

ORANGE BLOSSOM UTILITIES, INC.

February 20, 2017

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

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RE: Application of Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc. for approval of new class of service for private fire protection service in Sumter County

To Whom It May Concern:

Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc. (Orange Blossom) submits its application for approval of new class of service for private fire protection service in Sumter County. Pursuant to Chapter 367.091, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.135 and 25-30.465, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Orange Blossom requests the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to authorize the Applicant to establish a new class of service and approve its Private Fire Protection Service Tariff.

In support of its request, the Applicant submits the following:

- (1) The exact name of the Applicant and the address of its principal business office is:

Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc.
11714 NE 62nd Terrace, Suite 400
The Villages, FL 32158
Phone: 352-430-1329

- (2) The Authorized Representative of the Applicant in respect to this application is:

Troy Rendell
U.S. Water Service Corporation, Inc.
4939 Cross Bayou Ct.
New Port Richey, FL 34652
Phone (727) 848-8292

- (3) Orange Blossom currently provides Private Fire Protection (PFP) to two existing customers for no compensation. The two current PFP customers are being served

through a 4" line and 6" line. These two customers are also currently being provided potable water service and wastewater service. In addition, Orange Blossom has recently been contacted by a developer who is moving forward with development of an additional General Service building which will also require PFP at its location.

- (4) Currently, Orange Blossom does not have an applicable private fire protection charge.
- (5) Rule 25-30.465, FAC provides for a "default" private fire protection service rate of 1/12th of the current base facility charge, unless the utility justifies a different rate.
- (6) In addition, Orange Blossom has simultaneously filed for a 2016 Index Application. Orange Blossom calculated its proposed PFP rates based on the 2016 Indexed base facility charges and respectfully requests that these two requests be reviewed and approved simultaneously.
- (7) Orange Blossom proposes rates consistent with the charge authorized in Rule 25-30.465, FAC and the attached proposed Original Sheet No. 13.1.
- (8) Currently, no new private fire protection customer is being charged a PFP rate for these services. Orange Blossom proposes to initiate this charge once it is approved by the FPSC and the customers receive the appropriate notice as required by rule.
- (9) Wherefore, Orange Blossom requests that the FPSC approve the requested new class of service for private fire protection and approve the attached proposed tariff sheet implementing the new rate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Rendell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "R".

Troy Rendell
Manager of Regulated Utilities
// for Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

RATE SCHEDULE PFP

AVAILABILITY – Available throughout the area served by the Company.

APPLICABILITY – For private fire protection service to customers.

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 Size:

2"
3"
4"
6"
8"

Base Facility Charges:

\$ 10.49
\$ 22.96
\$ 39.36
\$ 81.99
\$ 118.07

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

Jonathan S. Dean
ISSUING OFFICER

President
TITLE

NOTICE

**TO CUSTOMERS OF ORANGE BLOSSOM UTILITIES, INC.
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
DATED: APRIL 14, 2017**

On February 14, 2017, Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc. (Orange Blossom) filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to add rates for private fire protection service. A schedule of the Utility's rates as prescribed by Rule 25-30.465, Florida Administrative Code, are listed below.

Private Fire Protection Service

Base Facility Charge by Meter Size

2"	\$10.49
3"	\$22.96
4"	\$39.36
6"	\$81.99
8"	\$118.07

The rates shall be effective for service rendered as of the Commission's stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided the customers have received notice. If you have any questions about your bill, please call Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc. at 352-430-1329. Please be sure to have your account number handy for quick reference. We look forward to continuing to listen to you and to serve you.

Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc.