



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

December 2023

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Broward County by

Royal Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20230081-WS

On August 14, 2023, Royal Waterworks, Inc., (Royal) filed an application for an increase in water and wastewater rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). Royal is a Class B water and wastewater utility providing service to 810 residential and 64 general service water and 410 residential and 64 general service wastewater customers in Broward County.

Questions & Answers

1. Why is Royal requesting a rate increase?

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of Royal's rate request, Commission staff will conduct a virtual customer meeting to allow feedback about Royal'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 on November 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and close on December 08, 2023 at noon. One day prior to the meeting, speakers will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

3. 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 20230081.

VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

**Monday, December 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

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, **20230081-WS**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Royal'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 are the current and proposed monthly water and wastewater bills for a Royal customer using 4,000 gallons?

The current monthly water and wastewater bill for a Royal customer using 4,000 gallons is \$26.97 and \$34.29. The proposed monthly water and wastewater bill for a Royal customer using 4,000 gallons would be \$39.47 and \$62.59.

* 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.

6. Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Penelope D. Buys
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413-6518

Sonica Bruce
Rates and Charges
(850) 413-6994

Christopher Richards
Accounting
850-413-6742

For legal questions, contact:

Shaw Stiller
(850)-413-6187

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.

8. When will the PSC make a decision?

PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on January 25, 2024. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the February 6, 2024 Commission Conference.

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

You can watch the virtual 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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Royal Waterworks, Inc. Monthly Water Rates

	Utility's Current Rates	Utility's Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Services</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$13.29	\$25.31
3/4"	NA	\$37.97
1"	\$90.54	\$63.28
1-1/2"	\$180.95	\$126.55
2"	\$290.04	\$202.48
3"	\$579.10	\$404.96
4"	N/A	\$632.75
6"	N/A	\$1,265.50
8"	N/A	\$2,024.80
10"	N/A	\$2,910.65
Charge, per 1,000 gallons- Residential and General Service	\$3.42	\$3.54
<u>Private Fire Protection</u>		
By Meter Size		
2"	NA	\$16.87
3"	NA	\$33.75
4"	\$27.69	\$52.73
6"	\$55.37	\$105.46
8"	NA	\$168.73
10"	NA	\$242.55
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" X 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
4,000 Gallons	\$26.97	\$39.47
6,000 Gallons	\$33.81	\$46.55
10,000 Gallons	\$47.49	\$60.71

The City of Coral Springs requires installation of 1" meters at a minimum on all water services provided by the utility. In situations where the utility believes the customer would otherwise be entitled to a 5/8" x 3/4 " meter, but for the existence of the prevailing South Florida Building Code, the utility will bill that customer at the 5/8 " rate for such service.

Royal Waterworks, Inc. Monthly Wastewater Rates		
	Utility's Current Rates	Utility's Proposed Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$13.45	\$53.31
Charge per 1,000 gallons 10,000 gallon cap	\$5.21	\$2.32
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$13.45	\$53.31
3/4"	NA	\$79.96
1"	\$95.69	\$133.26
1-1/2"	\$191.56	\$266.53
2"	\$306.19	\$426.44
3"	\$612.48	\$852.88
4"	NA	\$1,332.63
6"	NA	\$2,665.26
8"	NA	\$4,264.42
10"	NA	\$6,130.10
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.22	\$2.78
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" X 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
4,000 Gallons	\$34.29	\$62.59
6,000 Gallons	\$44.71	\$67.23
10,000 Gallons	\$65.55	\$76.51

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