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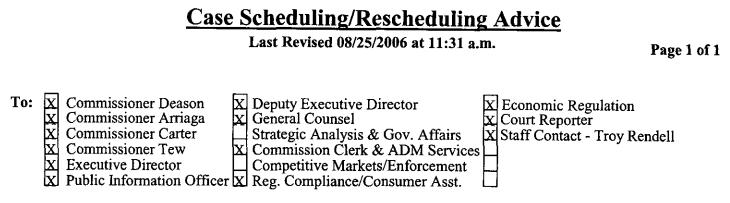
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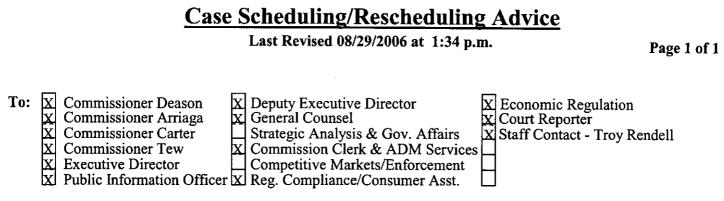
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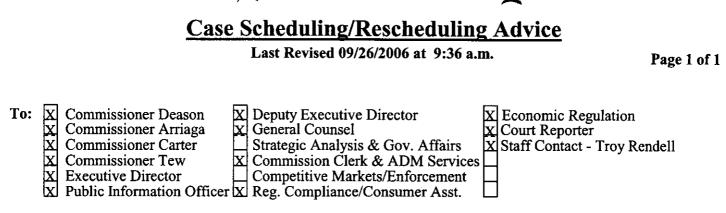
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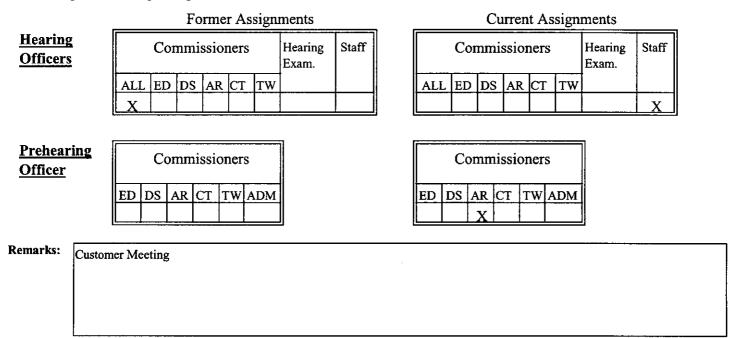
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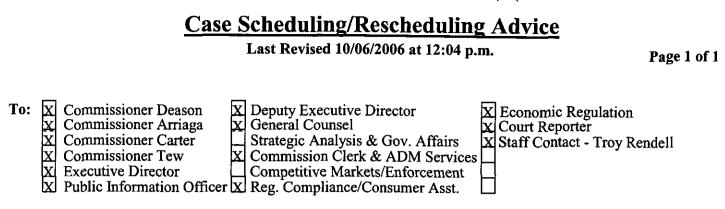


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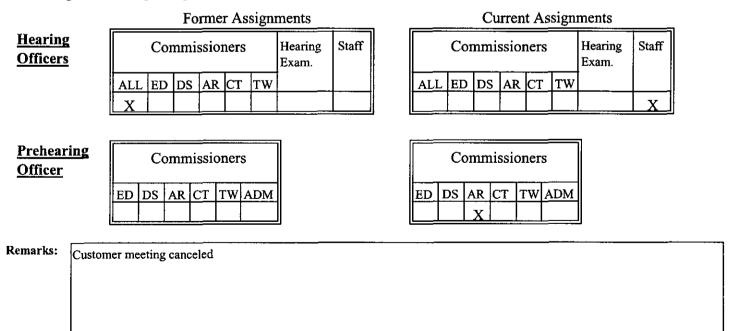


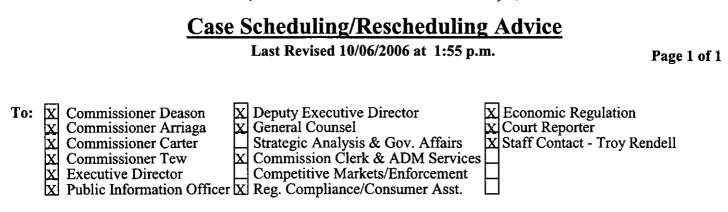


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Order Initiating Show Cause Proceedings and Notice of Proposed Agency Action Order Denying Rate Increase and Requiring Refunds.

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Thanks "J"

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**DATE:** January 31, 2007

- **TO:** Blanca S. Bayó, Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
- **FROM:** Jane Faurot, Chief, Office of Hearing Reporter Services, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
- **RE:** DOCKET NO. 060262-WS, AGENDA HELD 01/23/07.
- RE: APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN PASCO COUNTY BY LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.

DOCUMENT No.: 00952-07, 01/30/07

The transcript for the above proceedings has been completed and is forwarded for placement in the docket file, including attachments.

Please note that Staff distribution of this transcript was made to:

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Acknowledged BY:

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Margaret Coney 6322 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540

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#### Re: In Response to your letter to Commissioner Tew

Ms. Coney:

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to Commissioner Tew in which you expressed concerns regarding a rate increase requested by Labrador Utilities, Inc. (Labrador or Company.) I have been asked to provide you information on the ratemaking process and to provide updated information on Labrador's case.

As you are probably aware, a customer meeting was held in Zephyrhills on November 2, 2006. During the meeting, customers were given an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns regarding Labrador's rates and service. Customers provided verbal comments while others submitted written comments. This input was taken under advisement when staff formulated its recommendation on the proposed final rates.

In your letter, you indicated that when you are on vacation, you still receive a very high bill for water and wastewater service. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why you are assessed charges even when you are away. The water lines that bring water to your home must be continually maintained to ensure they function properly everyday. The utility faces costs to maintain the system and to ensure service is available whenever you turn on a faucet. While you may not require service every day of the year, service must be available at your demand. Most utilities, whether water, electric, or natural gas, operate the same way. A bill will be issued to the customer for a base charge that represents the costs necessary to maintain the system and meet its obligation to provide service whenever the customer requires it.

Staff filed a recommendation on January 10, 2007, recommending that Labrador's case be dismissed. The Commission approved staff's recommendation on January 23, 2007, at the Commission's scheduled Agenda Conference. I have enclosed a copy of staff's recommendation.

Ms. Margaret Coney Page 2 January 24, 2007

The next step in the process is that a Commission order will be issued. The order is called a Proposed Agency Action Order (PAA) and will be issued within 20 days from the date of the vote. After the PAA Order is issued, any substantially affected person may protest the order within 21 days. If there is no protest of the PAA Order, the Order becomes final.

I hope the above information has been helpful. If you have any additional questions, or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 413-6642 or e-mail me at <u>cbulecza@psc.state.fl.us.</u>

Sincerely, Cheryl Bulecza-Banks

Cheryl Bulecza-Banks Chief, Bureau of Rate Filings, Surveillance, Finance and Tax

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cc: Commissioner Katrina Tew

Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Division of Economic Regulation (Devlin, Willis, Rendell, Joyce, Edwards) Martin S. Friedman, Esq. (Labrador Utilities, Inc.) Commissioners: Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman Isilio Arriaga Matthew M. Carter II Katrina J. Tew Ken Littlefield

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## Hublic Service Commission

January 10, 2007

Beverly Culliford, President Forest Lake Estate Coop 6213 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Dear Ms. Culliford:

Enclosed is a copy of the Staff Recommendation filed in this matter on January 10, 2007. The Commission is expected to consider this Recommendation at its January 23, 2007, Agenda Conference which will be held in Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, in Tallahassee beginning at 9:30 a.m.

If you wish to attend, please arrive promptly at the beginning of the Agenda Conference, as we cannot state the exact time at which this item will be heard. You are welcome to come to this Agenda Conference and observe and/or participate in the discussion of this item. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6234.

Sincerely,

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January 10, 2007

Gerald F. Wilson, President Homeowners Association 5945 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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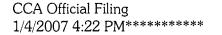
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#### **Timolyn Henry**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Felicia White Thursday, January 04, 2007 4:22 PM Matilda Sanders; Timolyn Henry FW: FPSC Response to Your E-mail Concerning Water rate increases - Docket 060262-WS

-----Original Message-----From: Cheryl Bulecza-Banks Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 4:21 PM To: 'jporteous@sympatico.ca' Cc: Office of the Chairman; Marshall Willis; Troy Rendell; Tiffany Joyce; Ralph Jaeger; Roberta Bass; Felicia White Subject: FPSC Response to Your E-mail Concerning Water rate increases - Docket 060262-WS

Dear Mr. and Mrs Porteous:

Thank you for your recent e-mail addressed to Chairman Edgar in which you expressed concerns regarding the rate increase requested by Labrador Utilities, Inc. (Labrador or Company.) I have been asked to provide you information on the Commission's rate case process and to provide you assurance that your concerns have been acknowledged by Commission staff. To ensure that the Commission staff and the Commissioners have knowledge of your concerns, a copy of your e-mail has been placed on the correspondence side of the docket file for all to review.

As a way of background information, I would like to provide an overview of the Commission's rate case process that I hope you will find helpful. The rate case process begins when a utility files a request for approval of a test year. The test year is the time period on which the utility will base its need for a rate increase. In the Labrador case, the Company selected a test year of 2005. The Commission approved the test year and a date was established to file its supporting financial data that is referred to as the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs). In this case, Labrador completed its MFRs on August 22, 2006.

As you are probably aware, a customer meeting was held in Zephyrhills on November 2, 2006. During the meeting, customers were given an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns regarding Labrador's rates and service. Customers provided verbal comments while others submitted written comments. This input will be taken under advisement when staff formulates its recommendation on the proposed final rates.

With respect to the development of rates, the Commission is required to set rates that are just, reasonable, compensatory, and not unfairly discriminatory. To determine the appropriate rates for service, the Commission uses a rate of return methodology as set forth in Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. Under the rate of return methodology, a utility is allowed to earn a reasonable return on its prudently invested property that is used and useful in serving the public, less accrued depreciation plus an allowance for operating capital. This ratemaking process is used for all water and wastewater companies and is also used in the electric and gas industry. It is the same approach used throughout the country by various state and federal utility regulatory bodies.

There are many factors that affect the cost of providing service and hence, the rates charged to customers. Some factors affecting the cost of providing service include: the size and age of the utility system; the quality of the water at its source; the number of customers; and, the geographic spread of the service area. During a rate case, the Commission's accountants, engineers and economists examine the financial and engineering information filed by the company as part of its rate increase application. The Commission's auditors also examine this information and publish the results of their findings in an audit report. All costs found to be imprudent or unreasonable are



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disallowed for recovery from the ratepayers.

Labrador's rate case is being processed in accordance with the Commission's Proposed Agency Action (PAA) procedure. Under this procedure, staff performs a thorough analysis and solicits customer comments for consideration. After all relevant information has been analyzed, staff prepares a recommendation that is presented to the Commission for action at a formal public forum known as the Commission's Agenda Conference. This process is less formal and less expensive than the traditional rate making process that requires the Commission to hold an evidentiary hearing on the utility's request for rate relief.

With respect to Labrador's case, the staff recommendation is scheduled to be submitted January 10, 2007, and is scheduled to be heard by the Commissioners at the January 23, 2007, Agenda Conference. Once the Commissioners vote on the staff recommendation, a PAA Order will be issued within 20 days. After the PAA Order is issued, any substantially affected person may protest the order within 21 days. If there is no protest of the PAA Order, the Order becomes final.

Staff is aware of your concerns regarding odor. As explained at the November 2, 2006, customer meeting, the Commission will consider all quality of service issues when making its decision in this rate case.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.433(1), Florida Administrative Code:

The Commission in every rate case shall make a determination of the quality of service provided by the utility. This shall be derived from an evaluation of three separate components of water and wastewater utility operations: quality of utility's product (water and wastewater); operational conditions of utility's plant and facilities; and the utility's attempt to address customer satisfaction. Sanitary surveys, outstanding citations, violations and consent orders on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and county health departments or lack thereof over the preceding 3-year period shall also be considered. DEP and county health department officials' testimony concerning quality of service as well as the testimony of utility's customers shall be considered.

Staff is currently working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection concerning these issues and will address them in its recommendation to the Commission.

You also expressed concern related to the rude response you received from an employee of the utility when you called to requested an inspection of your meter. The Commission will consider the utility's attempt to address customer satisfaction in its consideration of the proposed rate increase.

In your letter, you question the role of the Commission and its responsibilities to Florida's citizens. The duties of the Commission are set forth by Florida Statute.

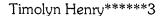
The Florida Public Service Commission is vested with the authority to establish rates which are just reasonable, compensatory and not unduly discriminatory. While the Commission is required by Section 367.081, Florida Statutes to consider the value and quality of service when establishing rates, it must also consider: 1) the cost of providing service, including but not limited to, the debt interest, the requirements of the utility for working capital, maintenance, depreciation, tax, and operation expenses incurred in the operation of all property used and useful in the public service; and, 2) a fair return on the investment of the utility in property used and useful in providing service.

The Florida Public Service Commission must ensure that the utility provides a quality product, but at the same time, must provide the utility the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return. The role of the Commission is to balance the need for a quality product to be delivered to Florida's citizens with the need for the utility to be financially sound.

In Florida, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) provides legal representation for the citizens of the state of Florida in proceedings before the Commission. Section 350.0611, Florida Statutes, sets forth the duties of the OPC. The OPC has the authority to

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recommend that the Commission initiate a proceeding or take an action in the name of the state or its citizens. Further, the OPC has the authority to urge the Commission to take a position that the OPC believes is in the public interest. The OPC is the advocate for the citizens of the state of Florida. As you can see, Florida Statutes have established different roles for the Commission and the OPC.

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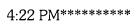
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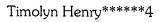
----Original Message-----From: Jean Porteous [mailto:jporteous@sympatico.ca] Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 9:22 AM To: Office of the Chairman Subject: water rate increases

My Husband and myself are Canadian Home owners in Forest Lake Estates and would like to voice our concerns over the interim and proposed rate increases for our water. We know that the economy dictates the price we have to pay for most commodities but we are used to getting service for what we pay for. Since becoming a home owner in this park we have seen our monthly payments increase dramatically each year. We have not seen any improvement in our water quality and are forced to buy water each week for consumption. Our water is full of sediment and shows little sign of purification. The odour from the purification plant is unbearable at times even at the end of the park that we live in.

On November 2,2006 I had the opportunity to request the water company to come out and inspect our meter as we suspected a possible leak and needed to know that the meter was operating correctly so that we could take the next step in finding the rrot of our concern. It was not until the following Thursday that a member of the water company came to inspect our meter. The voice at the company office to whom I spoke was extremely ruds making me feel that was putting an imposition on them in the fist place. She was very abrupt in telling me that I would not have anyone out until the next day which I replied was satisfactory. However it took one week for that person to come out. Is this the kind of service that we get for the high rates we are expected to pay?

In Canada we are served by our Government people. They are concerned for the individual. Is your Commission operating the same way? Are you working for the people or are you more concerned for the companies and the profit they are able to make at the expense of the individual. Are your standards at such a lavel that the ordinary person will be willing to pay for what they receive or are they at a level that is only satisfactory to you as a body of representation? Are you for the people? We urge you to take a long hard look at the decision you are about to male and realize that you are going to be charging vast amounts of monies for a very substandard product. One only needs to run the tap or look at the filters that come off the taps to see the quality you are charging this money for. CCA Official Filing 1/4/2007 4:22 PM\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*





Sincerely

Ken and Jean Porteous

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## Hublic Serbice Commission

January 4, 2007

Mr. William & Lenora Perez 5901 Benz Place Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262-WS, application for rate increase in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Perez;

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January 3, 2007

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January 3, 2007

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consumption levels. By using the base facility charge rate structure, a utility recovers its fixed costs through the base charge and its variable costs through the gallonage charge. The base facility charge is applicable to all customers each month, the gallonage charge is based on each customer's actual consumption during the month.

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 12:50 PM

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December 13, 2006

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# Hublic Service Commizzion

December 5, 2006

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#### Timolyn Henry

From: Felicia White

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2006 9:57 AM

To: 'csober@tamabay.rr.com'

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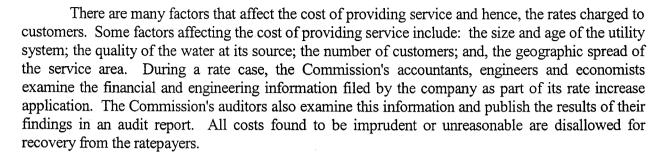
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	То:	'Jewp2006@wmconnect.com'
	Cc:	Chervl Bulecza-Banks: Ralph Jaeger:

**Cc:** Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Ralph Jaeger; Felicia White; Gerald Edwards; Jennie Lingo; Tiffany Joyce; Office of the Chairman; Matilda Sanders; 'Martin Friedman'; 'Valerie L. Lord'; Troy Rendell; Katrina Tew

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Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 9:03 AM

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# Hublic Service Commission

November 30, 2006

Mr. Alphonse LaPorte 5858 Maples Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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cc: Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman

In the second second second clerk and Administrative Services Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Rendell, Joyce, Edwards) Office of General Counsel (Jaeger) Martin S. Friedman, Esq. (Labrador Utilities, Inc.)

#### **Timolyn Henry**

From: Felicia White

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 11:22 AM

To: 'Nmarchn@aol.com'

**Cc:** Office of the Chairman; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Troy Rendell; Tiffany Joyce; Ralph Jaeger; Timolyn Henry; Matilda Sanders

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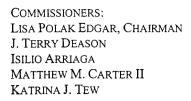
**DATE:** November 29, 2006

TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director

FROM: Felicia White, Staff Assistant, Division of Economic Regulation

**RE:** Docket No. 060262-WS - Application for Increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Attached is correspondence that needs to be placed in the stated docket. Please place in the docket file for this docket.



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# Hublic Service Commission

November 28, 2006

Ms. Ann Marie Hall 5931 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

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#### COMMISSION Hublic Service Commission

November 28, 2006

Mr. Richard Coney 6322 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540

#### RE: Docket No. 060262-WS, Application for rate increase in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Coney:

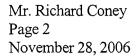
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In regards to your concern with customers needing new water meters and the company promising this, the Commission addressed this during the last rate case. By Order No. PSC-04-1281-PAA-WS, issued December 28, 2004, the Commission ordered Labrador to develop a meter test plan and to test all of its water meters. By letter dated November 22, 2006, Labrador indicated that it tested 799 water meters during 2005. Further, during this testing process, Labrador replaced a total of 313 meters. Staff is still in the process of analyzing this information.

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### Hublic Service Commission

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Elna Mercer 6114 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540-7535

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November 28, 2006

Ms. Bernadette Green 6118 Presidential Circle Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

### Re: Docket No. 060262-WS, application for rate increase in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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November 28, 2006

Mr. Gerald Swank 5728 Viau Way Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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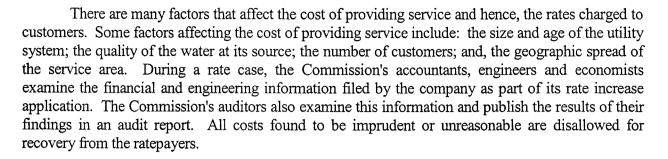
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#### Public Service Commission

November 28, 2006

Ms. Delores Koury 5907 Jessup Dr. Zephyrhills, FL 33540

#### RE: Docket No. 060262-WS, Application for rate increase in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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The Commission also recognizes that water used by residential customers for purposes such as lawn sprinkling and washing automobiles is not collected by the wastewater system. The Commission does this by approving a residential wastewater cap. Usually it is around 6,000 to 8,000 gallons per month. The purpose of implementing a residential wastewater gallonage cap is to recognize that not all water used by residential customers is returned to the wastewater collection system. In other words, the wastewater cap prevents a customer from being charged above 6,000 or 8,000 gallons of water used per month, whatever the cap may be. Any water used over the cap is generally considered being used for purposes such as irrigation; therefore, it is not returned to the wastewater facility. Furthermore, in determining the appropriate wastewater gallonage charge, the Commission approves a common procedure that recognizes that only 80% of the residential water used is collected and treated by the wastewater system; the other 20% of the residential water is used for other purposes and does not get collected by the wastewater system.

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### Jublic Service Commission

November 28, 2006

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Farney 6309 Forest Lake Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

### Re: Docket No. 060262-WS, application for rate increase in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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Mr. & Mrs. Madura 6132 Twiglight Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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November 28, 2006

Mr. Richard Page 6240 Presidential Cicrle Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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### Jublic Service Commission

November 28, 2006

Ms. Ruby Corbett 6104 Forest Lake Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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#### Public Service Commission

November 28, 2006

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#### **Matilda Sanders**

From: Troy Rendell

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 1:18 PM

To: 'RobHmpr@aol.com'



**Cc:** Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Ralph Jaeger; Tiffany Joyce; Gerald Edwards; Martin Friedman; Marshall Willis; Matilda Sanders; Office of the Chairman; Katrina Tew; Felicia White

Subject: Docket No. 060262-WS - Labrador Utilities, Inc.

I'm responding to your recent e-mails to Chairman Edgar and Commissioner Tew. Staff is aware of the customers concerns over the odor of the wastewater plant. As explained at the November 2, 2006 customer meeting, the Commission will consider all quality of service issues when making its decision in this rate case.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.433(1), Florida Administrative Code:

"The Commission in every rate case shall make a determination of the quality of service provided by the utility. This shall be derived from an evaluation of three separate components of water and wastewater utility operations: quality of utility's product (water and wastewater); operational conditions of utility's plant and facilities; and the utility's attempt to address customer satisfaction. Sanitary surveys, outstanding citations, violations and consent orders on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and county health departments or lack thereof over the preceding 3-year period shall also be considered. DEP and county health department officials' testimony concerning quality of service as well as the testimony of utility's customers shall be considered."

Staff is currently working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection concerning these issues and will address them in its recommendation to the Commission.

Your second concern was on the interim increase. As I explained at the customer meeting, this interim increase is allowed by statute. Also the calculation of interim is addressed by statute and staff is required to strictly adhere to this procedure. This interim increase is being held subject to refund pending the final decision in this rate case.

I hope that I have answered your questions. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Troy Rendell Public Utilities Supervisor Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 (805) 413-6934 4



#### **Timolyn Henry**

From: Felicia White

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 9:45 AM

To: 'yankeetrader3@juno.com'

Cc: Katrina Tew; Marshall Willis; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Troy Rendell; Tiffany Joyce; Ralph Jaeger; Timolyn Henry; Matilda Sanders

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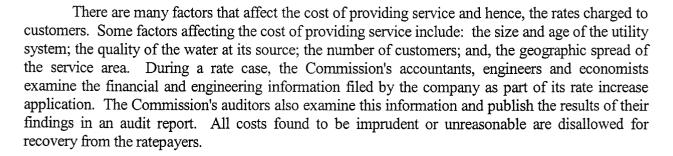
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Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 9:32 AM

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Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Ellen Trask Forest Lakes Estates #113 Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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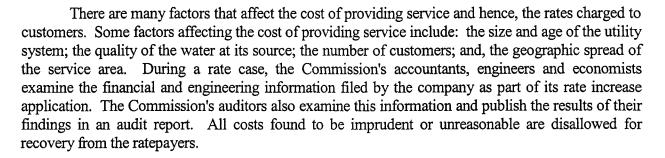
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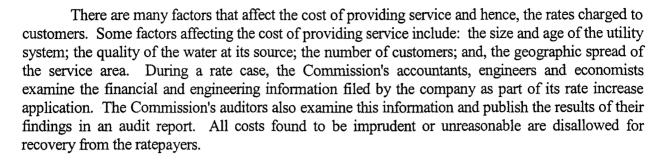
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# Hublic Service Commission

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Ms. Judy Houk 6009 Presidential Circle Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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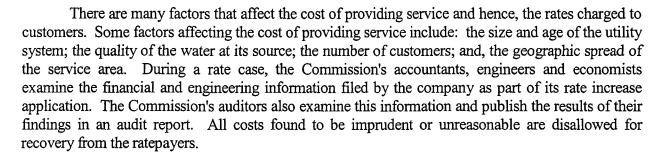
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## Public Service Commission

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Mr. & Mrs. Floyd & Susan Piepenburg 41303 Whitmer Drive Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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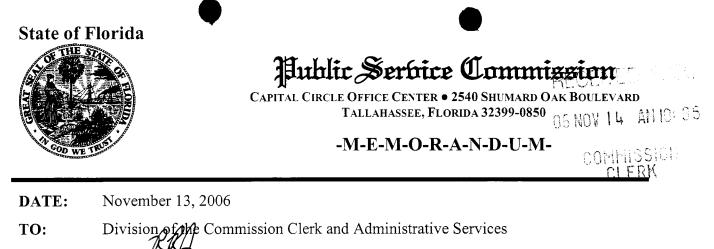
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DATE:	November 15, 2006
то:	Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director
FROM:	Tiffany Joyce, Professional Accountant, Division of Economic Regulation
RE:	Docket No. 060262-WS - Application for Increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

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In addition, staff requests that this tape be duplicated for staff's future use.

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**FROM:** Ralph K. Jaoger, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

**RE:** Docket No. 060262-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Please add the following individuals to the mailing list as interested persons, and designate their names with an "R".

Beverly Culliford President Forest Lake Estate Coop 6213 Spring Lake Circle Zephyrhills, FL 33540 (813) 782-1281

Gerald F. Wilson President, Homeowners Association 5945 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540 (813) 715-0529

Thanks.

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November 13, 2006

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With respect to the development of rates, the Commission is required to set rates that are just, reasonable, compensatory, and not unfairly discriminatory. To determine the appropriate rates for service, the Commission uses a rate of return methodology as set forth in Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. Under the rate of return methodology, a utility is allowed to earn a reasonable return on its prudently invested property that is used and useful in serving the public, less accrued depreciation plus an allowance for operating capital. This ratemaking process is used for all water and wastewater companies and is also used in the electric and gas industry. It is the same approach used throughout the country by various state and federal utility regulatory bodies. Mr. Alford Abucci Page 2 November 13, 2006

There are many factors that affect the cost of providing service and hence, the rates charged to customers. Some factors affecting the cost of providing service include: the size and age of the utility system; the quality of the water at its source; the number of customers; and, the geographic spread of the service area. During a rate case, the Commission's accountants, engineers and economists examine the financial and engineering information filed by the company as part of its rate increase application. The Commission's auditors also examine this information and publish the results of their findings in an audit report. All costs found to be imprudent or unreasonable are disallowed for recovery from the ratepayers.

Labrador's rate case is being processed in accordance with the Commission's Proposed Agency Action (PAA) procedure. Under this procedure, staff performs a thorough analysis and solicits customer comments for consideration. After all relevant information has been analyzed, staff prepares a recommendation that is presented to the Commission for action at a formal public forum known as the Commission's Agenda Conference. This process is less formal and less expensive than the traditional rate making process that requires the Commission to hold an evidentiary hearing on the utility's request for rate relief.

With respect to Labrador's case, the staff recommendation is scheduled to be submitted January 10, 2007, and is scheduled to be heard by the Commissioners at the January 23, 2007, Agenda Conference. Once the Commissioners vote on the staff recommendation, a PAA Order will be issued within 20 days. After the PAA Order is issued, any substantially affected person may protest the order within 21 days. If there is no protest of the PAA Order, the Order becomes final.

I hope the above information has been helpful. If you have any additional questions, or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 413-6642 or e-mail me at <u>cbulecza@psc.state.fl.us.</u>

Sincerely, Chery Bulecza-Banks

Chief, Bureau of Rate Filings, Surveillance, Finance and Tax

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cc: Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, Chairman Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Division of Economic Regulation (Devlin, Willis, Rendell, Joyce, Edwards) Martin S. Friedman, Esq. (Labrador Utilities, Inc.)







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# Hublic Service Commission

October 23, 2006

Howard J. Bell 5636 Viau Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

**Docket No. 060262** Re:

Dear Mr. Bell:

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## COMMISSION Hublic Service Commission CLERK

October 23, 2006

Andrea Martlock 5918 Utopia Dr. Zephyrhills, FL 33540

**Re:** Docket No. 060262

Dear Ms. Martlock:

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  - Sincerely, Troy Rendell

Public Utilities Supervisor

SEC \_\_\_\_\_\_ cc: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services OTH Corr\_\_\_\_\_\_ Martin S. Friedman, Esq. (Labrador Utilities, Inc.)



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## COMMISSION Hublic Service Commission

October 12, 2006

Mickey V. Vanier 5647 Viau Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

**Docket No. 060262** Re:

Dear Mr. Vanier:

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# Hublic Service Commission

October 12, 2006

Hilton Gopie 5913 Utopia Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262

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October 12, 2006

Charles Moulton 41252 Xenon Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

**Re:** Docket No. 060262

Dear Mr. Moulton:

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## COMMISSION Hublic Serbice Commission

October 12, 2006

Eva Rush 5912 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: **Docket No. 060262** 

Dear Mrs. Rush:

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October 12, 2006

LaVern & Joanne Johnson 6309 Utopia Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: **Docket No. 060262** 

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

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October 12, 2006

Robert McGhee 5648 Viau Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262

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October 12, 2006

Paul Chermak 5637 Viau Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262

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October 12, 2006

Jane B. Grondin 6050 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: **Docket No. 060262** 

Dear Mrs. Grondin:

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October 12, 2006

Russell McGinnis 5731 Viau Way Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262

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October 12, 2006

Kenneth Ricker 5944 Jessup Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Re: Docket No. 060262

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October 12, 2006

Ian F. Hart 6230 Utopia Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

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## Hublic Service Commission

August 30, 2006

Brett Schroder Forest Lake Estates Community Clubhouse 6429 Forest Lake Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33540

## Re: Docket No. 060262-WS, Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. Schroder:

This letter is to follow-up our phone conversation and confirm the Commission's reservation of the Forest Lake Estates Community Clubhouse for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. We are planning to hold afternoon meetings from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, followed by a general customer meeting beginning at 6:00 pm. We may finish the general customer meeting before 10:00 pm depending on the number of attendees and the number of comments received.

I am attaching a seating arrangement which is normally used for these public meetings. If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 413-6934. Thank You.

Sincerely. Kenlall Troy Rendell

Public Utilities Supervisor

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Joyce, Edwards) Office of the General Counsel Services (Keating) Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (060262-WS)

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - ECR - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

#### SUBJECT: BUREAU OF RATE FILINGS

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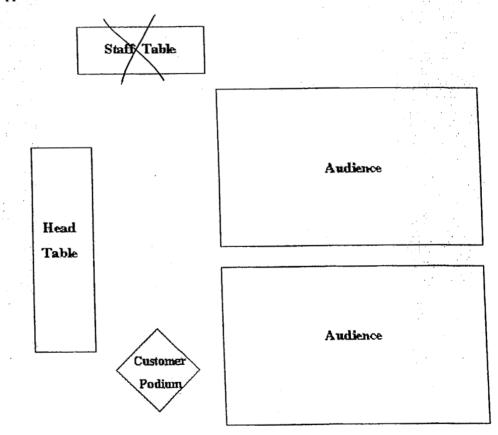
#### MEETING ROOM SETUP

#### Seating

If at all possible, the head table should be on an elevated platform in front of the audience. A raised bench such as we have at the Commission is best. A table may only be used if the front and sides are covered with a modesty skirt. Folding tables with an open front are appropriate only when using a modesty skirt.

A separate podium or table to one side of and facing the head table (away from the audience) is required for customers. A second table or bench on the opposite side of the head table from the customer podium is for staff. Another table may be necessary if a court reporter is required.

The meeting set up should appear as shown below:



#### Public Address System

A minimum of two microphones (three are preferred), one for the head table and one for the customer podium, is required. The public address system should be sufficient to ensure that the audience can hear what is being said in normal speaking voices.





DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BLANCA S. BAYÓ DIRECTOR (850) 413-6770 (CLERK) (850) 413-6330 (ADMIN)

## Hublic Service Commission **ADMINISTRATIVE**

March 21, 2006

Valerie L. Lord, Attorney Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP Sanlando Center 2180 W. State Road 434, Suite 2118 Longwood, Florida 32779

### Re: Docket No. 060262-WS

Dear Ms. Lord:

This will acknowledge receipt of an application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Labrador Utilities, Inc., was filed in this office on March 20, 2006, and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6248 or FAX (850) 413-7180.

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