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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water rates in Charlotte County by Bocilla Utilities, Inc.

Docket No. 20160065-WU

# **NOTICE OF FILING**

Applicant, BOCILLA UTILITIES, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing, in the above-referenced docket, the Affidavit of Mailing, evidencing that the Customer Notice attached hereto was sent by regular mail on December

21, 2017 to all customers of the Utility.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of December, 2017, by:

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

## COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Craig Noden, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that on behalf of Bocilla Utilities, Inc. ("Utility"), on December 21, 2017, he did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the Utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Craig Noden President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $\frac{\partial 2}{\partial n^d}$  day of December, 2017, by Craig Noden, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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Print Name: 'Charlene NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires:



## **NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

Pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, water and wastewater utilities are permitted to adjust the rates and charges to its customers without those customers bearing the additional expense of a public hearing. These adjustments in rates would depend on increases or decreases in noncontrollable expenses subject to inflationary pressures such as chemicals, and other general operation and maintenance costs.

Pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), Florida Statutes, water and wastewater utilities are permitted to pass through, without a public hearing, a change in rates resulting from: an increase or decrease in rates charged for utility services received from a governmental agency or another regulated utility and which services were redistributed by the utility to its customers; an increase or decrease in the rates that it is charged for electric power, the amount of ad valorem taxes assessed against its used and useful property, the fees charged by the Department of Environmental Protection in connection with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program, or the regulatory assessment fees imposed upon it by the Commission; costs incurred for water quality or wastewater quality testing required by the Department of Environmental Protection; the fees charged for wastewater biosolids disposal; costs incurred for any tank inspection required by the Department of Environmental Protection or a local governmental authority; treatment plant and water distribution system operator license fees required by the Department of Environmental Protection or a local governmental authority; water or wastewater operating permit fees charged by the Department of Environmental Protection or a local governmental authority; and consumptive or water use permit fees charged by a water management district.

On August 24, 2017, Bocilla Utilities, Inc. filed its notice of intention with the Florida Public Service Commission to increase water rates in Charlotte County pursuant to this Statute. The filing is subject to review by the Commission Staff for accuracy and completeness. Water rates will increase by approximately 0.87%. These rates should be reflected for service rendered on or after January 1, 2018.

In addition, pursuant to Order No. PSC-2017-0439-PAA-WU, issued November 16, 2017, the Commission reinstated the previous reduction in return on equity which results in an additional increase over the index and pass-through increase of approximately 0.16%. These rates should be reflected for service rendered on or after January 1, 2018.

	Current Rates	Index Rates	Commission Approved Rates
<b>Residential and General Service</b>			
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size			
5/8"X 3/4"	\$56.34	\$56.83	\$56.92
3/4"	\$84.51	\$85.25	\$85.38
1"	\$140.85	\$142.08	\$142.30
1-1/2"	\$281.70	\$284.15	\$284.60
2"	\$450.72	\$454.64	\$455.36
3"	\$901.44	\$909.28	\$910.72
4"	\$1,408.50	\$1,420.75	\$1,423.00
6"	\$2,817.00	\$2,841.50	\$2,846.00
8"	\$4,507.20	\$4,546.40	\$4,553.60
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential			
0 - 3,000 gallons	\$6.35	\$6.41	\$6.42
3,001 - 12,000 gallons	\$7.94	\$8.01	\$8.02
Over 12,000 gallons	\$15.87	\$16.01	\$16.04
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$9.27	\$9.35	\$9.36
Private Fire Protection Service			
5/8"X 3/4"	\$4.70	\$4.74	\$4.74
3/4"	\$7.04	\$7.10	\$7.12
1"	\$11.74	\$11.84	\$11.86
1-1/2"	\$23.48	\$23.68	\$23.72
2"	\$37.56	\$37.89	\$37.95
3"	\$75.12	\$75.77	\$75.89
4"	\$117.38	\$118.40	\$118.58
6"	\$234.75	\$236.79	\$237.17
8"	\$375.60	\$378.87	\$379.47
Typical Residential 5/8'' x 3/4'' Meter Bill Co	omparison		
3,000 Gallons	\$75.39	\$76.06	\$76.18
6,000 Gallons	\$99.21	\$100.09	\$100.24
12,000 Gallons	\$146.85	\$148.15	\$148.36

If you should have any questions, please contact our office at (941) 769-0561 or <u>office@bocillautilities.com</u>.

Be sure to have your account number handy for quick reference.