



# Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

September 2022

Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Polk County by  
CHC VII, Ltd.

DOCKET NO. 20220033 – WS

On February 11, 2022, CHC VII, Ltd. (CHC or Utility) filed an application for an increase in water and wastewater rates with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). CHC is a Class C water and wastewater utility serving 885 residential water customers and 872 residential wastewater customers in Polk County.

## Questions & Answers

### 1 Why is CHC requesting a rate increase?

CHC is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the Utility and allow the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

### 2 When was CHC's last approved rate increase?

CHC filed a limited proceeding rate case for its water system in 2019.

### 3 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of CHC's rate request, Commission staff will conduct a virtual customer meeting to allow feedback about CHC's quality of service and the rate setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

To speak at the virtual customer meeting, a customer must sign up via the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com), under the "Hot Topics" heading on the home page. Customers without internet access can sign up to speak by calling the PSC at (850) 413-7080. Registration will open beginning September 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., and the deadline to sign up is September 26, 2022 at noon.

One day prior to the meeting, speakers will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

### 4 What if I cannot attend the virtual customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the virtual customer meeting or in writing.\* Written comments should be mailed to:

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

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20220033-WS**.

### VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2022  
3:00 p.m.

\* Any email or other correspondence sent to a Florida Public Service Commissioner, or any other public official and/or employee of the PSC, in the transaction of public business is considered a public record and is subject to Florida's Public Records Law. This means that Florida law generally requires the PSC to provide a copy of any such email or correspondence, upon request, for inspection and copying to any Florida citizen or to any member of the media.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider CHC's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at (800) 342-3552.

## **5 How much are the current and proposed monthly water and wastewater bills for a CHC residential customer using 8,000 gallons?**

The current monthly water and wastewater bills for a customer using 8,000 gallons are \$17.86 and \$23.62. The proposed monthly water and wastewater bills would be \$22.60 and \$35.88.

## **6 Can I obtain more information online?**

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com). Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20220033.

## **7 Who can answer technical or legal questions?**

For technical questions, contact:

Christopher Richards  
Accounting  
(850) 413 - 6742

Orlando Wooten  
Quality of Service and Engineering  
(850) 413 - 6686

Sonica Bruce  
Rates and Charges  
(850) 413 - 6994

For legal questions, contact:

Matthew Jones  
(850) 413 - 6212

## **8 Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Public Service Commission?**

The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility customers before the Commission and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Office of Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accountable 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](http://www.floridaopc.gov).

## **9 When will the PSC make a decision?**

PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on October 20, 2022. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the November 1, 2022 Commission Conference.

## **10 How can I follow the customer meeting and Commission Conference?**

You can watch the customer meeting and Commission Conference live from the PSC website at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com). Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. An audio only option is available by dialing (850) 413-7999. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

If cancelled, notice of customer meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website, ([www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com)), under Hot Topics found on the home page.

Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

## PSC Commissioners



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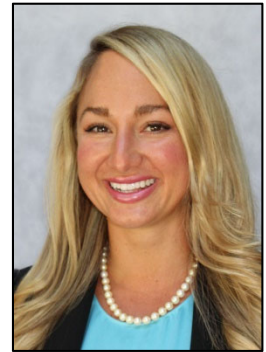
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## CHC VII, Ltd. Monthly Water Bills

	<b>UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES</b>
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$5.50	\$6.68
3/4"	\$8.25	\$10.02
1"	\$13.75	\$16.70
1 1/4"	\$22.00	\$26.72
1-1/2"	\$27.50	\$33.40
2"	\$44.00	\$53.44
3"	\$88.00	\$106.88
4"	\$137.50	\$167.00
6"	\$275.00	\$334.00
8"	\$440.00	\$534.40
<b>Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential</b>		
0-5,000 gal	\$1.38	N/A
Over 5,000 gal	\$1.82	N/A
<b>Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential</b>		
0-5,000 gal		\$1.90
5,001-10,000 gal		\$2.14
Over 10,000		\$3.22
<b>Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service</b>		
	\$1.50	\$2.10
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
5,000 Gallons	\$12.40	\$16.18
8,000 Gallons	\$17.86	\$22.60
10,000 Gallons	\$21.50	\$26.88

## CHC VII, Ltd. Monthly Wastewater Bills

	UTILITY'S CURRENT RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES
<b><u>Residential</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge – All Meter Sizes	\$8.26	\$11.96
Charge per 1,000 gallons 8,000 gallon cap	\$1.92	\$2.99
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$8.26	\$11.96
3/4"	\$12.39	\$17.94
1"	\$20.65	\$29.90
1 1/4"	\$33.04	\$47.84
1 1/2"	\$41.30	\$59.80
2"	\$66.08	\$95.68
3"	\$132.16	\$191.36
4"	\$206.50	\$299.00
6"	\$413.00	\$598.00
8"	\$660.80	\$956.80
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$2.31	\$3.59
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>		
4,000 gallons	\$15.94	\$23.92
8,000 gallons	\$23.62	\$35.88
10,000 gallons	\$23.62	\$35.88



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