



Florida Public Service Commission

SPECIAL REPORT

JULY 2016

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Lee and Pasco Counties by

Ni Florida, LLC

DOCKET NO. 160030-WS

On April 4, 2015, Ni Florida, LLC (Ni Florida) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in water and wastewater rates. Ni Florida provides water service to 743 customers in Lee County and wastewater service to 2,749 customers in Pasco County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Ni Florida's rate request, the Commission staff will conduct customer meetings to allow customer feedback about Ni Florida and the rate-setting process. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration when the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meetings.

CUSTOMER MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

6:00 P.M.

West Pasco Government Center
Commission Chambers Board Room
8731 Citizens Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34654

Thursday, July 28, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Friendship Hall at Tamiami Village
16555-A North Cleveland Avenue
North Ft. Myers, FL 33903

2 Why is Ni Florida requesting a rate increase?

Ni Florida is requesting a rate increase in order to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

3 When was Ni Florida's last approved rate increase?

Ni Florida's last approved rate increase was in 2013.

4 How much are the average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons are \$36.49 and \$48.93 respectively.

5 Using Ni Florida's requested final rates, how much would the average monthly water and wastewater bills be for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons?

The average monthly water and wastewater bills for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons would be \$37.81 and \$51.80 respectively.

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link 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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6 What if I cannot attend the customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the 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, **160030-WS**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Ni Florida'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.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Sonica Bruce
(850) 413-6994

Adam Hill
(850) 413-6425

Todd Brown
(850) 413-6550

For legal questions, contact:

Kyesha Mapp
(850) 413-6320

8 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

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 **160030**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on September 29, 2016. The Commissioners are tentatively expected to vote on this matter at the October 11, 2016 Commission Conference.

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Ni Florida, LLC Monthly Water Rates

	Utility Current Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Utility Requested Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.64	\$17.71	\$18.34
3/4"	\$18.96	\$26.57	\$27.52
1"	\$31.60	\$44.28	\$45.86
1 1/2"	\$63.21	\$88.55	\$91.73
2"	\$101.13	\$141.68	\$146.76
3"	\$202.27	\$283.36	\$293.54
4"	\$316.04	\$442.75	\$458.65
6"	\$632.08	\$885.50	\$917.29
8"	\$1,011.20	\$1,416.80	\$1,467.48
 RV Park	 \$1,324.36	 \$1,855.69	 \$1,921.95
 Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential			
0-3,000 gallons	\$4.47	\$6.26	\$6.49
3,001-6,000 gallons	\$5.66	\$7.93	\$8.21
Over 6,000 gallons	\$7.88	\$11.04	\$11.44
 Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	 \$4.81	 \$6.74	 \$6.98
 <u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$26.05	\$36.49	\$37.81
5,000 Gallons	\$37.37	\$52.35	\$54.23
10,000 Gallons	\$74.55	\$104.44	\$108.20

Ni Florida, LLC Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Utility Current Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Utility Requested Rates
<u>Residential</u>			
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$20.95	\$24.66	\$26.12
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 8,000 gallon cap	\$6.87	\$8.09	\$8.56
<u>General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$20.95	\$24.66	\$26.12
3/4"	\$31.43	\$36.99	\$39.18
1"	\$52.38	\$61.65	\$65.30
1 1/2"	\$105.46	\$123.30	\$130.60
2"	\$167.64	\$197.28	\$208.96
3"	\$335.27	\$394.56	\$391.80
4"	\$523.86	\$616.50	\$653.00
6"	\$1,047.73	\$1,233.00	\$1,306.00
8"	\$1,676.37	\$1,972.80	\$2,089.60
10"	\$2,409.78	\$2,835.90	
Bulk Service	\$523.86	\$616.50	\$653.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$8.24	\$9.70	\$10.27
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$41.56	\$48.93	\$51.80
5,000 Gallons	\$55.30	\$65.11	\$68.92
10,000 Gallons	\$75.91	\$89.38	\$94.60

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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 fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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