### 5 Can I obtain more information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com). Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20220185.

### 6 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

\* 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.

Sonica Bruce  
Rates and Charges  
(850) 413 - 6994

For legal questions, contact:

Matthew Jones  
(850) 413 - 6082

## **7 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](http://www.floridaopc.gov).

## **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](http://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](http://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.

## *PSC Commissioners*



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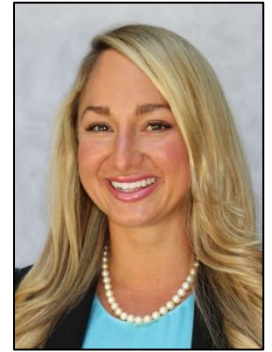
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### West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC

<b>Current and Proposed Monthly Wastewater Rates</b>	<b>Utility's Current Rates</b>	<b>Utility's Proposed Rates</b>
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>		
All Meter Sizes	\$17.56	\$21.07
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallonage cap)	\$6.53	\$7.84
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X3/4"	\$17.56	\$21.07
3/4"	\$26.34	\$31.61
1"	\$43.90	\$52.68
1-1/2"	\$87.80	\$105.36
2"	\$140.48	\$168.58
3"	\$280.96	\$337.15
4"	\$439.00	\$526.80
6"	\$878.00	\$1053.60
8"	\$1,404.80	\$1,685.76
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.83	\$9.40

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