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January 4, 2017

Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

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COMMISSION
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RE: Docket # 160143-WU

Dear Commission Clerk:

Enclosed Please find the affidavit of mailing and a copy of the customer notice mailed to the customers of Charlie Creek on January 4th 2017 for the above docket file.

On behalf of the utility,



Mike Smallridge

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a Staff Assisted Rate)	
Case for Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC in)	Docket No. 160143-WU
Hardee County.)	
Docket # 160143-WU.)	Filed: January 4, 2017
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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING CUSTOMER NOTICES


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PASCO

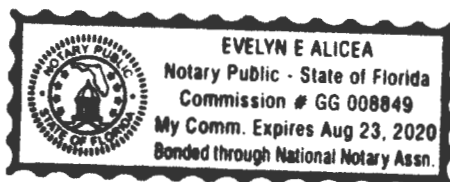
Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE, . and that to the best of his knowledge and belief, on or about January 4, 2017, a copy of the attached hereto was mailed to each customer of Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC in the Florida Public service Commission regulated territory.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January 2017,
by Michael Smallridge, who is personally known to me.


Print Name
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF CHARLIE CREEK UTILITIES, LLC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 160143-WU

APPLICATION OF CHARLIE CREEK UTILITIES, LLC

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

HARDEE COUNTY

Date Issued: JAN 04 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a customer meeting to discuss Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC's (Charlie Creek or utility) application for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC) in Hardee County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Historic City Hall
225 East Main Street
Wauchula, FL 33873

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 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.

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 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. 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 recommended 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 Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC's 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 or online at <https://secure.floridapsc.com/e-filings/efiling.aspx>.

BACKGROUND

Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC is a Class C utility providing service to approximately 124 water customers in Hardee County. Charlie Creek was granted Certificate No. 668-W in 2016.¹ On June 3, 2015, Charlie Creek filed its application for a staff-assisted rate case. Staff selected the test year ended December 31, 2015, for the instant docket. According to Charlie Creek's 2015 annual report, total gross revenues were \$68,259 and total operating expenses were \$71,773. The Commission has jurisdiction in this case pursuant to Sections 367.011, 367.0812, 367.0814, 367.0816, and 367.121, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following recommended rates 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 recommended preliminary rates are as follows:

¹ Order No. PSC-16-0043-PAA-WU, issued January 25, 2016, in Docket No. 00433-16, *In re: Application for certificate to operate a water utility in Hardee County by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC.*

CHARLIE CREEK UTILITIES, LLC. TEST YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 MONTHLY WATER RATES		SCHEDULE NO. 4 DOCKET NO. 160143-WU	
	UTILITY CURRENT RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES	
<u>Residential and General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8"x 3/4"	\$15.00	\$15.04	
3/4"	\$22.50	\$22.56	
1"	\$37.50	\$37.60	
1-1/2"	\$75.00	\$75.20	
2"	\$120.00	\$120.32	
3"	\$240.00	\$240.64	
4"	\$375.00	\$376.00	
6"	\$750.00	\$752.00	
Charge per 1,000 gallons			
0 - 3,000 gallons	\$3.50	N/A	
Over 3,000 gallons	\$4.50	N/A	
0 - 4,000 gallons	N/A	\$5.46	
Over 4,000 gallons	N/A	\$6.83	
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>			
4,000 Gallons	\$30.00	\$36.88	
10,000 Gallons	\$57.00	\$77.86	
15,000 Gallons	\$79.50	\$112.01	

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated November 15, 2016. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the following location:

Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC
3336 Grand Blvd #102
Holiday, FL 34690

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the customer meeting, Commission staff will prepare a recommendation which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on February 23, 2017. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its March 7, 2017 Commission 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. Customers are able to obtain a copy of staff's recommendation and all documents filed in this docket under the Clerk's Office tab at the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com/>).

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:

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

All correspondence should refer to **"Docket No. 160143-WU, Charlie Creek Utilities, 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.