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# December 1, 2000 VIA HAND DELIVERY

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862

Re:

Aloha Utilities, Inc.; PSC Docket No. 991643-SU

Petition for Wastewater Rate Increase for its Seven Springs System Customers in Pasco

County, Florida

Our File No. 26038.30

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, Aloha Utilities, Inc. filed its application for approval of an increase in wastewater rates for its Seven Springs sewer system on February 10, 2000, and April 4, 2000 was established as the official date of filing. Under the provisions of Section 367.081(6), Aloha Utilities, Inc. hereby notifies the Commission of its intent to implement the rates proposed in its original application, effective for service rendered on or after December 4, 2000. Because of commitments in the financing agreement with the lender on the construction of the major additions to the Utility's wastewater treatment facilities undertaken as required by regulatory authorities, the Utility must implement these rates immediately in order to comply with the terms of its agreement with its lender.

Attached are proposed tariff sheets to implement these rates (Attachment "A") and a customer notice (Attachment "B") to inform the customers of the implementation prior to the effective date. The Utility requests the authority to implement these rates subject to a corporate undertaking. Attached is an executed corporate undertaking to that effect in accordance with the format recently approved by the Commission in another matter (Attachment "C").

In order to implement the rates in accordance with the above time schedule, and avoid default under the loan agreement, note and mortgage, we will need immediate approval of the attached customer notice and tariffs, as well as your acceptance of the attached corporate undertaking within the next week.

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Should you have any questions in this regard, please let us know. Otherwise, we look forward to hearing from the staff members assigned and copied on this letter as to the approval of these three documents.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY

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For The Firm

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EIGHTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 16.0 Wastewater Tariff CANCELS SEVENTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 16.0

### SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM

## GENERAL SERVICE

## RATE SCHEDULE GS

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the Seven Springs area served by the company.

APPLICABILITY - For wastewater service to any customer for which no other schedule applies.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

## RATES - (Monthly)

Meter Size	Base Facil	ity Charge
5/8" x 3/4" 1" 1-1/2" 2"	\$ 14.54 36.35 72.70 116.32	
3 " 4 "	218.10 363.50	
6"	727.00	
GALLONAGE CHARGE - (per 1,000 gallons)	\$4.26	

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

TYPE OF FILING: 2000 Final Rates

Stephen G. Watford ISSUING OFFICER

President

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. Wastewater Tariff

SEVENTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0 CANCELS SIXTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0

Seven Springs System

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE RS

AVAILABILITY - Available in Seven Springs.

APPLICABILITY - For wastewater service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all the rules and regulations of this tariff and general rules and regulations of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - (Monthly)

RATE - Base Facility Charge

All meter sizes \$ 14.54

GALLONAGE CHARGE -

3.65\* (per 1,000 Gallons)

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within twenty (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued

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<sup>\*</sup>Maximum 10,000 Gallons

#### ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.

#### CUSTOMER NOTICE

On April 4, 2000, Aloha Utilities, Inc., applied to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) for increased wastewater service rates for its Seven Springs customers resulting from the required construction of substantial sewer system improvements arising from a Consent Judgment with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and applicable to service provided to its customers in Aloha's Seven Springs service area.

Under the provisions of Section 367.081(6), Florida Statutes, a utility is authorized to implement its requested rate increase under appropriate security and subject to refund with interest, if the Commission has not rendered its final decision within 8 months of the official filing date. Aloha has now filed with the Commission to exercise its rights to implement its requested rates as authorized under this statute. The increased rates to be implemented are effective for meters read on or after 30 days from the effective date of the tariffs. The new rates for wastewater service will include appropriate security and will be subject to refund with interest depending upon the Commission's final decision in this proceeding which is expected to be rendered in approximately 2 months.

The new rates for wastewater service are listed on the back of this customer notice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Utility's office and have your account number available.

Sincerely,

Aloha Utilities, Inc.

# ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. Schedule of New Rates

## WASTEWATER

# Residential Service

# Meter Size

V 4 6 00

# Base Facility Charge

All meter sizes Residential

\$ 14.54

Gallonage Charge - \$3.65 per 1,000 gallons

# General Service

Meter Size	Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 14.54
1"	36.35
1 1/2"	72.70
2 "	116.32
3 "	218.10
4 "	363.50
6"	727.00
8 "	1,163.20

Gallonage Charge - \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons

In re: Application of ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. for an increase in wastewater rates for its Seven Springs System in Pasco County, Florida.

DOCKET NO. 991643-SU

#### CORPORATE UNDERTAKING

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC., a Florida corporation, by and through its undersigned President and pursuant to Chapter 367.081(6), Florida Statutes, will implement the rates proposed by it in its original application filed on April 4, 2000. In order to protect the customers of ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. in the event that a refund is necessary, Aloha does hereby and herein post this Corporate Undertaking with the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, and further gives to said FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION and to the customers of ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.'S Seven Springs Wastewater System an unqualified guarantee to pay a refund and any interest connected therewith which may be ordered by the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at such time as the obligation becomes fixed and final with the issuance of the Commission's Final Order in this proceeding.

Dated at Pasco County, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2000.

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.

Stephen G. Watford

President

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