



May 7, 2026

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

RE: Request for Tariff Filing revisions pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes by
Florida Community Water Systems – Miscellaneous Service Charges

Dear Commission Clerk:

Florida Community Water Systems (FCWS) hereby submits its tariff filing revision request for its Miscellaneous Service Charges pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes. In support thereof, NFCWS offers the following information.

On December 2, 2021, Articles of Merger were recorded with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, to merge the Black Bear Waterworks, Inc., Brendenwood Waterworks, Inc., Brevard Waterworks, Inc., Harbor Waterworks, Inc., Jumper Creek Utility Company, Lake Idlewild Utility Company, Lakeside Waterworks, Inc., Pine Harbour Waterworks, Inc., Raintree Waterworks, Inc., and The Woods Utility Company (Merging Companies) into the new corporation FCWS (Surviving Company). The merger became effective on January 1, 2022, and the Merging Company's corporations were dissolved and no longer exist.

In Order No. PSC-2022-0095-FOF-WS, issued February 21, 2022, the Commission approved the merger and name change. Merrit Island wastewater system was later merged with FCWS on January 1, 2024. In Order No. PSC-2024-0060-FOF-SU, issued March 11, 2024, the Commission approved the merger and name change.

On November 14, 2021, FCWS filed an application for a revenue-neutral rate restructuring limited proceeding for the purpose of consolidating the rates of the 14 systems into uniform rates.

The Commission approved this consolidation in PSC-2023-0300-PAA-WS, issued October 2, 2023. In that order the Commission stated: "In prior dockets, we have approved rate consolidation because it encourages large utilities to acquire small utilities; recognizes

economies of scale attributable to large utilities with respect to combined operations; results in cost savings associated with regulatory filings; and produces rate stability across all systems.”

FCWS is now requesting a consolidation of the Miscellaneous Service Charges. Currently, each water and wastewater system has different charges. It would be more efficient to have the same charges, especially since the same operations company is conducting these services. Also, this would minimize customer confusion on charges since they are all for the same utility, FCWS. Below is a listing of the systems and when the charges were approved by the Commission:

Brevard Water - PSC-14-0326-PAA-WU, issued June 25, 2014 (Transfer)
Black Bear Water - PSC-16-0169-PAA-WU, issued April 28, 2016 (Transfer)
Brendenwood Water - PSC-14-0691-PAA-WU, issued December 15, 2014 (Transfer)
Harbor Water - PSC-12-0587-PAA-WU, issued October 29, 2012 (Transfer)
Harbor Wastewater - PSC-12-0580-PAA-SU, issued October 26, 2012 (Original Cert)
Lake Idlewild - PSC-15-0140-PAA-WU, issued March 23, 2015 (Transfer)
Lakeside Water & Wastewater - PSC-2017-0491-TRF-WS, issued December 28, 2017 (Tariff)
Pine Harbour Water - PSC-17-0043-PAA-WU, issued February 2, 2017 (Transfer)
Raintree Water - PSC-14-0692-PAA-WU, issued December 15, 2014 (Transfer)
Jumper Creek Water & Wastewater - PSC-14-0299-PAA-WS, issued June 11, 2014 (Transfer)
The Woods Water & Wastewater - PSC-14-0300-PAA-WS, issued June 11, 2014 (Transfer)

As shown in the table above, with the exception of Lakeside, these Charges were approved many years ago through transfers and one original certificate case. The majority of these charges are extremely low and would not cover modern costs.

The Commission specifically approved Miscellaneous Service Charges for the former Lakeside Waterworks, Inc. in Order No. PSC-2017-0491-TRF-WS, issued December 28, 2017. Although this was nine years ago, FCWS requests these rates, as currently in the approved tariff, be consistent across all systems with the exception that for wastewater the Violation Reconnection Charge be “Acutal Cost.”

FCWS would also request that the Meter Tampering Charge currently in approved Original Sheet No. 16.6A be applied to all water systems. FCWS also requests that the Backflow Prevention Assembly Test Charge currently in approved Original Sheet No. 13.14 also be applied to all water systems.

In addition, effective June 24, 2021, Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C., was amended to remove initial connection and normal reconnection charges. The definitions for initial connection charges and normal reconnection charges were subsumed in the definition of the premises visit charge. Therefore, there should no longer be initial connection or normal reconnection charges.

The requested tariff revisions are attached hereto.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at either trendell@uswatercorp.net or (727) 848-8292, ext. 245.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trendell', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Troy Rendell
Vice President
Investor Owned Utilities
// for Florida Community Water Systems, Inc.

For All Water Systems

The Company may charge the following miscellaneous service charges in accordance with the terms stated herein. If both water and wastewater services are provided, only a single charge is appropriate unless circumstances beyond the control of the Company require multiple actions.

VIOLATION RECONNECTION - This charge may be levied prior to reconnection of an existing Customer after disconnection of service for cause according to Rule 25-30.320(2), Florida Administrative Code, including a delinquency in bill payment.

PREMISES VISIT CHARGE - A premises visit charge is levied when a service representative visits a premises to discontinue service for nonpayment of a due and collectible bill and the customer pays the service representative or otherwise makes satisfactory arrangements to pay the bill and service is not discontinued. A premises visit charge is also levied when a service representative visits a premises at the customer's request to (1) initiate service, (2) temporarily disconnect service, (3) reconnect service after a temporary discontinuance, or (4) assess a service issue and it is found to be the customer's responsibility.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE – This charge would be levied when a customer's billing account is not paid timely and is therefore delinquent, pursuant to Rule 25-30.335(4), F.A.C.

NSF CHARGE - This charge may be levied pursuant to Chapter 832, Florida Statutes, when a customer pays by check and that check is dishonored by the customers banking institution.

Schedule of Miscellaneous Service Charges

	<u>During Hours</u>	<u>After Hours</u>
Violation Reconnection Charge	\$59.10	\$66.97
Premises Visit Charge	\$37.19	\$37.47
Late Payment Charge	\$5.43	
NSF Check Charge	Pursuant to Statute 68.065, Florida Statutes	

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ISSUING OFFICER

PRESIDENT
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For All Wastewater Systems

The Company may charge the following miscellaneous service charges in accordance with the terms stated herein. If both water and wastewater services are provided, only a single charge is appropriate unless circumstances beyond the control of the Company require multiple actions.

VIOLATION RECONNECTION - This charge may be levied prior to reconnection of an existing Customer after disconnection of service for cause according to Rule 25-30.320(2), Florida Administrative Code, including a delinquency in bill payment.

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Schedule of Miscellaneous Service Charges

	<u>During Hours</u>	<u>After Hours</u>
Violation Reconnection Charge	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Premises Visit Charge	\$32.19	\$37.47
Late Payment Charge	\$5.43	
NSF Check Charge	Pursuant to Statute 68.065, Florida Statutes	

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For All Water Systems

BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TEST CHARGE

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

APPLICABILITY - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires each Customer having a backflow prevention assembly to have a field test performed by a certified backflow prevention assembly contractor at least once per year. The Company will send a reminder notice to the Customer 30 days in advance of the required testing date. This tariff applies to Customers who choose to have the Company's certified contractor to perform the annual test required by the DEP or who fail to have the annual test completed by an independent certified contractor within the 30-day reminder period as provided by the Company.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - Annually.

RATE - \$35.00 or less

TERMS OF PAYMENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered. In accordance with Rule 25-30.320, Florida Administrative Code, if a Customer is delinquent in paying the bill for water service, service may then be discontinued.

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MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

METER TAMPERING CHARGE – Unauthorized connections to, or tampering with the Company's meters, meter seals, or metering equipment or evidence thereof, which would cause the meter to fail to register or to register inaccurately, shall subject the Customer to prosecution under the laws of the State of Florida; to an adjustment for correction of prior bills for services rendered; and to liability for reimbursement of the Company of any and all actual expenses incurred pursuant to the repair or damaged meters, meter seals, or metering equipment. This charge shall only be levied after a service representative has determined that the Company's meters, meter seals, or metering equipment have been tampered with. In the event that a determination of tampering has been made by the service representative, the Company shall notify the Customer of the intent of the Company to assess a meter tampering charge, the grounds and/or evidence underlying the charge, and the Customer's ability to contest this charge with the Florida Public Service Commission. In the event that the Customer initiates a customer complaint and/or disputes the assessment of said charge with the Florida Public Service Commission, the Company shall not discontinue service to the Customer due to any unpaid disputed amounts until the complaint is closed by the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

INVESTIGATION OF METER TAMPERING CHARGE – In the event that an investigation reveals evidence of unauthorized connections to, or tampering with the Company's meters, meter seals or metering equipment, the Company may assess a penalty not to exceed \$50 for the reimbursement of extra expenses incurred as a result of the investigation. This charge will only be levied after a service representative has visited the premises and said representative has determined that the Company's meters, meter seals, or metering equipment have been tampered with. In the event that a determination of tampering has been made by the service representative, the Company shall notify the Customer of the intent of the Company to assess a meter tampering charge, the grounds and/or evidence underlying the charge, and the Customer's ability to contest this charge with the Florida Public Service Commission. In the event that the Customer initiates a customer complaint and/or disputes the assessment of said charge with the Florida Public Service Commission, the Company shall not discontinue service to the Customer due to any unpaid disputed amounts until the complaint is closed by the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Schedule of Miscellaneous Service Charges

Meter Tampering charge	Actual Cost
Investigation of Meter Tampering Charges	\$50.00

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