



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

FEBRUARY 2019

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

LP Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20180215-WS

On November 26, 2018, LP Waterworks, Inc. (LP) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for an increase in water and wastewater rates. LP provides water service to approximately 440 residential customers and wastewater service to approximately 390 residential customers in Highlands County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

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

2 Why is LP requesting a rate increase?

LP 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 LP's last approved rate increase?

LP's last approved rate increase was in 2016.

4 How much is the current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer of LP using 3,000 gallons?

The utility's current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons is \$26.83 and \$32.19, respectively.

CUSTOMER MEETING

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019
3:00 p.m.**

Lake View Clubhouse
231 Shoreline Drive
Lake Placid, FL 33852

If canceled, notice of 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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5 Using the utility's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water and wastewater bill be for a residential customer of LP using 3,000 gallons?

Using the utility's proposed rates, the monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 3,000 gallons would be \$38.09 and \$45.70, respectively.

6 What if I cannot attend the 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 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, **20180215-WS**.

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 1-800-342-3552.

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Lee Smith
(850) 413-7003

Matthew Sibley
(850) 413-6516

Jeff Doehling
(850) 413-6127

For legal questions, contact:

Rachael Dziechciarz
(850) 413-6212

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 **20180215**.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on March 21, 2019. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the April 2, 2019 Commission Conference.

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LP Waterworks, Inc. - Monthly Water Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Utility Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$9.85	\$11.82
3/4"	\$14.78	\$17.73
1"	\$24.63	\$29.55
1 1/2"	\$49.26	\$59.10
2"	\$78.82	\$94.56
3"	\$157.65	\$189.12
4"	\$246.32	\$295.50
6"	\$492.65	\$591.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential		
0-3,000 gallons	\$5.66	\$6.79
Over 3,000 gallons	\$8.32	\$9.99
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service		
	\$6.81	\$8.18
<u>Private Fire Protection Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$0.82	\$0.99
3/4"	\$1.23	\$1.47
1"	\$2.05	\$2.46
1 1/2"	\$4.11	\$4.93
2"	\$6.57	\$7.88
3"	\$13.14	\$15.77
4"	\$20.53	\$24.64
6"	\$41.05	\$49.26
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
3,000 gallons	\$26.83	\$32.19
6,000 gallons	\$51.79	\$62.16
8,000 gallons	\$68.43	\$82.14

LP Waterworks, Inc. - Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Rates at Time of Filing	Utility Proposed Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes	\$14.93	\$17.92
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential 6,000 gallon cap	\$7.72	\$9.26
<u>General Service</u>		
6,000 gallon cap		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$14.93	\$17.92
3/4"	\$22.40	\$26.88
1"	\$37.33	\$44.80
1 1/2"	\$74.66	\$89.60
2"	\$119.46	\$143.36
3"	\$238.92	\$286.72
4"	\$373.31	\$448.00
6"	\$746.63	\$896.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$9.27	\$11.12
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
3,000 gallons	\$38.09	\$45.70
6,000 gallons	\$61.25	\$73.48
8,000 gallons	\$61.25	\$73.48

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