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# Lake Idlewild Utility Company

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Office of Commission Clerk Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 RECEIVED-FPSC

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COMMISSION
CLERK

Re: Tariff Filing of Lake Idlewild Utility Company on Behalf of W.B.B. Utilities, Inc. (Certificate No. 531-W) for a Revision in Customer Billing From Quarterly Water Rates to Monthly Water Rates in Lake County

Dear Commission Clerk,

Please find attached a proposed Water Rate Tariff filing on behalf of W.B.B. Utilities, Inc., Certificate No. 531-W, filed by Lake Idlewild Utility Company (Lake Idlewild) for a revision in customer billing from the current quarterly billing to a monthly billing. Lake Idlewild purchased the assets of W.B.B. Utilities, Inc. on August 29, 2014 and has filed a separate application for transfer with the Commission.

Lake Idlewild is seeking approval of monthly customer billing for several reasons stated herein. The revision to monthly customer billing is beneficial to the utility's customers since the water customers will receive more timely information on their current water usage and consumption. Since the water supply is from the Floridian aquifer, the water supply in the State of Florida is limited. Lake Idlewild is cognizant of the statewide conservation efforts of public water supply utilities and believes that timely information on customer water usage is critical. The receipt of this timely information allows water customers to review and alter their water usage in an effort to conserve water and minimize the impact to their water bills.

A second benefit received by water customers is the ability to budget personal finances on a more timely basis. By receiving monthly, as opposed to quarterly bills, customers are better equipped to budget their payments and plan their finances. It is well established past Commission practice that monthly water billings are the preferred methodology throughout the State of Florida to minimize the financial impact to both the customers and the utility. The Commission has historically recognized that monthly billings also assist the state on conserving the precious limited natural resource.

Further, monthly billings also provide regulated utilities with better financial stability since utilities are able to cover their monthly operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses on a timely basis. Lake Idlewild has taken over the daily operations, billing, and customer services for the W.B.B. Utilities system as of August 29, 2014.

Lake Idlewild Utility Company Tariff Filing - PSC

Attached are the proposed tariffs reflecting monthly billing with no proposed changes to the actual approved charges. The current approved base facility charge (BFC) has simply been divided by three to arrive at the proposed monthly charge. Also attached is the proposed customer notice.

Lake Idlewild requests timely approval of the proposed tariff filing in order to implement this customer billing change in a expeditious manner. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Troy Rendell at (727) 848-8292, ext. 245.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Deremer

President

Cc: Troy Rendell, U.S. Water Services Corporation

Victoria Penick, U.S. Water Service Corporation

# Notice of Proposed Tariff Filing for W.B.B. Utilities, Inc. for Change in Customer Billing from Quarterly to Monthly in Lake County, Florida

## DATE OF NOTICE - September ##, 2014

Notice is hereby given that Lake Idlewild Utility Company has filed proposed tariff filing on behalf of W.B.B. Utilities, Inc. in Lake County Florida for a revision to customer billing from quarterly water rates to monthly water rates.

Your current water rates will not be affected. However, Lake Idlewild requests that the Public Service Commission approve a revision of the current quarterly rates to be converted to monthly rates and billing. Monthly billing provides many benefits to our customers. Monthly billing provides timely information to customers concerning water usage. This allows customers to actively conserve water usage based on this timely usage information. Since utilities are continuously concerned with the preservation of ground water, providing this timely information to customers assists in this effort. In addition, monthly billing allows customers to budget finances by receiving monthly billing, as opposed to every three months.

The following is the proposed change in customer billing:

#### Residential Water Service:

	Current	Proposed
Billing Period:	Quarterly	Monthly
Base Facility Charge (BFC) 5/8" X 3/4" meter:	\$35.61	\$11.87
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 gallons:	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.55

Any objection to the said application must be made in writing <u>and filed</u> with the Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, no later than thirty (30) days after the last date that the notice was mailed or published, whichever is later. At the same time, a copy of said objection should be mailed to the applicant whose address is set forth below. The objection must state the grounds for the objection with particularity.

Lake Idlewild Utility Company 5320 Captains Court New Port Richey, FL 34652 W.B.B. UTILITIES. INC. WATER TARIFF

#### FIFTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0 CANCELS FOURTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0

#### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

### **RATE SCHEDULE RS**

Available throughout the area served by the Company. AVAILABILITY -

APPLICABILITY -For water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered

apartment units.

LIMITATIONS -Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and

Regulations of the Commission.

**BILLING PERIOD -**Monthly

RATE -

Meter Sizes	Base Facility Charge	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$	11.87
3/4"	\$	17.81
1"	\$	29.68
1 1/2"	\$	59.35
2"	\$	94.96
3"	\$	178.05
4"	\$	296.75
6"	\$	593.51
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$	1.55

MINIMUM CHARGE -Base Facility Charge

TERMS OF PAYMENT -Bills are due and payable when rendered. In accordance with Rule 25-30.320,

Florida Administrative Code, if a Customer is delinquent in paying the bill for

water service, service may then be discontinued.

**EFFECTIVE DATE -**

TYPE OF FILING -Tariff Filing

> RICHARD E. BAIR **ISSUING OFFICER**

PRESIDENT

TITLE