



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

September 2022

Application for increase in water rates in Marion County by
Leighton Estates Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220026 – WU

On January 27, 2022, Leighton Estates Utilities, LLC (Leighton or Utility) filed an application for an increase in water rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). Leighton is a Class C water utility serving 80 residential customers in Marion County.

Questions & Answers

1 Why is Leighton requesting a rate increase?

Leighton 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.

2 When was Leighton's last approved rate increase?

Leighton has not had a prior rate case before the Commission. However, Leighton has had two prior price index rate increases.

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

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

To speak at the virtual customer meeting, a customer must sign up via the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading on the home page. Customers without internet access can sign up to speak by calling the PSC at (850) 413-7080. Registration will open beginning August 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EDT, and the deadline to sign up is September 10, 2022 at noon. EDT.

One day prior to the meeting, speakers will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

4 What if I cannot attend the virtual 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 virtual customer 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, **20220026-WU**.

VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

**Monday, September 12, 2022
2:00 p.m. EDT**

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.

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

5 How much is the current and proposed monthly bill for a Leighton residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

The current monthly bill for a customer using 3,000 gallons is \$26.98. The proposed monthly bill would be \$56.87.

6 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 20220026.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Terence Bethea
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 – 6435

Clayton Lewis
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 – 6578

Chris Richards
Accounting
(850) 413 – 6742

For legal questions, contact:

Walt Trierweiler
(850) 413 - 6584

8 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.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on November 22, 2022. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the December 6, 2022 Commission Conference.

10 How can I follow the customer service hearings and Commission Conference?

You can watch the customer service hearings 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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Leighton Estates Utilities, LLC. Monthly Water Bills

	Rates Prior to Filing	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Staff Recommended Final Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8"X3/4"	\$22.00	\$24.48	\$24.08
3/4"	N/A	N/A	\$36.12
1"	\$55.00	\$61.20	\$60.20
1-1/2"	\$110.00	\$122.40	\$120.40
2"	\$176.00	\$195.84	\$192.64
3"	N/A	N/A	\$385.28
4"	N/A	N/A	\$602.00
6"	N/A	N/A	\$1,204.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service			
0 - 4,000 gallons	N/A	N/A	\$10.93
Over 4,000 gallons	N/A	N/A	\$13.67
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service			
	\$1.66	\$1.85	\$11.18
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential and General Service			
	\$1.66	\$1.85	N/A
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$26.98	\$30.03	\$56.87
6,000 Gallons	\$31.96	\$35.58	\$95.14
10,000 Gallons	\$38.60	\$42.98	\$149.82

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