



Florida Public Service Commission

RATE CASE OVERVIEW

JULY 2026

Application for staff-assisted rate case by

Buttonwood Bay Utilities

DOCKET NO. 20250122-WS

On October 3, 2025, Sun Communities Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Buttonwood Bay Utilities (Buttonwood or Utility) filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC or Commission) seeking a staff-assisted rate case for its water and wastewater systems. Buttonwood provides service to 885 water and 868 wastewater customers in Highlands County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Why is Buttonwood requesting a rate increase?

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

2. When was Buttonwood's last approved rate case?

Buttonwood's rate base was last established in 2002.

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of Buttonwood's request, Commission staff will conduct a virtual customer meeting to allow feedback about Buttonwood's quality of service 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.

Virtual Customer Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Customers may register to speak at the customer meeting in one of the following ways: (1) register using the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading, (2) call the PSC at (850) 413- 7080 or (3) email speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us.

Registration will be available beginning July 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT), and will close at noon on July 15, 2026. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register.

If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850) 413-7080. One day prior to the virtual customer meeting, customers who signed up to speak will be provided further instructions from FPSC staff on how to participate.

4. What if I cannot participate in the virtual customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wishes to comment or provide information to the Commission may:

- Email your comments to the Commission at clerk@psc.state.fl.us.
- Fill out and return, by US Mail, email, or online submission, the "Comment Card" attached to this notice. For online submissions, the "Comment Card" is located under "Hot Topics" at www.floridapsc.com and is available starting July 1, 2026, at 9 a.m.
- Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

Office of the Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Please be sure to include the docket number, 20250122.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the FPSC will also consider Buttonwood's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the FPSC's Office of Consumer Assistance at (800) 342-3552.

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5. Can I obtain more information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the FPSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20250122.

6. What is the current and proposed monthly water bill for a residential customer of Buttonwood using 5,000 gallons?

The current and proposed monthly water bill for a residential customer of Buttonwood using 5,000 gallons is \$16.17 and \$35.52, respectively.

7. What is the current and proposed monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer of Buttonwood using 4,000 gallons?

The current and proposed monthly wastewater bill for a residential customer of Buttonwood using 4,000 gallons is \$15.25 and \$21.45, respectively.

8. Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

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

Matthew Sibley
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 – 6516

Joshua Cohn
Accounting
(850) 413 – 6068

For legal questions, contact:

Timothy Sparks
(850) 413 - 6216

9. Who provides legal representation for customers on utility related matters before the FPSC?

The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) 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. OPC is independent from the Commission, and accountable only to the people of the State of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach OPC at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

10. When will the FPSC make a decision?

FPSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on September 24, 2026. The Commissioners are expected to vote on the recommendation at the October 6, 2026, Commission Conference.

11. How can I follow the customer meeting and Commission Conference?

You can watch the customer meeting and Commission Conference live from the FPSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived FPSC 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 FPSC 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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Buttonwood Monthly Water Rates

	Utility Current Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$10.72	\$16.87
3/4"	N/A	\$25.31
1"	\$26.80	\$42.18
1-1/2"	\$53.60	\$84.35
2"	\$85.76	\$134.96
3"	\$171.52	\$269.92
4"	\$268.00	\$421.75
6"	\$536.00	\$843.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential & General Service		
0 - 4,000 gallons	N/A	\$3.39
4,001 - 10,000 gallons	N/A	\$5.09
Over 10,000 gallons	N/A	\$5.93
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service		
	N/A	\$4.16
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
5,000 Gallons	\$16.17	\$35.52
10,000 Gallons	\$21.62	\$60.97
15,000 Gallons	\$27.07	\$90.62

Buttonwood Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Utility Current Rates	Staff Recommended Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$11.01	\$12.13
Charge per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallon cap)	\$1.06	N/A
Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000 gallon cap)	N/A	\$2.33
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.01	\$12.13
3/4"	N/A	\$18.20
1"	\$27.53	\$30.33
1-1/2"	\$55.05	\$60.65
2"	\$88.08	\$97.04
3"	\$176.16	\$194.08
4"	\$275.25	\$303.25
6"	\$550.50	\$606.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$1.06	\$2.79
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
4,000 Gallons	\$15.25	\$21.45
8,000 Gallons	\$17.37	\$30.77
10,000 Gallons	\$17.37	\$35.43

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CUSTOMER COMMENTS

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