

**FLORIDA UTILITY SERVICES 1, LLC
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May 16, 2023

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 20220185-WS – Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlies Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

Commission Clerk:

Please find enclosed an AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING with a copy of the customer notice to the customers of Charlies Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC, in the above-mentioned docket.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marianne McDonald
Chief Financial Officer
Florida Utility Services 1, LLC.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlies Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

In: Docket No. 20220185-WS

Filed: May 16, 2023

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARION

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared, MARIANNE MCDONALD, who after being duly sworn on oath and say that he is MARIANNE MCDONALD, a copy of the attached customer notices were mailed to the Customers of Charlies Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC by regular U.S. Mail on May 16, 2023.

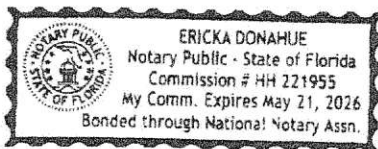
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Marianne McDonald
MARIANNE MCDONALD

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May, 2023

- Personally known
- Identification presented

(SEAL)



Ericka Donahue
Notary Public State
State of Florida

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
CHARLIE CREEK UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Polk Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC; Crestridge Utilities, LLC; East Marion Utilities, LLC; Heather Hills Utilities, LLC; Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC; Lake Yale Utilities, LLC; McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC; Orange Land Utilities, LLC; Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC; Sunrise Water, LLC; West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC (Charlie Creek or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Hardee County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information may do so in one of the ways listed below.

- ❖ Email your comments to the Commission at clerk@psc.state.fl.us.
- ❖ Fill out and return, by US Mail or fax, the "Comment Card" attached to this Notice.
- ❖ Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

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Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC "

- ❖ Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.

BACKGROUND

Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC (Charlie Creek or Utility) is a Class C utility providing water service to approximately 165 residential and one general service customer in Hardee County. Rates were last approved in a staff assisted rate case in 2017.¹ Subsequently, the rates were increased by four price index rate adjustments. Charlie Creek is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. According to Charlie's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$73,443 and total operating expenses were \$86,852.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Charlie Creek filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 20 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$17.46	\$20.95
3/4"	\$26.19	\$31.43
1"	\$43.65	\$52.38
1-1/2"	\$87.30	\$104.76
2"	\$139.68	\$167.62
3"	\$279.36	\$335.23
4"	\$436.50	\$523.80
6"	\$873.00	\$1,047.60
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 – 4,000 gallons	\$4.39	\$5.27
Over 4,000 gallons	\$5.51	\$6.61
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$4.87	\$5.84

¹Order No. PSC-17-0144-PAA-WU, issued April 27, 2017, in Docket No. 160143-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Hardee County by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC.*

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2023. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its June 13, 2023, Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived PSC Events" icon on the left side of the webpage.

The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date that the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's PAA order. Customers may obtain a copy of staff's recommendation and all documents filed in this docket under the Clerk's Office tab at the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>).

CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (OPC)

At any time during this process, you may contact the Office of Public Counsel. The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility consumers before both the Commission, and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accounts only to the people of the state of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact information for staff is provided below. You may also find additional information in the Rate Case Overview, which can be viewed at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Publications/RateCaseOverviews>.

For technical questions contact: Terence Bethea at (850) 413-6435 or tbethea@psc.state.fl.us
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If you wish to contact the 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.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
CRESTRIDGE UTILITIES, LLC.
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Polk Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC; Crestridge Utilities, LLC; East Marion Utilities, LLC; Heather Hills Utilities, LLC; Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC; Lake Yale Utilities, LLC; McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC; Orange Land Utilities, LLC; Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC; Sunrise Water, LLC; West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Crestridge Utilities, LLC. (Crestridge or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Pasco County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

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- ❖ Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

Office of Commission Clerk
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Crestridge Utilities, LLC."

- ❖ Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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Commission in-person.

BACKGROUND

Crestridge Utilities, LLC. (Crestridge or Utility) is a Class C water utility serving approximately 619 customers in Pasco County. Rates were last approved in a staff assisted rate case in 2017.¹ Subsequently, the rates were increased by four price index rate adjustments. Crestridge is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. According to Crestridge's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$215,368 and total operating expenses were \$227,457.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Crestridge filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates, an increase of 20.00 percent for water rates.

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$12.85	\$15.42
3/4"	\$19.28	\$23.14
1"	\$32.13	\$38.56
1-1/2"	\$64.25	\$77.10
2"	\$102.80	\$123.36
3"	\$205.60	\$246.72
4"	\$321.25	\$385.50
6"	\$642.50	\$771.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 – 3,000 gallons	\$4.22	\$5.06
Over 3,000 gallons	\$8.38	\$10.06
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$5.36	\$6.43

¹Order No. PSC-17-0042-PAA-WU, issued February 1, 2017, in Docket No. 140175-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Pasco County by Crestridge Utilities, LLC.*

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2023. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its June 13, 2023, Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived PSC Events" icon on the left side of the webpage.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
EAST MARION UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Polk Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC; Crestridge Utilities, LLC; East Marion Utilities, LLC; Heather Hills Utilities, LLC; Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC; Lake Yale Utilities, LLC; McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC; Orange Land Utilities, LLC; Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC; Sunrise Water, LLC; West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of East Marion Utilities, LLC (East Marion or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Marion County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, East Marion Utilities, LLC"

Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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BACKGROUND

East Marion Utilities, LLC is a Class C utility providing service in Marion County to approximately 113 water and 103 wastewater customers. East Marion is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. The utility's rates for water and wastewater service were last approved in a limited alternative rate increase in 2020.¹ Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to East Marion's 2022 annual report, service total gross revenues were \$37,526 for water and \$48,925 for wastewater. Total operating expenses were \$40,806 for water and \$63,774 for wastewater.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, East Marion filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 20 percent for both water and wastewater rates.

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$14.45	\$17.34
3/4"	\$21.68	\$26.02
1"	\$36.13	\$43.36
1-1/2"	\$72.25	\$86.70
2"	\$115.60	\$138.72
3"	\$231.20	\$277.44
4"	\$361.25	\$433.50
6"	\$722.50	\$867.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 – 10,000 gallons	\$3.03	\$3.64
Over 10,000 gallons	\$4.54	\$5.45
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$3.54	\$4.25

¹ Order No. PSC-2020-0396-PAA-WS, issued October 22, 2020, in Docket No. 20200152-WS, *In re: Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Polk and Marion Counties, by Alturas Water, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, Pinecrest Utilities, LLC, and East Marion Utilities, LLC.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$19.12	\$22.94
Charge per 1,000 gallons 10,000 gallon cap	\$5.82	\$6.98
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$19.12	\$22.94
3/4"	\$28.68	\$34.42
1"	\$47.80	\$57.36
1-1/2"	\$95.60	\$114.72
2"	\$152.96	\$183.55
3"	\$305.92	\$367.10
4"	\$478.00	\$573.60
6"	\$956.00	\$1,147.20
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.00	\$8.40

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2023. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its June 13, 2023 Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived Events" icon on the left side of the webpage.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
HEATHER HILLS UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Polk Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC; Crestridge Utilities, LLC; East Marion Utilities, LLC; Heather Hills Utilities, LLC; Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC; Lake Yale Utilities, LLC; McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC; Orange Land Utilities, LLC; Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC; Sunrise Water, LLC; West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Heather Hills Utilities, LLC (Heather Hills or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Manatee County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC"

Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.

BACKGROUND

Heather Hills Utilities, LLC is a Class C water and wastewater utility providing service to approximately 352 residential customers and one general service customer in Manatee County. Rates were last approved in a staff assisted rate case in 2020.¹ Heather Hills is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. Subsequently, the rates were increased by four price index rate adjustment. According to Heather Hills's 2022 annual report, service total gross revenues were \$80,918 for water and \$127,219 for wastewater. Total operating expenses were \$88,698 for water and \$131,205 for wastewater.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Crestridge filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates increases of 20 percent for water rates and 15 percent for wastewater rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED QUARTERLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$33.02	\$39.62
3/4"	\$49.53	\$59.44
1"	\$82.55	\$99.06
1-1/2"	\$165.10	\$198.12
2"	\$264.16	\$316.99
3"	\$528.32	\$633.98
4"	\$825.50	\$990.60
6"	\$1,651.00	\$1,981.20
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential and General Service	\$4.39	\$5.27

¹ Order No. PSC-2020-0119-PAA-WS, issued April 20, 2020, in Docket No. 20190113-WS, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Manatee County by Heather Hills Utilities, LLC.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED QUARTERLY WASTEWATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$43.64	\$50.19
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$8.73	\$10.04
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$43.64	\$50.19
3/4"	\$65.46	\$75.29
1"	\$109.10	\$125.47
1-1/2"	\$218.20	\$250.93
2"	\$349.12	\$401.49
3"	\$698.24	\$802.98
4"	\$1,091.00	\$1,254.65
6"	\$2,182.00	\$2,509.30
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$8.73	\$10.04

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Manatee County by

Heather Hills Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Name _____

Address _____

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, and Polk Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC; Crestridge Utilities, LLC; East Marion Utilities, LLC; Heather Hills Utilities, LLC; Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC; Lake Yale Utilities, LLC; McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC; Orange Land Utilities, LLC; Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC; Sunrise Water, LLC; West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC (Holiday Gardens or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Pasco County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC "

- ❖ Address the Commissioners by phone during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. You may address the Commissioners by phone even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments by phone at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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BACKGROUND

Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC (Holiday Gardens or Utility) is a Class C water utility serving approximately 449 residential customers and eight general service customer in Pasco County. Rates were last approved in a staff assisted rate case in 2017.¹ Subsequently, the rates were adjusted to reflect four price index increases and a four year rate reduction for expired rate case expense amortization. Holiday Gardens is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. According to Holiday Gardens's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$139,460 and total operating expenses were \$156,660.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Holiday Gardens filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates increases of 20.00 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$10.83	\$13.00
3/4"	\$16.25	\$19.50
1"	\$27.08	\$32.50
1-1/2"	\$54.15	\$64.98
2"	\$86.64	\$103.97
3"	\$173.28	\$207.94
4"	\$270.75	\$324.90
6"	\$541.50	\$649.80
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 – 3,000 gallons	\$3.53	\$4.24
Over 3,000 gallons	\$5.60	\$6.72
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$4.24	\$5.09

¹Order No. PSC-17-0041-PAA-WU, issued February 1, 2017, in Docket No. 140177-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Pasco County by Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC.*

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Pasco County by

Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Name _____

Address _____

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
LAKE YALE UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Lake Yale Utilities, LLC (Lake Yale or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Lake County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

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Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC"

- ❖ Address the Commissioners in-person during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. If you would like to provide comments in-person at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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BACKGROUND

Lake Yale is a Class C water utility serving approximately 299 residential customers, 88 irrigation customers, and 1 general service customer in Pasco County. The utility is serving approximately 299 residential wastewater customer and 1 general service customer. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. In 1994, the Commission approved Certificate Nos. 560-W and 488-S to operate a water and wastewater utility.¹ The utility's rates for water were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2021.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to Lake Yale's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$92,916 for water and \$98,750 for wastewater. Total operating expenses were \$84,475 for water and \$112,025 for wastewater.

The limited alternative rate increase (LARI) process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's Rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Lake Yale filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 5 percent for water and 20 percent for wastewater.

Copies of the utility's application for a LARI and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

¹Order No. PSC-0171-FOF-WS, issued February 10, 1994, in Docket No. 19930133-WS, *In re: Application for water and wastewater certificates in Lake County by Lake Yale Corporation d/b/a Lake Yale Utility Company.*

²Order No. PSC-2021-0106-PAA-WS, issued March 17, 2021, in Docket No. 20200169-WS, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lake County, and request for interim rate increase, by Lake Yale Utilities, LLC.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$10.98	\$11.53
3/4"	\$16.47	\$17.29
1"	\$27.45	\$28.82
1-1/2"	\$54.90	\$57.65
2"	\$87.84	\$92.23
3"	\$175.68	\$184.46
4"	\$274.50	\$288.23
6"	\$549.00	\$576.45
8"	\$878.40	\$922.32
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 - 5,000 gallons	\$3.96	\$4.16
Over 5,000 gallons	\$5.93	\$6.23
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$4.28	\$4.49

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$14.28	\$17.14
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallage cap)	\$8.37	\$10.04
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X3/4"	\$14.28	\$17.14
3/4"	\$21.42	\$25.70
1"	\$35.70	\$42.84
1-1/2"	\$71.40	\$85.68
2"	\$114.24	\$137.09
3"	\$228.48	\$274.18
4"	\$357.00	\$428.40
6"	\$714.00	\$856.80
8"	\$1,142.40	\$1,370.88
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$10.04	\$12.05

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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Please note, if you would like to provide comments in-person at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks prior to June 13, 2023.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
MCLEOD GARDENS UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC (McLeod or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Polk County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.

BACKGROUND

McLeod is a Class C utility providing water service in Polk County to approximately 99 residential customers and 1 general service customer. In November 2001, the utility was granted an original certificate in Polk County to provide water service under the name McLeod Gardens Water Company.¹ The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. The utility's rates for water were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2021.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to McLeod's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$61,761 and total operating expenses were \$57,862.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, McLeod filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 15 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a LARI and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

¹ Order No. PSC-2001-2317-PAA-WU, issued November 27, 2001, in Docket No. 20001381-WU, *In re: Application for approval of transfer of certain water facilities and Certificate No. 619-W from McLeod Gardens Water Company to McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, in Polk County.*

² Order No. PSC-2021-0107-PAA-WU, issued on March 19, 2021, in Docket No. 20200168-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, and request for interim rate increase, by McLeod Gardens Utilities, L.L.C.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

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<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$15.60	\$17.94
3/4"	\$23.40	\$26.91
1"	\$39.00	\$44.85
1-1/2"	\$78.00	\$89.70
2"	\$124.80	\$143.52
3"	\$249.60	\$287.04
4"	\$390.00	\$448.50
6"	\$780.00	\$897.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential		
0-5,000 gallons	\$4.76	\$5.47
5,001-10,000 gallons	\$7.14	\$8.21
Over 10,000 gallons	\$9.53	\$10.96
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service	\$5.75	\$6.61

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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Application for a limited alternative rate increase in Polk County by

McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20220185 - WS

Name _____

Address _____

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
ORANGE LAND UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Orange Land Utilities, LLC (Orange Land or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Pasco County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20220185-WS, Orange Land Utilities, LLC"

- ❖ Address the Commissioners in-person during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. If you would like to provide comments in-person at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us, prior to June 13, 2023.

Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided to the Commission in-person.

BACKGROUND

Orange Land is a Class C water utility providing service in Pasco County to approximately 72 residential customers and 1 general service customer. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. On April 28, 1977, the utility was granted Certificate No. 288-W to operate a water utility.¹ The utility's rates for water were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2018.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to Orange Land's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$29,625 and total operating expenses were \$29,295.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Orange Land filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 15 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a LARI and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

¹Order No. 7790, issued April 28, 1977, in Docket No. 760763-W, *In re: Application of Orangeland Water Supply for a certificate to operate a water utility in Pasco County, Florida, pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes.*

²*Id.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$15.00	\$17.25
3/4"	\$22.50	\$25.88
1"	\$37.50	\$43.13
1-1/2"	\$75.00	\$86.25
2"	\$120.00	\$138.00
3"	\$240.00	\$276.00
4"	\$375.00	\$431.25
6"	\$750.00	\$862.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 - 4,000 gallons	\$4.38	\$5.04
Over 4,000 gallons	\$5.16	\$5.93
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service	\$4.63	\$5.32

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
SUNNY SHORES UTILITIES, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC (Sunny Shores or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Manatee County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

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- ❖ Address the Commissioners in-person during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. If you would like to provide comments in-person at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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BACKGROUND

Sunny Shores is a Class C water utility providing water service in Manatee County to approximately 259 residential customers and 2 general service customers. Sunny Shores is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. The Commission approved a transfer of Certificate No. 578-W from Sunny Shores Water Company to Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC.¹ The utility's rates for water were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2021.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by a price index rate adjustment. According to Sunny Shore's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$108,002 and total operating expenses were \$115,203.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Sunny Shores filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 20 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a LARI and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

¹Order No. PSC-2020-0265-PAA-WS, issued July 27, 2020, in Docket No. 20190182-WS, *In re: Application for transfer facilities and Certificate No. 578-W from Sunny Shores Water Co. to Sunny Shores, LLC in Manatee County.*

²Order No. PSC-2021-0320-PAA-WU, issued August 23, 2021, in Docket No. 20200230-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Manatee County by Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED QUARTERLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$75.24	\$90.29
3/4"	\$112.86	\$135.43
1"	\$188.10	\$225.72
1-1/2"	\$376.20	\$451.44
2"	\$601.92	\$722.30
3"	\$1,203.84	\$1,444.61
4"	\$1,881.00	\$2,257.20
6"	\$3,762.00	\$4,514.40
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$3.57	\$4.28

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation on the utility's proposed rate increase which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2023. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation, taking into consideration customer comments, at its June 13, 2023, Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Look for the "Watch Live and Archived PSC Events" icon on the left side of the webpage.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
SUNRISE WATER, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC, West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

DATED: MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is seeking comment and information from utility customers pertaining to the petition of Sunrise Water, LLC (Sunrise or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase (LARI) in Polk County.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise customers and other interested persons how they may provide comment to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides and, on the utility's proposed increase in rates included in this notice. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

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Office of Commission Clerk
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- ❖ Address the Commissioners in-person during the Commission's Conference, currently scheduled for June 13, 2023. If you would like to provide in-person comments at the Commission Conference, please contact Timothy Sparks with the PSC at (850) 413-6216 or tsparks@psc.state.fl.us prior to June 13, 2023.

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BACKGROUND

Sunrise is a Class C water utility providing service in Polk County to approximately 260 residential customers and 3 general service customers. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. In 1997, the Commission approved a grandfather certificate to provide water service.¹ The utility's rates for water were last approved by the Commission in a limited alternative rate case in 2020.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to Sunrise's 2022 annual report, water service total gross revenues were \$107,274.

The LARI process allows small water and wastewater utilities to petition the Commission for a rate increase of up to 20 percent under a streamlined process. The Commission's rule (25-30.457, Florida Administrative Code) requires the utility to identify the need for the rate increase and it provides protections to customers that ensure the utility's earnings do not exceed the range of its authorized rate of return. On November 7, 2022, Sunrise filed an application for a LARI to recover the incremental increase in operating costs over the amount approved in the utility's last rate proceeding. On April 14, 2023, the application was revised to reflect 2022 financial information rather than 2021 in the original filing. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply to its existing rates an increase of 5.00 percent for water rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a LARI and all attachments are available for review by members of the public by visiting <http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/Docket> and entering 20220185 in the docket number search field.

¹ Order No. PSC-97-0832-FOF-WU, issued July 11, 1997, in Docket No. 19961249-WU, *In re: Application for grandfather certificate to provide water service in Polk County by Sunrise Water Company, Inc.*

² Order No. PSC-2020-0396-PAA-WU, issued October 22, 2020, in Docket No. 20200152-WS, *In re: Application for a limited alternative rate increase proceeding in Polk and Marion Counties, by Alturas Water, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC., Pinecrest Utilities, LLC., and East Marion Utilities, LLC.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WATER RATES

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	UTILITY'S PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$13.19	\$13.85
3/4"	\$19.79	\$20.78
1"	\$32.98	\$34.63
1-1/2"	\$65.95	\$69.25
2"	\$105.52	\$110.80
3"	\$211.04	\$221.59
4"	\$329.75	\$346.24
6"	\$659.50	\$692.48
Charge per 1,000 gallons – Residential Service		
0 - 5,000 gallons	\$4.21	\$4.42
5,000-10,000 gallons	\$4.62	\$4.85
Over 10,000 gallons	\$9.24	\$9.70
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service	\$4.78	\$5.02

PROCEDURES AFTER RECEIVING COMMENTS

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS
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WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, LLC
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

RE: DOCKET NO. 20220185-WS

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PURPOSE

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BACKGROUND

West Lakeland is a Class C utility providing service in Polk County to approximately 316 wastewater residential customers and 1 general service customer. The City of Lakeland provides water service to the customers. The utility is operated under Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), a service company. The Commission approved a transfer of the wastewater system in 2018.¹ The utility's rates for wastewater were last approved by the Commission in a staff-assisted rate case in 2019.² Subsequently, the rates were increased by two price index rate adjustments. According to West Lakeland's 2022 annual report, wastewater service total gross revenues were \$147,043 and total operating expenses were \$168,997.

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¹ Order No. PSC-2018-0377-PAA-SU, issued on July 30, 2018, in Docket No. 20170246-SU, *In re: Application for authority to transfer facilities and Certificate No. 515-S in Polk County from West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. to West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.*

² Order No. PSC-2019-0503-PAA-SU, issued on November 25, 2019, in Docket No. 20180202-SU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by West Lakeland Wastewater, L.L.C.*

CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
<u>Residential Service</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$17.56	\$21.07
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallage cap)	\$6.53	\$7.84
<u>General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X3/4"	\$17.56	\$21.07
3/4"	\$26.34	\$31.61
1"	\$43.90	\$52.68
1-1/2"	\$87.80	\$105.36
2"	\$140.48	\$168.58
3"	\$280.96	\$337.15
4"	\$439.00	\$526.80
6"	\$878.00	\$1,053.60
8"	\$1,404.80	\$1,685.76
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.83	\$9.40

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