



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

AUGUST 2020

Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Marion County by

East Marion Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20200152-WS

On May 28, 2020, East Marion Utilities, LLC (East Marion or Utility) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a limited alternative rate increase. East Marion provides water service to 106 and wastewater service to 94 customers in Marion County.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Why is East Marion requesting a rate increase?

East Marion is requesting a rate increase to recover its share of increased common costs (such as office expense, salaries, and insurance) payable to its service company, FUS1. East Marion also seeks to recover its share of the costs for a new Compliance Technician position.

2 When was East Marion's last approved rate increase?

East Marion's rates were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2017.

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

The Utility's current monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons are \$23.49 and \$38.88, respectively.

4 Using the Utility's proposed rates, how much would the monthly water and wastewater bill be for a residential customer of East Marion using 4,000 gallons?

Using the Utility's proposed rates, the monthly water and wastewater bill for a residential customer using 4,000 gallons would be \$24.91 and \$40.69, respectively.

5 What if I wish to provide input on the proposed rate increase?

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information regarding the proposed rate increase should do so in one of the four manners (letter, email, phone, or website) as described below:

- Mail comments to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850
- Email comments to clerk@psc.state.fl.us.
- Submit and return the Comment Card attached to the Notice and available on the Commission's website.
- Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for October 6, 2020. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Gabriella Passidomo with the PSC at (850) 413-6230 or GPassido@psc.state.fl.us prior to October 6, 2020.

All correspondence should refer to “Docket No. 20200152-WS, East Marion Utilities, LLC.” Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider East Marion’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.

6 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 consumers before both the Commission, and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accounts 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

7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Matthew Sibley
(850) 413-6516

Kerri Johnson
(850) 413-6836

Chris Richards
(850) 413-6742

For legal questions, contact:

Gabriella Passidomo
(850) 413-6320

8 Can I obtain more detailed information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering Docket No. 20200152 in the docket number search field.

9 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is tentatively scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on September 24, 2020. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the October 6, 2020 Commission Conference.

10 How can I follow the Commission Conference?

You can watch the 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.

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East Marion Utilities, LLC - Monthly Water Rates

	Utility's Current Rates	Utility's Proposed Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge - By Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.77	\$13.55
3/4"	\$19.16	\$20.33
1"	\$31.93	\$33.88
1 1/2"	\$63.85	\$67.75
2"	\$102.16	\$108.40
3"	\$204.32	\$216.80
4"	\$319.25	\$338.76
6"	\$638.50	\$677.51
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service		
0 - 10,000 gallons	\$2.68	\$2.84
Over 10,000 gallons	\$4.01	\$4.26
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$3.13	\$3.32
 <u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
4,000 gallons	\$23.49	\$24.91
8,000 gallons	\$34.21	\$36.27
10,000 gallons	\$39.57	\$41.95

East Marion Utilities, LLC - Monthly Wastewater Rates

	Utility's Current Rates	Utility's Proposed Rates
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$17.52	\$18.33
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service 10,000 gallon cap	\$5.34	\$5.59
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge - By Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$17.52	\$18.33
3/4"	\$26.28	\$27.51
1"	\$43.80	\$45.84
1 1/2"	\$87.60	\$91.67
2"	\$140.16	\$146.67
3"	\$280.32	\$293.33
4"	\$438.00	\$458.33
6"	\$876.00	\$916.66
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$6.41	\$6.71
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
4,000 gallons	\$38.88	\$40.69
8,000 gallons	\$60.24	\$63.05
10,000 gallons	\$70.92	\$74.23

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