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DATE: April 20, 2015
TO: Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Ana Ortega, Public Utility Analyst III, Division of Economics *AO*
RE: Docket No. 150092-WS - Request for approval of amendment to tariff for miscellaneous service charges by Marion Utilities, Inc.

Please include the attached in the above referenced docket file. The attached is Marion Utilities' response to staff's first data request.

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Response to data request
Docket No. 150092-WS

1. **Miscellaneous Service Charges.** Currently the Service Charge is \$20.00; we are seeking an increase to \$25.00. Since our last service charge increase in 2005, the price index has raised a total of 19.53% (\$3.90). Also, there has been an increase in fuel and labor costs since that time.
2. **Meter Tampering Fee.** Currently the Utility does not have a meter tampering charge. Costs associated with Meter Tampering include \$23.98 for the master locks used in the field, as well as a \$25.00 service fee to cover the labor, inspection, and transportation costs associated with repairing a tampered meter. We have not maintained a record of all meter tampering events over the last 24 months. On average, we will experience two to three meter tampering events per month due to shut-off, vandalism, etc.
3. **Convenience Charge.** The requested \$2.50 convenience charge to allow customers to pay with debit/credit cards has previously been approved by the PSC for other Utilities (Order No. PSC-13-0426-TRF-SU, Order No. PSC-13-0428-TRF-WS). Costs that would be covered under the convenience charge include \$1.27 for administrative labor, \$.35 for paper, and \$.88 for the credit card machine.
4. **Initial Customer Deposits.** We are asking for a minimum customer deposit of \$55.00 and anything above the minimum will be based on that particular account's water bill history. The two highest bill average for residential water bill is $\$26.71 \times 2 = \53.42

Sincerely,

Austin Davis
Administrative Coordinator