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- b. Docket No. 080249-WS; Labrador Utilities, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in Pasco County, Florida - Filing Labrador Utilities, Inc.'s Notice of Filing of the Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Labrador Utilities, Inc.
- c. Labrador Utilities, Inc.
- d. 8 Pages.
- e. Letter to Commission Clerk – 1 page; Notice of Filing – 1 page; Affidavit of Mailing – 1 page; and Initial Customer Notice - 5 pages.

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RE: Docket No. 080249-WS; Labrador Utilities, Inc.'s Application for an Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in Pasco County, Florida
Our File No.: 30057.157

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a Notice of Filing of the Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Should you or the Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



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For the Firm

MSF/tlc
Enclosures

cc: John P. Hoy, Chief Regulatory Officer (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)
Patrick C. Flynn, Regional Director (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)
Ms. Deborah Swain (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of
LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.
for an increase in water and wastewater
rates in Pasco County, Florida

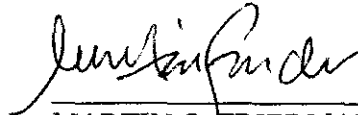
DOCKET NO. 080249-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing in the above-referenced docket the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of
February, 2009, by:

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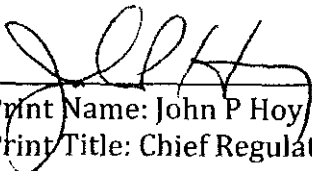
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Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared John P Hoy, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Utilities, Inc., the sole shareholder of Labrador Utilities, Inc., and that on January 23, 2009, he did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

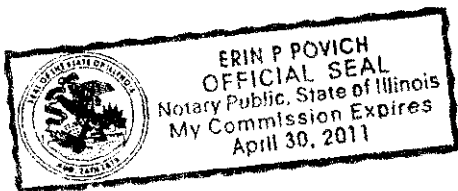


Print Name: John P Hoy
Print Title: Chief Regulatory Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of January, 2009, by John P Hoy, who is personally known to me.



Print Name: Erin P Povich
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: April 30, 2011



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 080249-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN
PASCO COUNTY BY LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.

JANUARY 23, 2009

BACKGROUND

Labrador Utilities, Inc. (the "Utility") is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Pasco County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for increased water and wastewater rates for its Pasco County customers on August 28, 2008. The application was assigned Docket No. 080249-WS, and December 4, 2008, was established as the official date of filing.

As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs") filed with its application to the Commission, the revenues per books are \$172,175, with operating expenses per books of \$224,715, for its water system, resulting in a water net operating income of *negative* \$52,540, per books, before adjustments. For its wastewater system, the Utility's revenues per books are \$338,315, with operating expenses per books of \$273,917, resulting in a wastewater net operating income of \$114,397, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings. Copies of the MFRs, the Rate Case Synopsis, and the Utility's application will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654

Office Hours:
Monday and Tuesday:
12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (Closed)

Labrador Utilities, Inc.
 200 Weathersfield Avenue
 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
 (800) 272-1919

Office Hours:
 Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average thirteen-month period ended December 31, 2007.

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility's rate case:

<u>Schedule Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Staff Audit Report	12/19/2008
Customer Meeting	03/05/2009
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA") Recommendation	04/09/2009
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	04/21/2009
PAA Order	05/11/2009
Protest Period Expires	06/01/2009

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES

The current and proposed rates and charges follow. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

WATER SERVICE

<u>Residential Service</u> Monthly	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
Base-Facility Charge – All meter sizes:	\$6.55	\$10.72	\$10.69	\$12.75
Gallage charge – per 1,000 gallons	\$3.27	\$5.35	\$5.34	\$6.36

WATER SERVICE (continued)

<u>General Service</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge				
<u>By Meter Size:</u>				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$6.55	\$10.72	\$10.69	\$12.75
3/4"	\$9.82	\$16.07	\$16.03	\$19.11
1"	\$16.37	\$26.80	\$26.72	\$31.86
1 1/2"	\$32.75	\$53.62	\$53.46	\$63.75
2"	\$52.39	\$85.77	\$85.52	\$101.99
3"	\$104.78	\$171.55	\$171.04	\$203.98
4"	\$163.71	\$268.04	\$267.24	\$318.71
6"	\$327.42	\$536.08	\$534.48	\$637.42
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.27	\$5.35	\$5.34	\$6.36
<u>Irrigation</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
Base facility charge				
2" Meter	\$52.39	\$85.77	\$85.52	\$101.99
Gallage per 1,000 gallons	\$3.27	\$5.35	\$5.34	\$6.36

WASTEWATER SERVICE

<u>Residential Service</u> Monthly	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
Base-Facility Charge – All meter sizes:	\$12.56	\$16.86	\$13.59	\$18.85
Gallage charge – per 1,000 gallons (maximum 6,000 gallons)	\$9.71	\$13.03	\$10.51	\$14.57

WASTEWATER SERVICE (continued)

<u>General Service</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge				
<u>By Meter Size:</u>				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.56	\$16.86	\$13.59	\$18.85
3/4"	\$18.84	\$25.29	\$20.38	\$28.28
1"	\$31.40	\$42.16	\$33.97	\$47.14
1 1/2"	\$62.81	\$84.34	\$67.96	\$94.29
2"	\$100.49	\$134.93	\$108.72	\$150.86
3"	\$200.98	\$269.87	\$217.44	\$301.73
4"	\$314.03	\$421.67	\$339.76	\$471.45
6"	\$628.06	\$843.35	\$679.51	\$942.90
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$11.64	\$15.63	\$12.59	\$17.47

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The Utility is requesting the following changes to its miscellaneous service charges.

Water				
Type of Charge	Present Charge		Requested Charge	
	During Business Hours	After Business Hours	During Business Hours	After Business Hours
Initial Connection	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$42.00

Violation Reconnection	\$15.00	\$15.00	*Actual Cost	*Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
Wastewater				
Type of Charge	Present Charge		Requested Charge	
	During Business Hours	After Business Hours	During Business Hours	After Business Hours
Initial Connection	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
Violation Reconnection	*Actual Cost	*Actual Cost	*Actual Cost	*Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
*Actual Cost equals the total cost incurred for services				

Written comments regarding the Utility's service or the requested final rate increases may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

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

All comments should refer to Docket No. 080249-WS which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552

If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at (800) 272-1919.

Labrador Utilities, Inc.