

February 21, 2014

VIA E-FILING

Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE:

Docket No. 130212-WS; Application for an Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in

Polk County by Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Our File No.: 30057.212

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. requests the Commission approve a tariff amendment in this Docket to implement a late payment charge of \$6.50 consistent with what its "sister" utility, Lake Placid Utilities, Inc. is requesting in Docket No. 130243-WS. A schedule of the cost basis justification is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

For the Firm

MSF/der Enclosure

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Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc.

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COST BASIS FOR LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF \$6.50:

 Labor
 \$5.85^1

 Printing
 \$0.12

 Postage
 \$0.48

 Supplies
 \$0.08

 Total Cost
 \$6.53

¹The average processing time is approximately 9 minutes per delinquent account processed by an Assistant Billing Manager, or the Billing Manager in the absence of the Assistant Billing Manager at an average cost with benefits of \$39 per hour. Thus, the labor cost is calculated as (9/60 x \$39).