

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in
water rates in Highlands County
by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 20190031-WU

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN RATES

Applicant, PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. (the “Utility”), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-30, Florida Administrative Code, files this Application for an increase in its water rates in Highlands County, Florida.

Preliminary Matters

1. The following information is provided pursuant to Rule 25-30.436, Florida Administrative Code:

(a) (i) The name of the Utility and its mailing address is:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.
410 Washington Blvd., NW
Lake Placid, FL 33852

(ii) The names and address of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application are:

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire
Dean Mead
420 S. Orange Ave., Suite 700
Orlando, FL 32801
Telephone: (407) 310-2077/Fax: (407) 423-1831
Email: mfriedman@deanmead.com

(b) The Utility is a Florida corporation incorporated in Florida on June 11, 1970. The names and addresses of the persons owning more than 5% of the Utility's stock are:

Lake Placid Holding Co.
410 Washington Blvd., NW
Lake Placid, FL 33852

100%

(c) The Utility's last rate proceeding was in Docket No. 20130025-WU utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2012, which culminated in Order No. PSC 2013-0646-PAA-WU dated December 3, 2013, and Consummating Order No. PSC-2013-0683-CO-WU issued December 27, 2013.

(d) The address where the Application is available for customer inspection during the time the rate application is pending is:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.
410 Washington Blvd., NW
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.0407(2), Florida Administrative Code, the Utility is simultaneously herewith mailing a copy of this Application to the governing body of Highlands County.

(e) The Utility is requesting water revenues which would allow it to recover all expenses that the Utility will incur on a going-forward basis utilizing a historic test year, and generate a fair rate of return on its investment on all property considered used and useful in the public service. The revenue which the Company requests should be adjusted to incorporate the repression in the customer usage as a result of the rates established in this case, in accordance with Commission policy.

The Utility has demonstrated through the supporting schedules within the attached **Volume I** that it is earning outside its range of reasonable returns. Submitted as part of **Volume I** are schedules of rate base (Schedules A-1 and A-2), cost of capital (Schedule D-1) and net

operating income (Schedule B-1 and Schedule B-2), as applicable, pursuant to Commission Rule 25-30.437(5), F.A.C.

(f) The Affidavit of Larry P. King, the Treasurer of the Utility, that the Utility will comply with Rule 25-22.0407, F.A.C., is attached hereto.

(g) The Utility requests that this Application be processed under the Commission's proposed agency action procedure set forth in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes.

(2) The appropriate filing fee of \$3,500.00 (from 2,001 TO 4,000 ERCs) has been received by the Commission Clerk [Document 04250-2019].

(3) The Utility knows of no deviations from the policies, procedures and guidelines prescribed by the Commission in relevant rules or in the Utility's last rate case.

Additional Information

I.

The Utility's Financial, Rate and Engineering Minimum Filing Requirements are being electronically filed as **Volume I**.

II.

The Utility has costs or charges to it from an affiliate or related party. These costs are reported in Schedule B-12 of **Volume I**.

III.

The Billing Analysis Schedules as required by Rule 25-30.437(4) are being electronically filed as **Volume II**.

IV.

The Additional Engineering Information required by Rule 25-30.440(2)-(10), F.A.C. are being electronically filed as **Volume III**.

V.

The documentation supporting the Utility's requested pro-forma capital projects are provided in **Volume III**.

VI.

One electronic copy of a detailed system map, as required by Section 25-30.440(1)(a) and (b), is provided herewith. A full size map will be sent to the Commission Clerk.

VII.

The Revised Tariff Sheets reflecting the proposed interim and final water rates are attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and **Exhibit "B"** respectively.

IX.

The Utility requests that the Commission not withhold consent to the effectiveness of the proposed final water rate increase as requested, but if it does so, to grant interim rates in accordance with the schedules contained in Volume I and the tariffs contained in **Exhibit "A"**.

X.

An Organizational Chart is contained in Schedule B-12, page 2 of **Vol. I**.

WHEREFORE, the Utility requests that the Florida Public Service Commission do the following:

Accept jurisdiction of this Application to grant interim and permanent increases in water rates utilizing the PAA procedure outlined in Section 367.081(8), F.S., as requested herein and

contained in the tariffs included in **Exhibits “A” and “B”**, and provide such other and further relief as is fair, just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of May,
2019, by:

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/s/Martin S. Friedman
MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN
For the Firm


NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
RULE 25-22.0407(2), THE MFRs, WHEN ACCEPTED BY THE
COMMISSION, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE UTILITY
UPON REQUEST.

AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY KING

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Osceola

BEFORE ME, personally appeared Larry King, who is the Treasurer of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc., who states that Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. will comply with the noticing requirements of Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code.



LARRY KING

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of April, 2019, by LARRY KING, as Treasurer of Placid lakes Utilities, Inc. who is personally known to me or has produced FLDL as identification.



NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA
Printed Name: Kathryn Shirah
My Commission Expires: Dec 20, 2020



Services
Wells

Lake June
In Winter



Placid Lakes
A Total Planned Community
of Lake Placid Holding Co.

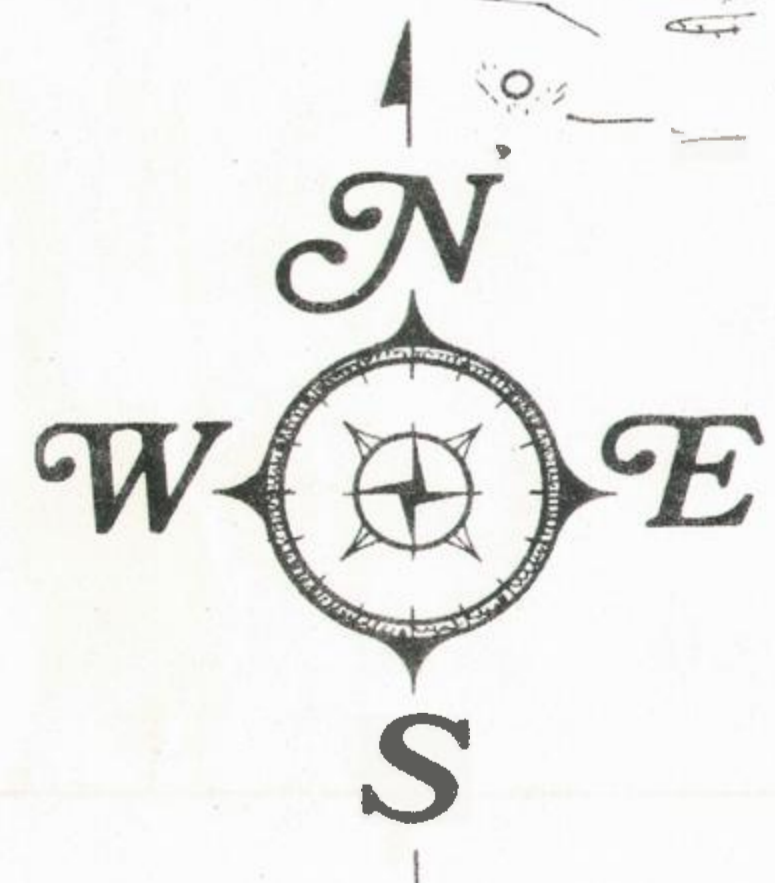
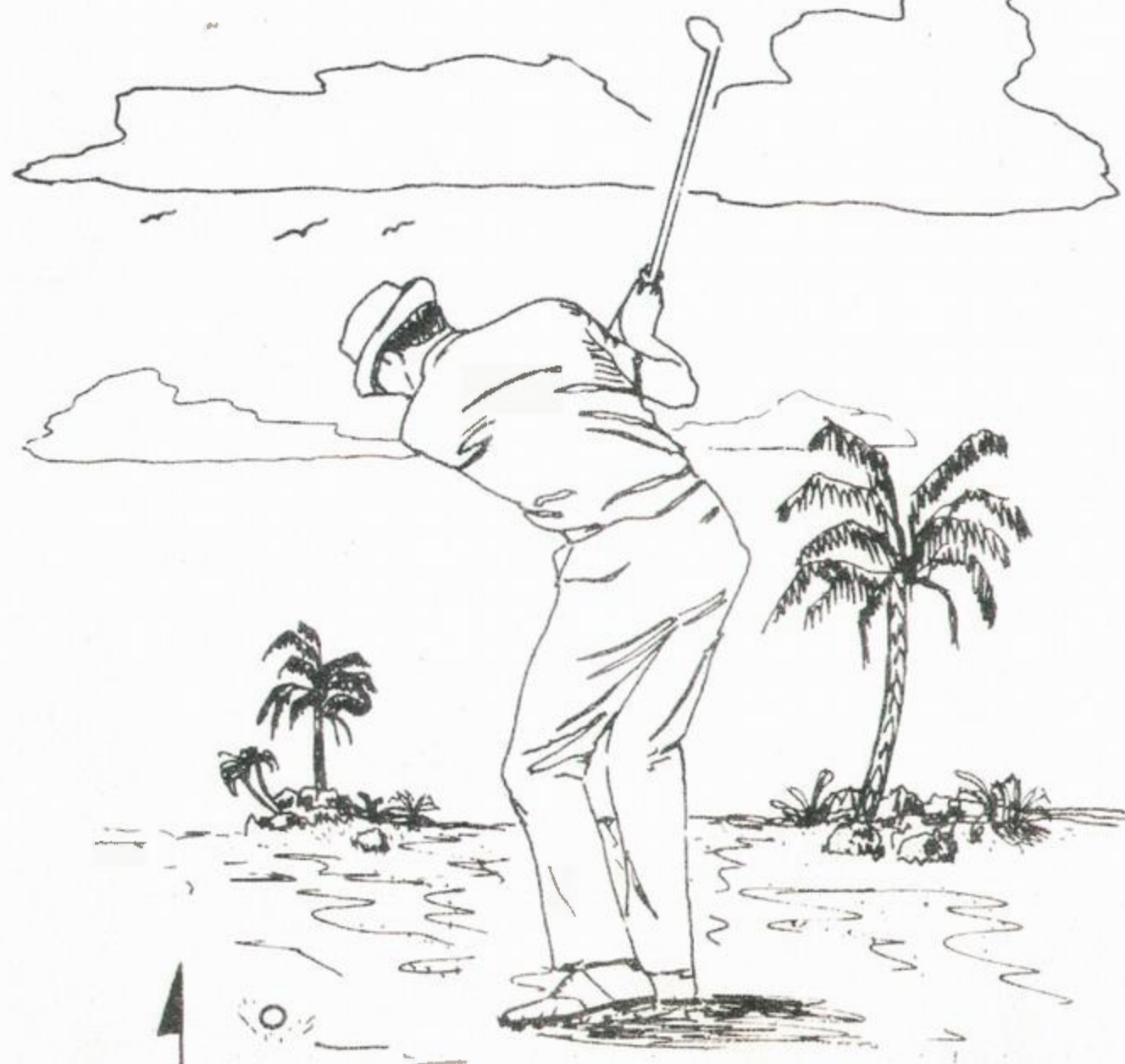
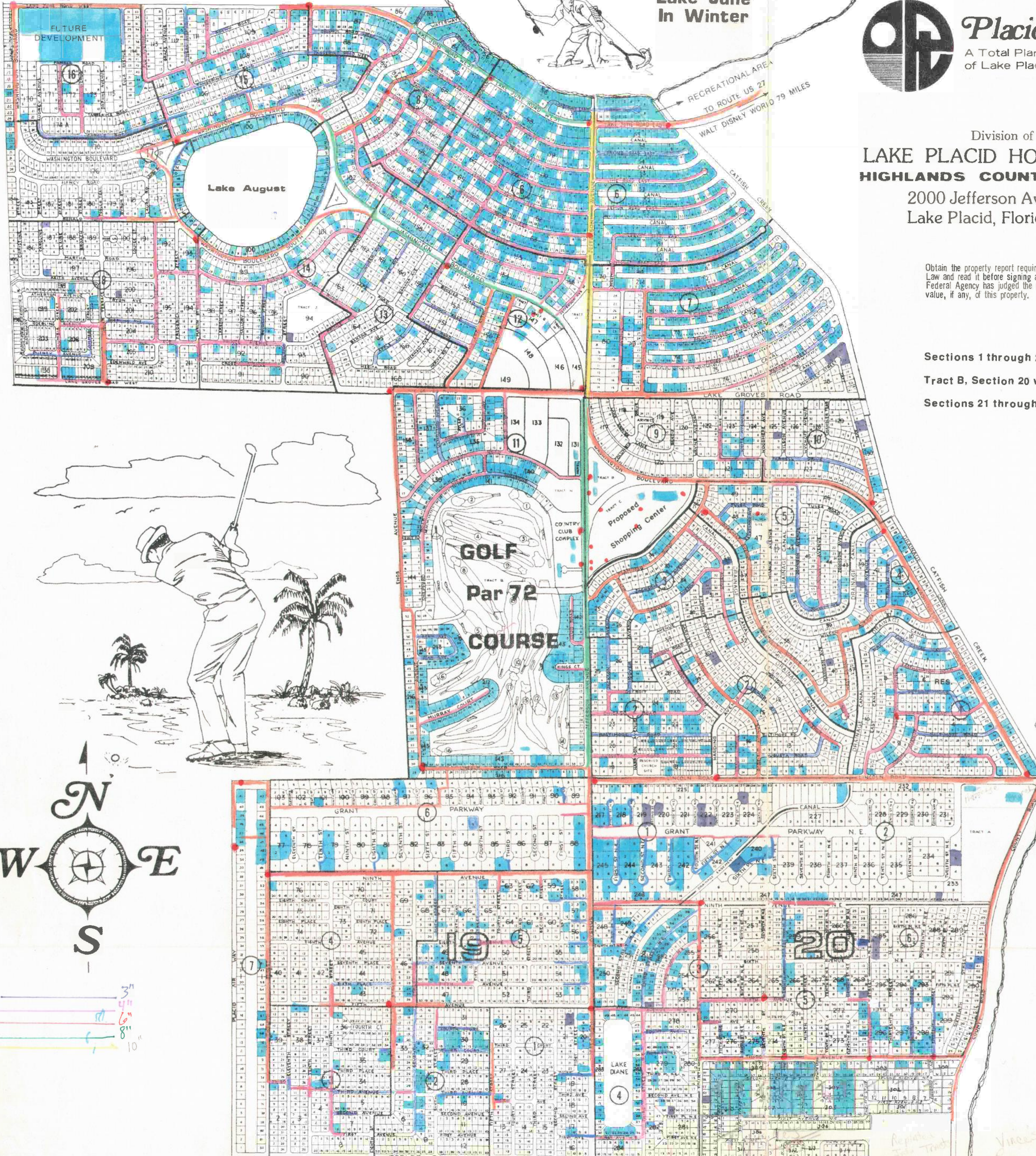
Division of
LAKE PLACID HOLDING CO.
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
2000 Jefferson Avenue, N.
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Obtain the property report required by Federal
Law and read it before signing anything. No
Federal Agency has judged the merits or
value, if any, of this property.

Sections 1 through 20 are fully developed.

Tract B, Section 20 will be developed by January, 1989.

Sections 21 through 25 will be developed *Sold to State Reserve in 2000*
at a future date.



Lake

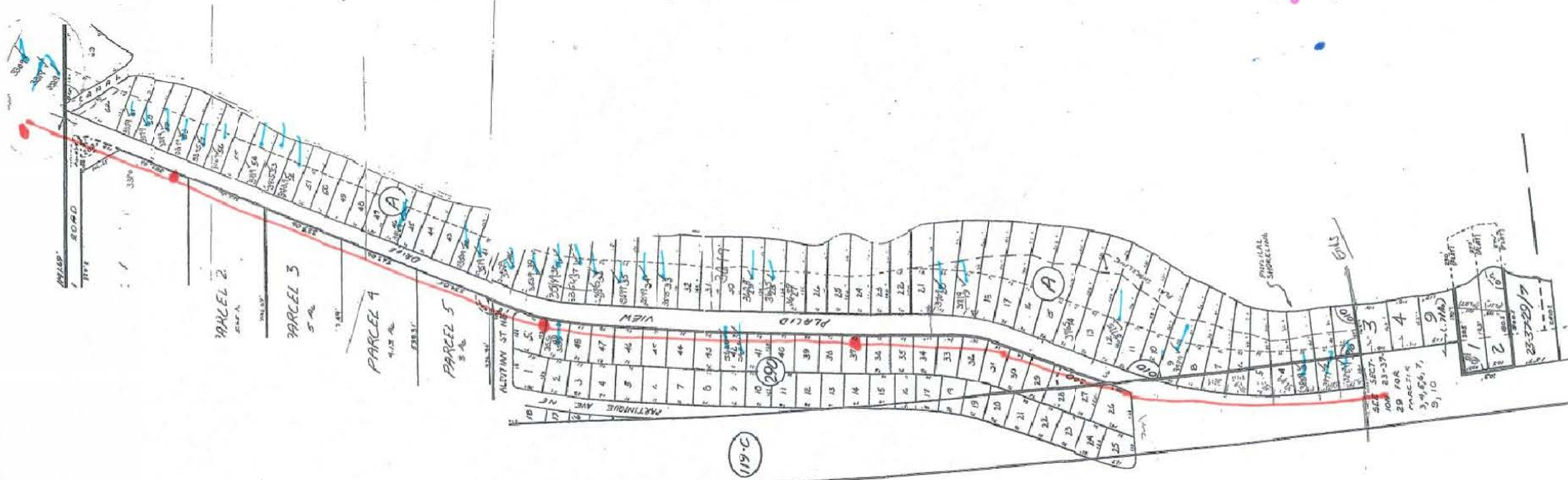
Placid

Reserve Tract II

- - 6" water line

• - fire hydrant

✓ - service

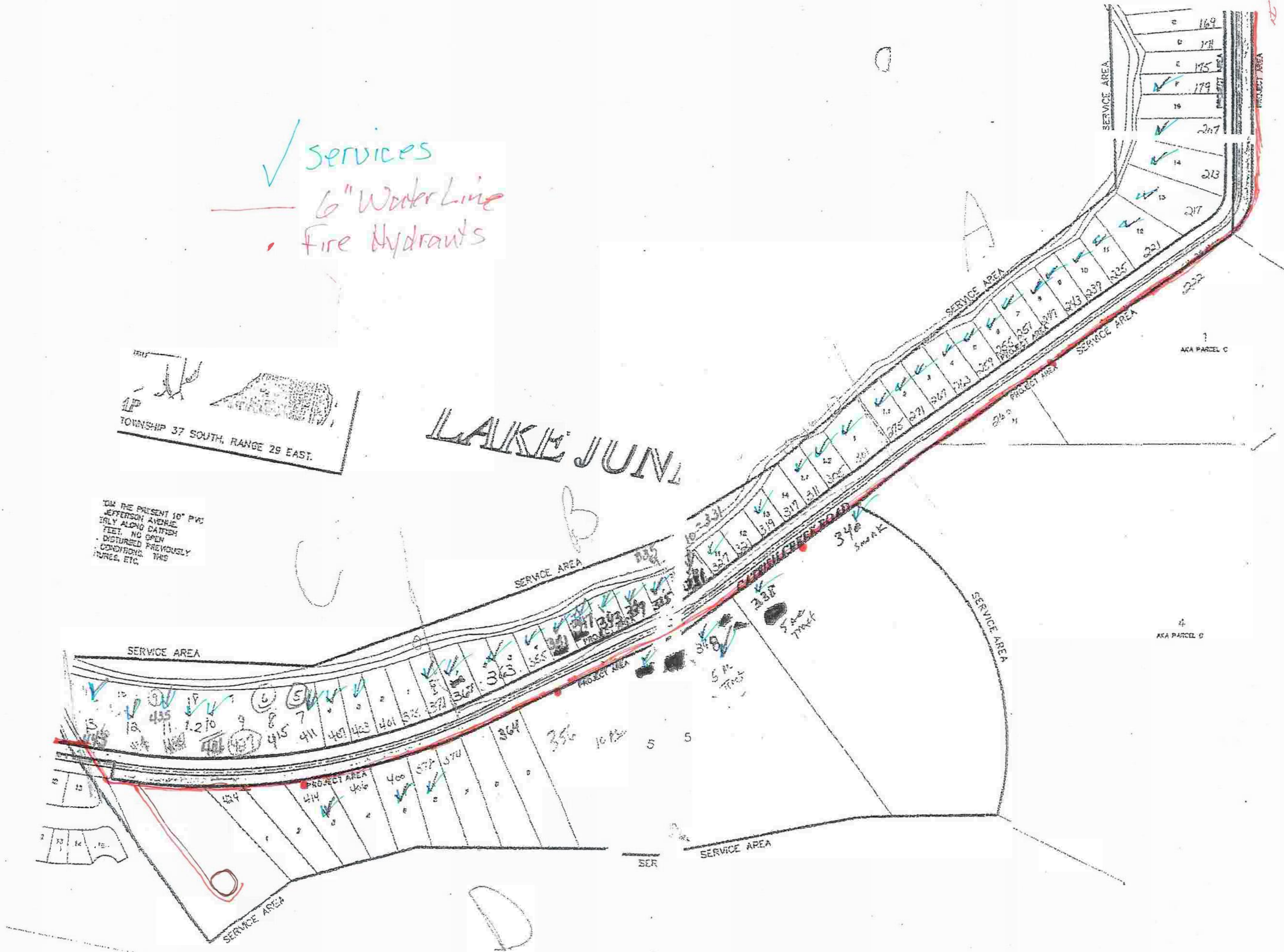


✓ services
 — 6" Water Line
 • Fire Hydrants

4P
 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST.

LAKE JUNO

ON THE PRESENT 10" PVC JEFFERSON AVENUE ONLY ALONG DATUM FEET. NO OPEN DISTURBED PREVIOUSLY CONDITIONS THIS CURB, ETC.



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EXHIBIT "A"

Proposed Interim Rate Sheets

GENERAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE GS

- AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
- APPLICABILITY - For water service to all customers for which no other schedule applies.
- LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATES:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 12.42
1"	\$ 31.05
1-1/2"	\$ 62.10
2"	\$ 99.36
3"	\$198.72
4"	\$310.50
6"	\$620.99

<u>Gallonage Charge</u>	
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 4.97

MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

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: July __, 2019

TYPE OF FILING: Interim Rates – 2018 Test Year Rate Case

Laura Elowsky
ISSUING OFFICER
President
TITLE

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE RS

- AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
- APPLICABILITY - For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.
- LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATES:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 12.42
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6"	\$620.99
<u>Gallonage Charge</u>	
Per 1,000 Gallons	
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$ 4.65
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$ 6.99
20,001 gallons and over	\$ 9.30

MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

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Proposed Final Rate Sheets

GENERAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE GS

- AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
- APPLICABILITY - For water service to all customers for which no other schedule applies.
- LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATES:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 11.76
1"	\$ 29.39
1-1/2"	\$ 58.78
2"	\$ 94.04
3"	\$188.08
4"	\$293.88
6"	\$587.75

<u>Gallonage Charge</u> Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.57
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MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January __, 2020

TYPE OF FILING: Final Rates – 2018 Test Year Rate Case

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ISSUING OFFICER
President
TITLE

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE RS

- AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
- APPLICABILITY - For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.
- LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
- BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

RATES:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 11.76
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2"	\$ 94.04
3"	\$188.08
4"	\$293.88
6"	\$587.75

<u>Gallonage Charge</u>	
Per 1,000 Gallons	
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.21
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$ 7.81
20,001 gallons and over	\$ 10.41

MINIMUM CHARGE: Base Facility Charge

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