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Public Service Commission

July 13, 2017

Mr. Gary J. Papucci
129 Burma Island Road
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Re: Docket 20160195 - WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lake County by Lakeside Waterworks, Inc. – Document No. 05386-2017.

Dear Mr. Papucci,

Thank you for your comments in which you expressed concerns regarding Lakeside Waterworks, Inc.'s application for a rate increase. To ensure that the Commission staff and the Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, your customer comment form has been placed in the correspondence section of the docket file for all to review.

During a rate case, the Commission's accountants, engineers, and economists examine a utility's financial and engineering information to make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Many factors can affect Commission staff's recommendation. These factors can include: the size and age of the utility system; the number of customers; and the geographic spread of the service area.


The Commission's staff will also make a recommendation regarding the overall quality of service provided by a utility after evaluating: (1) the quality of the utility's product; (2) the operating conditions of the utility's facilities; and, (3) the utility's attempt to address customers' satisfaction. As part of this evaluation Commission staff reviews sanitary surveys, outstanding citations, violations, and consent orders on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Based on your comments Commission staff will contact DEP regarding your specifically identified concern.

Commission staff additionally reviews complaints regarding secondary water quality standards for a five-year period and considers customer comments and complaints. Secondary water standards regulate debris in water as well as contaminants that may impact the taste, odor, and color of drinking water.

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We appreciate your letter and hope the above information is helpful. Should you have additional concerns or questions, please contact Clayton Lewis by telephone at (850) 413-6578 or email at clewis@psc.state.fl.us.

Respectfully,


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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20160195-WS)