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Subject: Filing in Docket No. 080250-SU; Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in Wastewater Rates

Increase in Pinellas County, Florida

Importance: High

Attachments: PSC Clerk 10 (AOM Initial Customer Notice).ltr.02-04-2009(2).pdf

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- b. Docket No. 080250-SU; Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in Wastewater Rates Increase in Pinellas County, Florida Filing Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Notice of Filing of the Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Mid-County Services, Inc.
- c. Mid-County Services, Inc.
- d. 7 Pages.
- e. Letter to Commission Clerk 1 page; Notice of Filing 1 page; Affidavit of Mailing 1 page; and Initial Customer Notice 4 pages.

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### **E-FILING**

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE:

Docket No. 080250-SU; Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in

Wastewater Rates Increase in Pinellas County, Florida

Our File No.: 30057.155

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a Notice of Filing of the Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Mid-County Services, Inc.

Should you or the Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly your

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For the Firm

MSF/tlc Enclosures

cc:

John P. Hoy, Chief Regulatory Officer (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of

MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC. for an increase in wastewater rates in Pinellas County, Florida

DOCKET NO. 080250-SU

# **NOTICE OF FILING**

Applicant, MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing in the above-referenced docket the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Mid-County Services, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, by:

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

**COUNTY OF COOK** 

the utility.

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared John Hoy, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Utilities, Inc., the sole shareholder of Mid-County Services, Inc., and that on January 29, 2009, he did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

ERIN P POVICH

lotary Public, State of Illinois

Commission Expires
April 30, 2011

Print Name: John Hoy

Print/Title: Chief Regulatory Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January, 2009, by John Hoy, who is personally known to me.

Print Name: Erin Povich

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My Commission Expires: April 30, 2011

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 080250-SU

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES IN PINELLAS COUNTY BY MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.

**IANUARY 29, 2009** 

## **BACKGROUND**

Mid-County Services, Inc. (the "Utility") is a wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. The Utility's wastewater facilities are located in Pinellas County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for increased wastewater rates for its Pinellas County customers on August 22, 2008. The application was assigned Docket No. 080250-SU, and November 17, 2008, was established as the official date of filing.

As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs") filed with its application to the Commission, the Utility's revenues per books are \$1,624,065, with operating expenses per books of \$1,549,083, for its wastewater system, resulting in a net operating income of \$74,982, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings. Copies of the MFRs will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Palm Harbor Library 2330 Nebraska Avenue Palm Harbor, Florida 34683

Friday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday (Closed)

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

Mid-County Services, Inc. 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A "Rate Case Synopsis" will also be available, along with the application and MFRs. The test period for setting rates is the historical average thirteen-month period ended December 31, 2007.

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility's rate case:

Schedule Item	<u>Due Date</u>	
Staff Audit Report	12/29/2008 (completed)	
Customer Meeting	02/25/2009	
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA")	04/09/2009	
Recommendation		
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	04/21/2009	
PAA Order	05/11/2009	
Protest Period Expires	06/01/2009	

# **CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES**

The current and proposed rates and charges follow. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.							
<u>Residential</u> (Bi-Monthly Service Rates)	Rates Prior to Filing	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Final Rates</u>	Commission Approved Interim Rates			
Base Facility Charge all Meter Sizes:	\$31.84	\$35.49	\$39.49	\$33.39			
Gallonage Charge – Per 1,000 gallons (20,000 gallon cap)	\$3.19	\$3.56	\$3.96	\$3.35			
General Service (Bi-Monthly Service Rates)	Rates Prior to Filing	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Final Rates</u>	Commission Approved Interim Rates			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
5/8" x 3/4"	\$31.84	\$35.49	\$39.49	\$33.39			
1"	\$81.70	\$91.07	\$101.34	\$85.68			
1 1/2"	\$183.84	\$204.93	\$228.02	\$192.80			

MID-COUNTY SERVICES, INC.							
2"	\$326.83	\$364.31	\$405.37	\$342.76			
3"	\$735.58	\$819.93	\$912.33	\$771.42			
4"	\$1,307.33	\$1,457.25	\$1,621.46	\$1,371.02			
6"	\$2,941.90	\$3,279.27	\$3,648.80	\$3,085.24			
Gallonage Charge – Per 1,000 gallons (20,000 gallon cap)	\$3.19	\$4,27	\$4.76	\$4.02			
Multi-Residential Metered (Bi-Monthly Service Rates)	Rates Prior to Filing	Utility's Requested Interim Rates	<u>Utility</u> <u>Requested Final</u> <u>Rates</u>	Commission Approved Interim Rates			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
Flat Rate	\$62.52	\$69.79	\$77.66	\$65.66			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$31.84	\$35.49	\$39.49	\$33.39			
1"	\$81.70	\$91.07	\$101.34	\$85.68			
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Gallonage Charge – Per 1,000 gallons (20,000 gallon cap)	\$4.61	\$5.12	\$5.70	\$4.82			

# **SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES**

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

### **MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES**

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its miscellaneous service charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust miscellaneous service charges.

Written comments regarding the Utility's service or the requested final rate increases may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

All comments should refer to Docket No. 080250-SU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at (800) 272-1919.

Mid-County Services, Inc.