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Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
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Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing, in connection with the Application of Southlake Utilities, Inc. ("Applicant") for Increased Water Rates in Lake County ("Application"), Docket No. 080597-WS, is Southlake Utilities, Inc.'s Notice Of Filing the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the attached Notice of Customer Meeting has been mailed to the Utility's customers.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


James L. Ade

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cc: Ms. Martha C. Brown, Esq.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Southlake)
Utilities, Inc. for Increased Water)
Rates in Lake County.)
_____)

Docket No. 080597-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

1. Applicant, SOUTHLAKE 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 Notice of Customer Meeting has been mailed to the customers of Southlake Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted on this 27th day of March, 2009.



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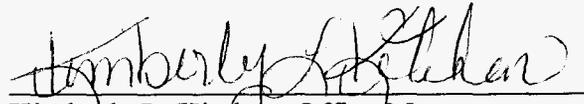
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LAKE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared **KIMBERLY L. KITCHEN**, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is the office manager of Southlake Utilities, Inc., and that on March 2, 2009, she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Notice of Customer Meeting, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

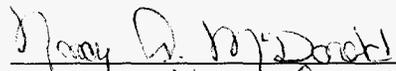


Kimberly L. Kitchen, Office Manager
Southlake Utilities, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March, 2009, by **KIMBERLY L. KITCHEN**, () who produced _____ as identification or who is personally known to me.

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF FLORIDA
Nancy A. McDonald
Commission # DD494958
Expires January 28, 2010
Berkley Troy Fain - Insurance, Inc. 800-305-7010



Print Name: Nancy A. McDonald
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 1-28-2010

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 080597-WS

APPLICATION FOR GENERAL RATE INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER
SYSTEMS IN LAKE COUNTY BY SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.

Issued: March 2, 2009

Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Southlake Utilities Inc. (Southlake or utility) for a rate case in Lake County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.
Jenkins Auditorium
691 W. Montrose Ave
Clermont, Florida 34711

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

Commission staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on March 30, 2009, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Cagan Crossings Community Library. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission staff, and wish to meet with staff, please contact John Mann at (850) 413-6976 or Bob Casey at (850) 413-6974 of the Commission staff prior to March 20, 2009.

All persons who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meeting sessions may be canceled if no appointments are made.

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of the cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Southlake's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Southlake Utilities, Inc. is a Class A utility providing water and wastewater service to approximately 2,321 water and 2,161 wastewater customers in Lake County. The utility has not had a previous rate case before the Commission. Southlake's rates were initially established in 1991.

On December 15, 2008, Southlake filed the Application for Rate Increase at issue in the instant docket. The utility requested that the application be processed using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) procedure, and requested interim rates. The test year established for interim rates is the historical twelve-month period ended December 31, 2007. The utility requested a projected average test year ending December 31, 2008, for final rates.

Southlake requested interim rates designed to generate annual water revenues of \$1,048,544 and wastewater revenues of \$1,168,747. This represents a revenue increase on an annual basis of \$56,905 (5.7 percent) for water and \$372,449 (46.8 percent) for wastewater. The utility requested final rates designed to generate annual water revenues of \$1,184,327 and wastewater revenues of \$1,293,211. This represents a revenue increase of \$183,853 (18.4 percent) for water and \$487,912 (60.6 percent) for wastewater.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final decision by the Commission. The utility's current, and staff's preliminary, rates and charges are as follows:

Southlake Utilities, Inc. Water Monthly Service Rates Test Year Ended 12/31/07		Docket No. 080597-WS			
	Test Year Rates	Present Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Commission Approved Interim
Residential, General Service and Multi-Family					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:					
5/8" x 3/4"	\$8.98	\$8.98	\$9.50	\$8.82	\$9.42
1"	\$22.45	\$22.45	\$23.76	\$22.05	\$23.54
1-1/2"	\$44.90	\$44.90	\$47.52	\$44.11	\$47.08
2"	\$71.85	\$71.85	\$76.05	\$70.58	\$75.34
3"	\$143.70	\$143.70	\$152.10	\$141.17	\$150.68
4"	\$224.51	\$224.51	\$237.63	\$220.55	\$235.42
6"	\$449.03	\$449.03	\$475.28	\$441.11	\$470.85
8"	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gallage Charge, per 1,000 Gallons	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.88
Irrigation-General Service					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:					
5/8"	\$8.98	\$8.98	\$9.50	\$8.82	\$9.42
Gallage Charge	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.89	\$1.05	\$0.88
Irrigation-Bulk Rate					
Gallage Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Typical Residential Bills 5/8" x 3/4" Meter					
3,000 Gallons	\$11.50		\$12.17	\$11.58	\$12.06
5,000 Gallons	\$13.18		\$13.95	\$13.42	\$13.82
10,000 Gallons	\$17.38		\$18.40	\$18.02	\$18.22

Southlake Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Monthly Service Rates Test Year Ended 12/31/07		Docket No. 080597-WS			
	Test Year Rates	Present Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Commission Approved Interim
Residential					
Base Facility Charge All Meter Sizes:					
	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$14.33	\$10.02	\$12.68
Gallage Charge - Per 1,000 gallons (20,000 gallon cap)	\$0.86	\$0.86	\$1.26	\$1.76	\$1.12
General Service					
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:					
5/8" x 3/4"	\$9.76	\$9.76	\$14.33	\$10.02	\$12.68
1"	\$24.41	\$24.41	\$35.83	\$25.06	\$31.71
1-1/2"	\$48.80	\$48.80	\$71.63	\$50.10	\$63.39
2"	\$78.08	\$78.08	\$114.60	\$80.16	\$101.43
3"	\$156.18	\$156.18	\$229.23	\$160.34	\$202.88
4"	\$224.02	\$224.02	\$328.80	\$229.99	\$291.00
6"	\$448.02	\$448.02	\$716.28	\$501.03	\$581.98
8"	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gallage Charge, per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.02	\$1.02	\$1.50	\$2.11	\$1.32
Typical Residential Bills 5/8" x 3/4" Meter					
3,000 Gallons	\$12.34		\$18.11	\$15.30	\$16.03
5,000 Gallons	\$14.06		\$20.63	\$18.82	\$18.26
10,000 Gallons (Wastewater Gallage Cap - 10,000 Gallons)	\$18.36		\$26.93	\$27.62	\$23.85

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a Commission Order on interim rates dated March 3, 2009. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following location:

Southlake Utilities Inc.
16554 Cagan Crossings Blvd., Suite 2
Clermont, FL. 34714
(352) 394-8898

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Commission staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on May 7, 2009. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its May 19, 2009 Agenda Conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date that the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's PAA order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting, and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

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

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 080597-WS, Southlake Utilities Inc." If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552. This notice was prepared by Commission staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.