



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

November 2022

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Highlands County by
LP Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20220099 – WS

On May 17, 2022, LP Waterworks, Inc. (LP or Utility) filed an application for an increase in water rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). LP is a Class C water and wastewater utility serving 425 residential customers, 21 general service customers, and 2 fire flow customers in Highlands County.

Questions & Answers

1 Why is LP requesting a rate increase?

LP 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 LP's last approved rate increase?

The Commission last established LP's water rates in a limited alternative rate proceeding in 2019.

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

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

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 November 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., and the deadline to sign up is November 10, 2022 at noon.

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, **20220099-WS**.

VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

* 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.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider LP'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 water bills for an LP residential customer using 6,000 gallons?

The current monthly water bill for a customer using 6,000 gallons is \$61.94. The proposed monthly water bill would be \$78.84.

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 20220099.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Sonica Bruce
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 - 6994

Marissa Ramos
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 - 6473

Wesley Thurmond
Accounting
(850) 413 - 6443

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 December 29, 2022. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the January 10, 2023 Commission Conference.

10 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 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).

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.

PSC Commissioners



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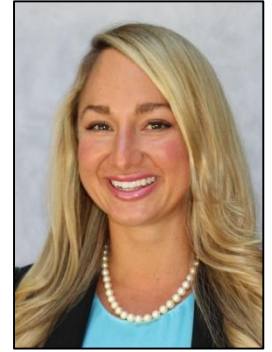
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LP Waterworks, Inc. Monthly Water Bills

	UTILITY'S EXISTING RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.78	\$14.52
3/4"	\$17.67	\$21.78
1"	\$29.45	\$36.30
1-1/2"	\$58.90	\$72.60
2"	\$94.24	\$116.16
3"	\$188.48	\$232.32
4"	\$294.50	\$363.00
6"	\$589.00	\$726.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons		
0-3,000 gallons	\$6.77	\$8.58
Over 3,000 gallons	\$9.95	\$12.86
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.78	\$14.52
3/4"	\$17.67	\$21.78
1"	\$29.45	\$36.30
1-1/2"	\$58.90	\$72.60
2"	\$94.24	\$116.16
3"	\$188.48	\$232.32
4"	\$294.50	\$363.00
6"	\$589.00	\$726.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$8.15	\$9.33

LP Waterworks, Inc. Monthly Water Bills

	UTILITY'S EXISTING RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES
<u>Private Fire Protection Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$0.98	\$0.00
3/4"	\$1.47	\$0.00
1"	\$2.45	\$0.00
1-1/2"	\$4.91	\$0.00
2"	\$7.85	\$0.00
3"	\$15.71	\$0.00
4"	\$24.54	\$0.00
6"	\$49.08	\$0.00
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
2,000 Gallons	\$25.32	\$31.68
6,000 Gallons	\$61.94	\$78.84
10,000 Gallons	\$101.74	\$130.28

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To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or scan and email to the Commission Clerk at clerk@psc.state.fl.us. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

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