

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificate to operate a  
water utility in Hardee County by Charlie  
Creek Utilities, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 150186-WU  
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0043-PAA-WU  
ISSUED: January 25, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman  
LISA POLAK EDGAR  
ART GRAHAM  
RONALD A. BRISÉ  
JIMMY PATRONIS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER APPROVING A CONVENIENCE CHARGE  
AND  
FINAL ORDER GRANTING ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE, AND DECLINING TO INITIATE  
SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein approving a convenience charge is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Background

The Village of Charlie Creek potable water system (Water System) is located in Hardee County and based on records obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) was constructed in 1994 to replace a previous water system. The Water System consists of two four-inch wells which have the combined capacity to pump 200 gallons per minute, water treatment and storage facilities, and water distribution lines that have the potential to serve 266 single family mobile home sites.

The Water System was sold by its prior owner, Wauchula State Bank, to Highvest Corporation in 1998, which appears to have operated the facility without the oversight of the Hardee County Commission until 2009.

On October 22, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County adopted Ordinance No. 2010-02, declaring the privately owned water and wastewater facilities in Hardee County to be subject to the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes (F.S.), effective October

26, 2009. Order No. PSC-09-0820-FOF-WS, issued December 14, 2009, acknowledged Ordinance No. 2010-02. Highvest Corporation continued to operate the Water System without authorization from the Commission through 2014.

On November 11, 2014, a contract for sale of the utility facilities was executed between Highvest Corporation and Florida Utility Services 1, LLC (FUS1), which is solely owned by its registered agent and manager Michael Smallridge. Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC (Charlie Creek) was incorporated on November 24, 2014 based on information from the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State. Charlie Creek is owned by FUS1, with both entities solely owned by Mr. Smallridge. On November 28, 2014, the contract for sale closed and Charlie Creek began operations of the water facility.

On August 21, 2015, Charlie Creek filed its application for an original water certificate in Hardee County. Based on its application, the utility is currently providing water service to approximately 160 residential customers and one general service customer. As of December 22, 2015, no Annual Reports have been filed and no Regulatory Assessment Fees have been paid by Charlie Creek.

Pursuant to Section 367.031, F.S., we shall grant or deny an application for a certificate of authorization within 90 days after the official filing date of the completed application. The application was deemed complete on October 5, 2015, which is considered the official filing date. Mr. Smallridge has waived the 90 day deadline through January 5, 2016, or approximately 92 days from the official filing date.

This Order addresses the application for an original water certificate, the appropriate rates and charges for the utility, approval of a new convenience charge, and whether the utility should be show caused for failure to timely apply for a certificate. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.031 and 367.045, F.S.

### Decision

#### Application for Water Certificate

On August 21, 2015, Mr. Smallridge filed an application for an original water certificate for Charlie Creek in Hardee County. Upon review, Commission staff determined the original filing was deficient and sent a data request to the utility seeking additional information. Charlie Creek corrected the noted deficiencies on October 5, 2015, which is considered the official filing date for the application. The utility's application is in compliance with the governing statutes, Sections 367.031 and 367.045, F.S.

#### *Notice*

On September 15, 2015, Charlie Creek filed proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.30, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). On October 8, 2015, two customers, a husband and wife, responded to the application notice and provided a letter with comments, which are discussed further below. On October 30, 2015, Commission

staff wrote a letter to the customers and requested clarification on whether they intended to pursue an objection and request a formal hearing, with a response requested by November 13, 2015. As of December 22, 2015, no response has been received. No other person or entity objected to the application and the time for filing such objections has expired.

*Land Ownership and Service Territory*

Charlie Creek submitted a recorded executed warranty deed in the name of the utility as required by Rule 25-30.034(e), F.A.C. Charlie Creek provided adequate service territory system maps and a territory description as required by Rule 25-30.034(h),(i), and (j), F.A.C. The legal description of the service territory is appended to this Order as Attachment A.

*Financial and Technical Ability*

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.034(1)(d), F.A.C., the utility provided statements describing its financial and technical ability to provide water service. Included in the application was the current owner's personal financial statements, as well as the financial statements of Florida Utility Services 1, LLC. As referenced in the application and specified in previous dockets, Mr. Smallridge was appointed to the Citrus County Water and Wastewater Authority, the local regulatory body for Citrus County, where he served for seven years. Mr. Smallridge also served as the "Class C" representative for the Governor's Study Committee for Investor Owned Water and Wastewater Utility Systems in 2013. Mr. Smallridge maintains a regular yearly schedule of training classes through the Florida Rural Water Association and completed the NARUC Utility Rate School in 2001. Mr. Smallridge personally owns three utilities: Crestridge Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, and Pinecrest Utilities, LLC. Mr. Smallridge also serves as the appointed circuit court receiver for three utilities: Four Points Utility Corporation, Bimini Bay Utilities, and West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. FUS1, which is owned and operated by Mr. Smallridge, also owns East Marion Utilities, LLC. In total, Mr. Smallridge is the manager, owner, or receiver of a total of eight water and wastewater utilities, seven of which are regulated by this Commission.

We have reviewed the personal financial statements along with the financial statements of FUS1 and believe the current owner appears to show adequate resources to support the utility's water operations. Recently, in 2015, we have found that Mr. Smallridge had the financial ability and approved the transfers for three sister companies.<sup>1</sup>

Regarding technical ability, as stated above FUS1 and Mr. Smallridge have experience with operating multiple water and wastewater utilities. FUS1 notes that its staff engages in billing, customer service, meter reading, and some field work, and has contracted with a licensed

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<sup>1</sup> Order Nos. PSC-15-0420-PAA-WU, issued October 5, 2015, in Docket No. 140174-WU, In re: Application for approval of transfer of Certificate No. 117-W from Crestridge Utilities Corporation to Crestridge Utilities, LLC, in Pasco County; PSC-15-0422-PAA-WU, issued October 6, 2015, in Docket No. 140176-WU, In re: Application for approval of transfer of Certificate No. 116-W from Holiday Gardens Utilities, Inc. to Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, in Pasco County; PSC-15-0576-PAA-WS, issued December 21, 2015, in Docket No. 150091-WS, In re: Application for approval of transfer of Certificate Nos. 490-W and 425-S from East Marion Sanitary Systems, Inc. to East Marion Utilities, LLC, in Marion County.

plant operator for the Charlie Creek system. Charlie Creek has no outstanding compliance issues with FDEP and is up to date with its monitoring requirements.

Based on the above, Mr. Smallridge has demonstrated the technical and financial ability to provide service to the existing service territory. We therefore find that the current owner has demonstrated financial ability to operate the utility consistent with Chapter 367, F.S.

*Customer Comments*

As discussed above, we received a letter containing customers complaints regarding the system. The complaint addressed multiple concerns, including high system costs, failure to notify properly regarding a boiled water notice, long duration of outages, concerns of lack of treatment of the Water System, odor concerns, and poor customer service. In addition, the utility states it has received four written complaints concerning failure to receive a bill (electronically or by mail) and odor issues. Our Consumer Activity Tracking System indicates a customer complaint was filed against the utility for improper disconnection on August 10, 2015.

While the customers did not request a formal hearing, we reviewed each of the complaints. Commission staff contacted the utility and requested additional information to investigate the claims made. We reviewed the data from FDEP regarding the history of the Water System to determine if environmental and health concerns were recurring from previous owners or are unique to Charlie Creek's operation of the system.

Regarding concerns associated with the utility's cost of service, Charlie Creek's rates and charges appear to be reasonable based on the size of the utility and the type of treatment.

Regarding boiled water notices and outages, we determined that four events were reported to FDEP by Charlie Creek during the operating period. Two events (in December 2014 and October 2015) were the result of line breaks and two events (in March 2015 and June 2015) were the result of loss of pressure caused by power failures. Two of these events resulted in long duration outages for all customers on the distribution system. The utility states that it provides boiled water notices through a combination of door hangers and an email to customers.

We did not find any boiled water notices for the two years prior to Charlie Creek acquiring the Water System. However, based on the last Sanitary Survey conducted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), on February 2, 2014, the previous owners, Highvest Corporation, violated rules for monitoring and reporting bacterial contamination to FDEP and notifying customers. The previous owners corrected issues associated with the Sanitary Survey to the satisfaction of FDEP as of May 6, 2014.

Regarding treatment and odor concerns, the utility states that it has maintained the water source and water treatment equipment from the former owner. In addition to chlorine treatment, the utility also uses a sequestrant for hydrogen sulfide. Monthly operating reports filed with FDEP confirm the usage of chlorine for water treatment. Charlie Creek is also up to date on meeting its monitoring requirements with FDEP, and based on testing conducted in July 2015,

the utility has met or was below the maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary drinking water standards.

Lastly, regarding the improper disconnection, the utility responded that it was unaware of the outage and restored service after it was notified. The utility states the outage was caused by vandalism of the utility's property.

Based on the information above, we find that it is in the public interest to grant the application for original water certificate. Accordingly, we grant Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Certificate No. 668-W to serve the territory described in Attachment A, effective the date of the our vote. This order shall serve as Charlie Creek's water certificate and shall be retained by the utility.

#### Rates and Charges

The rates and charges Charlie Creek had in effect prior to the current owner acquiring the Water System should be approved as the appropriate rates and charges for the utility. The utility's rates have never been reviewed or approved by any regulatory authority. Commission staff requested and received copies of customer bills to verify the rates. The utility's rates and charges are shown on Schedule No. 1. Because these rates were in effect at the time of application, we find that these rates shall be approved.

Charlie Creek's rates and charges appear to be reasonable based on the size of the utility and the type of treatment. In addition, the utility's miscellaneous service charges, customer deposits, and service availability charges appear to be reasonable. Further, we have in place procedures for determining whether a utility is in a potential overearnings position each year during the annual report review process. The 2015 Annual Report for this utility is due to be filed with us on March 31, 2016.

The utility's existing rates and charges shall remain in effect until a change is authorized by us in a subsequent proceeding. These rates are shown on Schedule No. 1. The tariff pages shall be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C.

#### Convenience Charge

Section 367.091, F.S., authorizes us to establish increase, or change a rate or charge if the utility provides cost-justification. The utility is requesting a \$3.00 convenience charge to recover the cost of supplies, administrative labor, and equipment. As required by Section 367.091, F.S., the utility's cost analysis breakdown for its requested charge is shown below.

**Table 1****Convenience Charge Cost Justification**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Labor	\$ .54
Supplies	\$ .06
Credit Card Machine	\$2.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>

Source: Utility Correspondence

We recently approved a charge of \$2.60 for customers who opt to pay their bill with debit or credit cards for Brevard Waterworks, Inc., LP Waterworks, Inc., and Lakeside Waterworks, Inc., among others.<sup>2</sup> In those cases, the charges were designed to recover the cost of supplies, administrative labor, and equipment. We have also approved charges in other industries for customers who opt to pay their bill by debit or credit card. An electronic bill payment charge of \$3.50 was approved for Florida Public Utilities Company's (FPUC) gas customers in 2004.<sup>3</sup> In that case, we found the charge was necessary to recover the additional costs incurred by FPUC to facilitate payments by credit card, debit card, or electronic check. We also approved a charge of \$3.50 for residential customers and 3.5 percent of the total bill amount for all other FPUC electric customers in 2005.<sup>4</sup> The charge was designed to recover the costs incurred for customer contact, supervision, and bank and credit card processing.

We find that the utility's requested charge of a \$3.00 convenience charge is reasonable for customers who opt to pay their water bill by debit or credit card. The utility's requested charge benefits the customers by allowing them to expand their payment options. Furthermore, this charge will ensure the utility's remaining customers do not subsidize those customers who choose to pay using this option.

Based on the above, we find that Charlie Creek's request to implement a convenience charge of \$3.00 for customers who opt to pay their water bill by debit or credit card shall be approved. The charge shall be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval

<sup>2</sup>Order Nos. PSC-15-0188-TRF-WU, issued May 6, 2015, in Docket No. 150065-WU, In re: Application for approval of miscellaneous service charges in Brevard County, by Brevard Waterworks, Inc.; PSC-15-0180-TRF-WS, issued May 6, 2015, in Docket No. 150063-WS, In re: Request for approval of amendment to tariff sheets for miscellaneous service charges in Highlands County by LP Waterworks, Inc.; PSC-15-0184-TRF-WS, issued May 6, 2015, in Docket No. 150061-WS, In re: Request for approval of amendment to tariff sheets for miscellaneous service charges in Lake County by Lakeside Waterworks, Inc.

<sup>3</sup>Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU, issued November 8, 2004, in Docket No. 040216-GU, In re: Application for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

<sup>4</sup>Order No. PSC-05-0676-TRF-EI, issued June 20, 2005, in Docket No. 050244-EI, In re: Request to establish charge for customers paying by credit card, debit card or electronic check, by the Florida Public Utilities Company.

date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge shall not be implemented until Commission staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. The utility shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

#### Operating without Commission Certificate

Section 367.031, F.S., notes that “each utility subject to the jurisdiction of the commission must obtain from the commission a certificate of authorization to provide water or wastewater service.” In addition, Section 367.161(1), F.S., authorizes us to assess a penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each offense, if a utility is found to have knowingly refused to comply with, or to have willfully violated any provision of Chapter 367, F.S. Utilities are charged with the knowledge of our rules and statutes. Additionally, “it is a common maxim, familiar to all minds that ‘ignorance of the law’ will not excuse any person, either civilly or criminally.” Barlow v. United States, 32 U.S. 404, 411 (1833). Thus, any intentional act, such as Charlie Creek Utilities providing water service to public for compensation, without first obtaining a certificate of authorization from us, would meet the standard for a willful violation of Section 367.161(1), F.S. In Order No. 24306, issued April 1, 1991, in Docket No. 890216-TL, titled, In Re: Investigation Into the Proper Application of Rule 25-14.003, Florida Administrative Code, Relating to Tax Savings Refund for 1988 and 1989 for GTE Florida, Inc., having found that the company had not intended to violate the rule, nevertheless found it appropriate to order the utility to show cause why it should not be fined, stating that “[i]n our view, ‘willful’ implies an intent to do an act, and this is distinct from an intent to violate a statute or rule.”

Although Charlie Creek’s failure to obtain certificates of authorization from us prior to charging the public for service is an apparent violation of Section 367.031, F.S., there are mitigating circumstances. The Utility purchased the Water System on November 28, 2014, and the new owner sent its first bills to customers in January 2015. Charlie Creek was under the assumption that the system was regulated by Hardee County. After learning that that was not the case, and the system was indeed regulated by the Public Service Commission, it filed an application for an Original Certificate. The last application deficiency was corrected on October 5, 2015. In light of these circumstances, and the fact that Charlie Creek has been cooperative in moving forward to obtain our certification, we do not believe that the apparent violation of Section 367.031, F.S., rises to the level of warranting a show cause.

#### Annual Report

Rule 25-30.110(3), F.A.C., provides that:

Each utility shall file with [us] annual reports on forms prescribed by [us]. The obligation to file an annual report for any year shall apply to any utility which is subject to this Commission’s jurisdiction as of December 31 of that year, whether or not the utility has actually applied for or been issued a certificate.

As previously stated, the purchase agreement between the seller and buyer was executed on November 11, 2014, and finalized on November 28, 2014. While the Water System has been

subject to our jurisdiction since October 26, 2009 when Hardee County passed and adopted an ordinance declaring privately-owned water and wastewater facilities in Hardee County to be subject to the provisions of Chapter 367, F.S., we do not find that the current owner shall be responsible for the annual reports prior to 2015. The purchase agreement was finalized with only one month remaining in year 2014. The current owner also filed this application a few months after taking over ownership of the utility, an indication that the current owner is trying to comply with our rules and regulations.

The Utility's 2014 Annual Report is 280 days late. Consistent with Rule 25-30.110, F.A.C., the penalty of \$3 per day for 280 days results in a total penalty of \$840.00. The associated interest is immaterial. But under these circumstances, we find that due to mitigating circumstances, the current owner shall not be required to show cause for the utility's failure to file its 2014 Annual Report and the associated late fees shall be waived.

#### Regulatory Assessment Fees

Pursuant to Sections 350.113(3)(e) and 367.145, F.S., and Rule 25-30.120(1), F.A.C., each water and wastewater utility shall remit annually RAFs in the amount of 0.045 of its gross operating revenue. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.120(2), F.A.C., "[t]he obligation to remit the [RAFs] for any year shall apply to any utility which is subject to [our] jurisdiction on or before December 31 of that year or for any part of that year, whether or not the utility has actually applied for or has been issued a certificate." The primary purpose of paying RAFs is to defray costs incurred by us in regulating jurisdictional utilities. We have not expended any resources or dollars regulating Charlie Creek until 2015, the year the utility filed for its original certificate. In addition, while the purchase agreement was finalized in late November 2014, according to the utility, the current owner did not take over customer billing until January 2015. We find that the utility shall not be required to show cause for the utility's failure to file its RAFs prior to 2015. The current owner is responsible for filing the 2015 Annual Report and all future annual reports, and 2015 RAFs.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC is granted Certificate No. 668-W to provide water service in territory described in Attachment A, which is attached to this Order and incorporated herein, effective January 5, 2016. It is further

ORDERED that existing rates and charges for Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC (as shown on Schedule No. 1) shall remain in effect until a change is authorized by us in a subsequent proceeding. The effective date of the utility's rates and charges shall be the stamped approval date for the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. It is further

ORDERED that Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, shall not be ordered to show cause for operating a water utility without a certificate of authorization in apparent violation of Section 367.031, F.S., for failing to file annual reports in apparent violation of Rule 25-30.110(3), F.A.C., and for failing to remit its regulatory assessment fees in apparent violation of Section

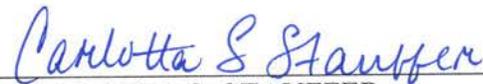
367.145, F.S., and Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C. Further, the late fees associated with the annual reports shall be waived. It is further

ORDERED that Charlie Creek's request to implement a convenience charge of \$3.00 for customers who opt to pay their water bill by debit or credit card, is hereby granted. The approved charge shall be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The approved charge shall not be implemented until Commission staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that following the expiration of the protest period with no timely protest, the issuance of a Consummating Order, and once staff verifies that the notice of the convenience charge has been given to customers the docket shall be closed administratively.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th day of January, 2016.



CARLOTTA S. STAUFFER

Commission Clerk

Florida Public Service Commission

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

As identified in the body of this order, our action approving a convenience charge is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on February 15, 2016. If such a petition is filed, mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective and final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: (1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC**  
**Description of Water Service Territory**

**Hardee County**

A Parcel Of Land Lying In Section 31, Township 33 South, Range 27 East, Hardee County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 31; thence  $S00^{\circ}37'50''W$ , along the East Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, 1,320.77 feet, to the Southeast Corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence continue  $S00^{\circ}37'50''W$ , along the East Line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 31, 1,131.53 Feet, to its intersection with the Northwesterly Right-Of-Way Line of State Road No. 64 (100 Feet Wide ); thence  $S75^{\circ}42'39''W$  , along said Northwesterly Right-Of-Way Line, 770.11 Feet, to its intersection with the South Line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 31; thence  $S89^{\circ}56'02''W$  , along said South Line, 583.16 Feet, to the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 31; thence  $N00^{\circ}37'21''E$ , Along the West Line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1321.68 Feet, to the Northwest Corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence continue  $N00^{\circ}37'21''E$ , along the West Line of the South East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 31, 1321.08 Feet, to the Northwest Corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence  $N89^{\circ}59'14''E$ , along the North Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, 1327.72 Feet, to the Point of Beginning.

**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

authorizes

**Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC**  
pursuant to  
**Certificate Number 668-W**

to provide water service in Hardee County in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and the Rules, Regulations, and Orders of this Commission in the territory described by the Orders of this Commission. This authorization shall remain in force and effect until superseded, suspended, cancelled or revoked by Order of this Commission.

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**Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC  
 Monthly Water Rates**

**Residential and General Service**

Base Facility Charge by Meter Size

5/8" X 3/4"	\$15.00
3/4"	\$22.50
1"	\$37.50
1-1/2"	\$75.00
2"	\$120.00
3"	\$240.00
4"	\$375.00
6"	\$750.00

Charge per 1,000 gallons

0 - 3,000 gallons	\$3.50
Over 3,000 gallons	\$4.50

**Initial Customer Deposits**

Residential - 5/8" X 3/4"	\$65.00
Residential – All other meter sizes	2 times average estimated bill
General Service - All Meters	2 times average estimated bill

**Miscellaneous Service Charges**

	<b><u>Business Hours</u></b>	<b><u>After Hours</u></b>
Initial Connection Charge	\$20.00	\$40.00
Normal Reconnection Charge	\$10.00	\$20.00
Violation Reconnection Charge	\$20.00	\$20.00
Premises Visit Charge (in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Late Payment Charge		\$5.00
NSF Charge		Pursuant to Statute 832.08(5)

**Service Availability Charges**

**Meter Installation Charge**

5/8" x 3/4"	\$125.00
1"	\$150.00
1 1/2"	\$300.00
2"	\$350.00
Over 2"	Actual Cost

Plant Capacity Charge per ERC	\$750.00
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