

Ni Florida, LLC
Docket 160030-WS

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STATE OF South Carolina
COUNTY OF Richland

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared Elizabeth H. Wright who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he/she is the Controller of Ni Florida, LLC and that on June 30, 2016, he/she did send by regular U.S. mail, a copy of the notice attached hereto to each of the customers of the Ni Florida Tamiami water system and Hudson wastewater system.

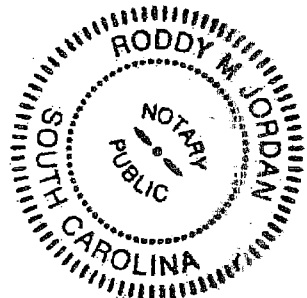
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Elizabeth H. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 5~~th~~ day of JULY, 2016.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 1/31/2024



Notice of Interim Rate Increase of Ni Florida, LLC

Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 160030-WS

On June 9, 2016, the Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC” or “Commission”) voted to approve interim water rates for Ni Florida, LLC (“Ni Florida”). These interim rates are outlined below. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund, pending the FPSC’s final decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based upon Commission determined factors.

The rates prior to filing, the Commission approved interim rates, and the Utility requested final rates are set forth below:

Wastewater Rates	Current Rates	Commission Approved Interim	Utility Requested Final
<u>Residential Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$20.95	\$24.66	\$26.12
Charge per 1,000 Gallons- Residential 8,000 gallon cap	\$6.87	\$8.09	\$8.56
<u>General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8 x 3/4"	\$20.95	\$24.66	\$26.12
3/4"	\$31.43	\$36.99	\$39.18
1"	\$52.38	\$61.65	\$65.30
1-1/2"	\$105.46	\$123.30	\$130.60
2"	\$167.64	\$197.28	\$208.96
3"	\$335.27	\$394.56	\$391.80
4"	\$523.86	\$616.50	\$653.00
6"	\$1,047.73	\$1,233.00	\$1,306.00
8"	\$1,676.37	\$1,972.80	\$2,089.60
10"	\$2,409.78	\$2,835.90	\$3,003.80
Bulk Service	\$523.86	\$616.50	\$653.00
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$8.24	\$9.70	\$10.27
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$41.56	\$48.93	\$51.79
6,000 Gallons	\$62.17	\$73.20	\$77.47
8,000 Gallons	\$75.91	\$89.38	\$94.59

Water Rates	Current Rates	Commission Approved Interim	Utility Requested Final
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8 x 3/4"	\$12.64	\$17.71	\$18.34
3/4"	\$18.96	\$26.57	\$27.52
1"	\$31.60	\$44.28	\$45.86
1-1/2"	\$63.21	\$88.55	\$91.73
2"	\$101.13	\$141.68	\$146.76
3"	\$202.27	\$283.36	\$293.54
4"	\$316.04	\$442.75	\$458.65
6"	\$632.08	\$885.50	\$917.29
8"	\$1,011.20	\$1,416.80	\$1,467.48
RV Park	\$1,324.36	\$1,855.69	\$1,921.95
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential Service			
0-3,000 gallons	\$4.47	\$6.26	\$6.49
3,001-6,000 gallons	\$5.66	\$7.93	\$8.21
Over 6,000 gallons	\$7.88	\$11.04	\$11.44
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$4.81	\$6.74	\$6.98
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
3,000 Gallons	\$26.05	\$36.49	\$37.81
6,000 Gallons	\$43.03	\$60.28	\$62.44
8,000 Gallons	\$58.79	\$82.36	\$85.32

Written comments concerning Ni Florida's request for an increase in rate and charges should be sent to the Director, Office of Commission Clerk & Administrative Services at the following address:

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

All correspondence should include reference to Commission Docket No. 160030-WS, which has been assigned to this case.

Complaints regarding service may be made to Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at 1-800-342/3552, submitted through the Public Service Commission's toll free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809, or the Commission's website at:
<http://www.floridapsc.com/consumers/complaints/index.aspx>

The interim rates will be effective July 5, 2016. To contact Ni Florida's operations office, call 1-877-233-0101.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE
AND
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF NI FLORIDA, LLC
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
RE: DOCKET NO. 160030-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER RATES IN LEE COUNTY AND
WASTEWATER RATES IN PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

DATED: JUNE 30, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct customer meetings to discuss Ni Florida, LLC's Application for a rate increase. The meetings will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
West Pasco Government Center
Commission Chambers Board Room
8731 Citizens Drive
New Port Richey, FL 36654

Thursday, July 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Friendship Hall at Tamiami Village
16555-A North Cleveland Avenue
North Ft. Myers, FL 33903

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 Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771(TDD) or 1-800-955-877 (Voice).

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 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 at the bottom of the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meetings 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 increase, and to ask questions, and comment on the rates included in this Notice as well as other issues. Commission Staff will be available to address and coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. A representative from the Utility may also be in attendance. 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 in the order that they sign up to speak.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission Staff may do so at the meetings, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Florida Public Service Commission
Director, Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

A courtesy copy of written comments and complaints may be mailed/mailed to the following:

F. Marshall Deterding
Sundstrom & Mindlin, LLP
2548 Blairstone Pines Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301
mdeterding@sfflaw.com

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 160030-WS, Ni Florida, LLC." Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Florida Public Service Commission's email at clerk@psc.state.fl.us, or the Commission's website available at <http://floridapsc.com/about/contact/form.aspx>.

If you wish to contact the Florida Public Service Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach at the following toll-free number 1-800-342-3552.

BACKGROUND

Ni Florida, LLC (the "Utility") is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located in Elgin, South Carolina. The Utility's water facilities are located in Lee County, Florida. The Utility's wastewater facilities are located in Pasco County, Florida.

The Utility filed an application with the Commission for increased water and wastewater rates for its Lee and Pasco County customers on April 4, 2016. The application was assigned Docket No. 160030-WS and May 13, 2016 was established as the official date of filing.

As reported in its revised Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs), the water revenues per books are \$243,169 with operating expenses per books of \$268,965 resulting in net operating income of (\$25,797) before any adjustments. As reported in its MFRs filed with its application to the Commission, the wastewater revenues per books are \$1,929,738 with operating expenses per books of \$1,893,604 resulting in net operating income of \$36,135 before any adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings and required improvements to the wastewater system.

Copies of the application, minimum filing requirements, and the rate case synopsis are available for inspection at the following locations:

Ni Florida, LLC 10130 Scenic Drive Port Richey, FL 34668	Business Hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
North Fort Myers Public Library 2001 North Tamiami Trail Fort Myers, FL 33903	Business Hours Daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A schedule of the utility's Lee County water and Pasco County wastewater rates prior to filing and the Commission approved interim and the utility's proposed final rates are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED INTERIM AND FINAL WATER RATES

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
<u>Residential and General Service</u>				
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SCHEDULE OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED INTERIM AND FINAL WASTEWATER RATES:

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Commission Approved Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's Requested Final Rates</u>
<u>Residential</u>				
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WASTEWATER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The utility is not requesting any changes to its current Miscellaneous Service Charges for its water customers in Lee County. The utility is requesting the following changes to its current Miscellaneous Service Charges for the wastewater system in Pasco County.

	Current Charges		Proposed Charges	
	During Hours	After Hours	During Hours	After Hours
Initial Connection Charge	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$27.00	\$40.00
Normal Reconnection Charge	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$125.00	\$187.50
Violation Reconnection Charge	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$125.00	\$187.50
Premises Visit Charge	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$18.00	\$27.00
Meter Re-read	N/A	N/A	\$20.00	N/A
Late Payment Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

These proposed rates for reconnection and meter re-reads are based on a new contract with Pasco County Sections 2.2 and 3.2. The reconnection costs incurred will eliminate the need to install an elder valve to shut off a customer's service for non-payment.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the utility's rate case:

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility's rate case

<u>Schedule Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Staff Audit Report	July 29, 2016
Customer Meeting – Pasco County	July 27, 2016
Customer Meeting – Lee County	July 28, 2016
PAA Recommendation Filed	September 29, 2016
Commission Conference on PAA Rates	October 11, 2016
PAA Order	October 31, 2016
Protest Period Expires	November 21, 2016
Consummating Order	November 28, 2016

This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers. If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at 1-877-233-0101.

Ni Florida, LLC