

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase  
in wastewater rates in Charlotte  
County by Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven

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Docket No. 150102-SU

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, UTILITIES, INC. OF SANDALHAVEN, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing, in the above-referenced docket, the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Customer Meeting Notice was sent by regular mail on September 8, 2015 to all customers of the Utility.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of  
September, 2015, by:

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Lori L. Jones, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is a Billing Specialist with Utilities, Inc., and on behalf of Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven ("Utility"), on September 8, 2015, she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Customer Meeting Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the Utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

*Lori L. Jones*

Print Name: Lori L. Jones  
Print Title: Billing Specialist

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, by Lori L. Jones who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

*Ann M. Raponi*

Print Name: Ann M. Raponi  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 7/12/2017



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF UTILITIES, INC. OF SANDALHAVEN  
AND  
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS  
RE: DOCKET NO. 150102-SU

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES IN  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY BY UTILITIES, INC. OF SANDALHAVEN

DATED: [Aug. 25 – September 10], 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a customer meeting to discuss Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven's application for a rate increase. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Tringali Community Center  
3400 N. Access Road  
Englewood, Florida

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>) under the Hot Topics link found at the bottom of the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the Utility provides, the recommended rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Sandalhaven's filing; the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the Utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. Commission staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign up. Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

## BACKGROUND

Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven (the "Utility") is a wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714. The Utility's wastewater facilities are located in Charlotte County, Florida.

On June 4, 2015, the Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for an increase in its wastewater rates to its customers in Charlotte County based on an historical test year ending December 31, 2014. Final rates and interim rates are based upon the same test year. The application is assigned Docket No. 150102-SU and July 6, 2015 was established as the official date of filing.

The Utility is requesting a rate increase because the existing rates do not provide sufficient revenues to cover the required expenses of operations on a going-forward basis and an opportunity to earn a fair return on the Utility's investment in used and useful property for the public use. The rate of return on equity requested in this proceeding is 11.0%. The overall rate of return requested is 10.20%. According to the Utility's books, Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven states that its adjusted current overall rate of return without a rate increase is a negative 3.35%. The Company's last rate proceeding before the Commission was in Docket No. 060285-SU, utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2007, which culminated in Order No. PSC-07-0865-PAA-SU dated October 29, 2007. The Utility did have a subsequent proceeding before the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County.

## CURRENT, INTERIM AND PROPOSED RATES

	Current Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates	Utility's Requested Final Rates
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>			
Base Facility Charge-All Meter Sizes	\$29.34	\$34.60	\$70.12
Charge per 1,000 Gallons 8,000 Gallon Cap	\$6.59	\$7.77	\$15.75
<b><u>General Service &amp; Multi-Residential</u></b>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$29.34	\$34.60	\$70.12
1"	\$73.35	\$86.50	\$175.31
1 1/2"	\$146.69	\$173.00	\$350.59
2"	\$234.71	\$276.80	\$560.96
3"	\$469.43	\$553.60	\$1,121.94
4"	\$733.47	\$865.00	\$1,752.99
6"	\$1,466.94	\$1,730.00	\$3,505.99
Restaurant 1"	\$73.35	\$86.50	\$175.31
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$9.34	\$18.93
Reserved capacity – Flat Charge, per unit	\$28.42	\$33.51	\$67.92

### HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission staff may do so at the meetings, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the Utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Florida Public Service Commission  
 Director, Office of Commission Clerk  
 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

A courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed to the following:

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire  
 Friedman & Friedman, P.A.  
 766 North Sun Drive, Suite 4030  
 Lake Mary, Florida 32746

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 150102-SU, Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven." Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Florida Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission's website available at <http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm>.

If you wish to contact the Florida Public Service Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Assistance and Outreach at the following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.