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

Re: Docket No. 140106-SU, West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in reference to the above noted Docket filed with the Florida Public Service Commission for a rate increase. The reason for requesting the increase was noted to be given an opportunity to recover the cost of customer bill mailings and the cost of the operating permit renewal.

The cost of the operating permit renewal should be an expense of doing business and not passed on to the customers. Furthermore, it is my understanding that this process is not a yearly process and that the permits are renewed for more than one year, so customers pay the increase for this over and over again when in actuality there is no operating permit renewal for that year.

Because of the volume of billing for six utility companies, has the owner of West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. investigated any special postal rates?

Also, for the month of October 2014, our cost for water service was \$17.04 and for the same period, it cost \$24.11 for our sewage usage. It does not seem reasonable that it would cost more for sewerage when the total water usage is not the total sewage output i.e. not all incoming water is put down the drain. Plus, the expense of treating water and pumping it over a much larger area than the Lakeland Wastewater sewage and the cost of maintenance and repair of the pumps and pipes over the larger area has to be a more expensive cost than that of the West Lakeland

Wastewater. So, it does not make sense that the cost is greater for the sewerage and that an additional increase is imminent.

For the reasons stated in this letter, we object to the request for a rate hike.

Sincerely,

J. Daniel & DoraLee Miller





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