

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for increase in water and
wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands,
Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas,
Polk, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc.
of Florida

DOCKET NO. 20200139-WS

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NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing the Affidavit of Mailing of the Interim Rate Notice, attached thereto, to all customers of the Utility.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of
September, 2020, by:

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/s/ Martin S. Friedman

Martin S. Friedman

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by

E-mail to the following parties this 10th day of September, 2020:

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON_

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Renee Fulmer, 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 Florida, on September 4, 2020, a copy of the Notice, attached hereto, was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of the Utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Renee Fulmer
Renee Fulmer
Billing Specialist

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 4th day of September, 2020, by Renee Fulmer who is personally known to me, or who provided _____ as identification.



Ann M Raponi
Ann Raponi
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20200139-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
IN CHARLOTTE, HIGHLANDS, LAKE, LEE, MARION, ORANGE, PASCO,
PINELLAS, POLK, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

NOTICE OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE

On September 1, 2020, the Florida Public Service Commission approved interim water and wastewater rates for Utilities, Inc. of Florida customers. The interim rates will be effective September 9, 2020. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund, pending the Florida Public Service Commission's final decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based upon Commission determined factors.

The current rates, the Utility's requested interim rates, the Utility's requested final rates and the Commission approved interim rates are set forth below. The final rates are subject to change based on information presented at the customer and technical hearings, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

WATER RATES

	Utility's Rates in Effect at 12/31/2019 (1)	Utility's Existing Rates (2)	Utility's Requested Interim	Utility's Final Requested	Commission Approved Interim Rates
<u>Residential and General Service</u>					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size					
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.07	\$11.28	\$11.71	\$13.24	\$11.71
3/4"	\$16.61	\$16.92	\$17.57	\$19.86	\$17.57
1"	\$27.68	\$28.20	\$29.29	\$33.11	\$29.28
1-1/2"	\$55.35	\$56.40	\$58.57	\$66.21	\$58.55
2"	\$88.56	\$90.24	\$93.71	\$105.94	\$93.68
3"	\$177.12	\$180.48	\$187.43	\$211.88	\$187.36
4"	\$276.75	\$282.00	\$292.85	\$331.06	\$292.75
6"	\$553.50	\$564.00	\$585.70	\$662.12	\$585.50
8"	\$885.60	\$902.40	\$937.13	\$1,059.39	\$936.80
10"	\$1,605.15	\$1,635.60	\$1,698.54	\$1,920.14	\$1,697.95
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service					
0-4,000 gallons	\$1.56	\$1.59	\$1.65	\$1.87	\$1.65
4,001-12,000 gallons	\$2.33	\$2.37	\$2.46	\$2.78	\$2.46
Over 12,000 gallons	\$3.89	\$3.96	\$4.11	\$4.65	\$4.11
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$2.63	\$2.68	\$2.78	\$3.15	\$2.78
<u>Private Fire Protection Service</u>					
1 1/2"	\$4.61	\$4.70	\$4.88	\$5.52	\$4.88
2"	\$7.38	\$7.52	\$7.81	\$8.83	\$7.81
3"	\$14.76	\$15.04	\$15.62	\$17.66	\$15.61
4"	\$23.06	\$23.50	\$24.40	\$27.59	\$24.40
6"	\$46.13	\$47.00	\$48.81	\$55.18	\$48.79
8"	\$73.80	\$75.20	\$78.09	\$88.28	\$78.07
10"	\$133.76	\$136.30	\$141.55	\$160.01	\$141.50
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>					
3,000 Gallons	\$15.75	\$16.05	\$16.66	\$18.85	\$16.66
6,000 Gallons	\$21.97	\$22.38	\$23.23	\$26.28	\$23.23
8,000 Gallons	\$26.63	\$27.12	\$28.15	\$31.84	\$28.15

(1) The interim rate increase was applied to the rates in effect as of 12/31/2019.

(2) The current rates became effective May 31, 2020 as a result of a price index.

WASTEWATER RATES

	Utility's Rates in Effect at 12/31/2019 (1)	Utility's Existing Rates (2)	Utility's Requested Interim Rates	Utility's Requested Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates
<u>Residential Service (RS1)</u>					
All Meter Sizes	\$26.20	\$26.72	\$27.64	\$35.46	\$27.63
Charge per 1,000 gallons (8,000 gallon cap)	\$4.19	\$4.27	\$4.42	\$5.67	\$4.42
<u>Residential Service (RS2)</u>					
All Meter Sizes	\$52.39	\$53.44	\$55.29	\$70.92	\$55.26
Charge per 1,000 gallons (16,000 gallon cap)	\$4.19	\$4.27	\$4.42	\$5.67	\$4.42
<u>Residential Service (RS3)</u>					
Flat Rate	\$47.13	\$48.06	\$49.72	\$63.78	\$49.70
<u>Residential Service (RS4)</u>					
Flat Rate	\$94.26	\$96.13	\$99.45	\$127.56	\$99.40
<u>General Service (GS1)</u>					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size					
5/8" x 3/4"	\$26.20	\$26.72	\$27.64	\$35.46	\$27.63
3/4"	\$39.30	\$40.08	\$41.47	\$53.19	\$41.45
1"	\$65.50	\$66.80	\$69.11	\$88.64	\$69.08
1-1/2"	\$131.00	\$133.60	\$138.22	\$177.29	\$138.15
2"	\$209.60	\$213.76	\$221.15	\$283.66	\$221.04
3"	\$419.20	\$427.52	\$442.29	\$567.32	\$442.08
4"	\$655.00	\$668.00	\$691.08	\$886.44	\$690.75
6"	\$1,310.00	\$1,336.00	\$1,382.17	\$1,772.88	\$1,381.50
8"	\$2,096.00	\$2,137.60	\$2,211.46	\$2,836.60	\$2,210.40
10"	\$3,799.00	\$3,874.40	\$4,008.28	\$5,141.34	\$4,006.35
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.02	\$5.11	\$5.29	\$6.78	\$5.29
(1) The interim rate increase was applied to the rates in effect as of 12/31/2019.					
(2) The current rates became effective May 31, 2020 as a result of a price index.					

WASTEWATER RATES (Continued)

	Utility's Rates in Effect at 12/31/2019 (1)	Utility's Existing Rates (2)	Utility's Requested Interim Rates	Utility's Requested Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates
<u>General Service (GS2)</u>					
5/8" x 3/4"	\$52.40	\$53.44	\$55.29	\$70.92	\$55.26
3/4"	\$78.60	\$80.16	\$82.93	\$106.37	\$82.89
1"	\$131.00	\$133.60	\$138.22	\$177.29	\$138.15
1 1/2"	\$262.00	\$267.20	\$276.43	\$354.58	\$276.30
2"	\$419.20	\$427.52	\$442.29	\$567.32	\$442.08
3"	\$838.40	\$855.04	\$884.59	\$1,134.64	\$884.16
4"	\$1,310.00	\$1,336.00	\$1,382.17	\$1,772.88	\$1,381.50
6"	\$2,620.00	\$2,672.00	\$2,764.33	\$3,545.76	\$2,763.00
8"	\$4,192.00	\$4,275.20	\$4,422.93	\$5,673.21	\$4,420.80
10"	\$7,598.00	\$7,748.80	\$8,016.56	\$10,282.69	\$8,012.70
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$5.02	\$5.11	\$5.29	\$6.78	\$5.29
<u>General Service (GS3)</u>					
Flat Rate	\$47.13	\$48.06	\$49.72	\$63.78	\$49.70
<u>General Service (GS4)</u>					
Flat rate (905 ERCs)	\$42,652.65	\$43,494.30	\$44,997.22	\$57,717.12	\$44,978.50
<u>Bulk Service (BS1)</u>					
All Meter Sizes (58 ERCs)	\$1,519.60	\$1,549.76	\$1,603.31	\$2,056.54	\$1,602.54
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$4.19	\$4.27	\$4.42	\$5.67	\$4.42
<u>General Reuse Service (GRS1) (3)</u>					
All Meter Sizes	\$7.82	\$7.92	\$8.19	\$10.51	\$7.92
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$1.48	\$1.50	\$1.55	\$1.99	\$1.50
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison (RS1)</u>					
3,000 Gallons	\$38.77	\$39.53	\$40.90	\$52.47	\$40.89
6,000 Gallons	\$51.34	\$52.34	\$54.16	\$69.48	\$54.15
8,000 Gallons	\$59.72	\$60.88	\$63.00	\$80.82	\$62.99
(1) The interim rate increase was applied to the rates in effect as of 12/31/2019.					
(2) The current rates became effective May 31, 2020 as a result of a price index.					
(3) Reuse rates were not increased for interim. Reuse rates are market based rates and will be evaluated for final recommendation.					

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the Utility and the proposed rates 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 is not required, but may be mailed or emailed to the following:

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All correspondence should refer to “Docket No. 20200139-WS, Utilities, Inc. of Florida”. 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/ConsumerAssistance/ComplaintForm>.

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.

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers. If you have any questions, please call the Utility’s office at (866) 842-8432.

Utilities, Inc. of Florida