

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

Re: Docket no. 20190166 – WU
HC Waterworks, Inc., rate increase for Covered Bridge Association

I am writing to protest the size of the rate increase requested by HC Waterworks.

The Department of Labor lists the annual rate of inflation for 2019 at 2.3% based on the CPI. The rate we pay for water is already more than double in comparison to nearby municipal systems. The base rate at Covered Bridge is about 60% higher than these communities:

	HC Water		Sebring	
	Covered Bridge Current	Proposed	Lake Placid	Out of City Limit
Base Rate	20.99	31.64	13.00	12.39
Water per 1000 gal 0-3000	8.07	11.39	2.81	3.40

I am in Pennsylvania and had to get these figures over the phone for Lake Placid and Sebring. I hope I am using the correct figures.

HC Waterworks made a large investment to upgrade our water system. In my opinion this increase is too big a bite in an effort to recoup their money. With an estimated 3,000 gallons average usage per month, and even with half of the residences being used seasonally, I estimate HC Waterworks will gross an increase of at least \$78,000 in revenue per year.

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