# JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY

# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**DOCKET NO. 20180217-WS** 

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# APPLICATION FOR LIMITED ALTERNATIVE RATE INCREASE IN SUMTER COUNTY BY JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY

# **AFFIRMATION OF MAILING**

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO

This statement submitted on February 13, 2019, affirms that on February 11, 2019, the attached Customer Meeting Notice for the limited alternative rate increase was mailed via US mail service to the customers of Jumper Creek Utility Company.

Troy Rendell Vice President

**Investor Owned Utilities** 

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20180217-WS
PETITION OF JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY FOR LIMITED ALTERNATIVE
RATE INCREASE PURSUANT TO RULE 25-30.458, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
IN SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the petition of Jumper Creek Utility Company (Jumper Creek or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

1:00 p.m., February 27, 2019 Webster City Hall 49 SE 1<sup>st</sup> St. Webster, Florida 33597

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

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 5 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).

#### EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF CUSTOMER MEETING

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 on 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 meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Commission staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, 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. The 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 staff may do so at the meeting, 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:

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

Or by e-mail to Clerk@psc.state.fl.us

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20180217-WS, Jumper Creek Utility Company." Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809 or the Commission's website available at: <a href="http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm">http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm</a>.

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

Jumper Creek is a Class C utility providing service to approximately 53 water customers and 51 wastewater customers in Sumter County. The utility has been in existence since 1988. Effective June 11, 2014, Jumper Creek was granted Certificate Nos. 507-W and 441-S. The utility's rates for water and wastewater service were last approved in a staff-assisted rate case in 2015. The utility requested a price index increase which was approved on June 13, 2018. According to Jumper Creek's 2017 annual report, total gross revenues for water were \$27,564 and \$33,096 for wastewater. The utility's total operating expenses for water were \$42,658 and \$37,542 for wastewater.

On November 26, 2018, Jumper Creek filed its application for a limited alternative rate setting. In its application, pursuant to Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., the utility is requesting to apply a 20 percent increase to its existing rates.

Copies of the utility's application for a limited alternative rate increase and all attachments are available for inspection by members of the public at the following location:

E.C. Rowell Public Library 2810 C- 478A Webster, Florida 33597 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

# **CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES**

The current and proposed rates are listed below. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Commission staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY MONTHLY WATER RATES	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$18.27	\$21
3/4"	\$27.41	\$32
1"	\$45.68	\$54
1-1/2"	\$91.35	\$109
2"	\$146.16	\$175
3"	\$292.32	\$350
4"	\$456.75	\$548
6"	\$913.50	\$1,096
8"	\$1,461.60	\$1,753
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$6.77	\$8

JUMPER CREEK UTILITY COMPANY MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
Residential Service		
All Meter Sizes	\$28.84	\$34.6
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.17	\$8.6
(6,000 gallonage cap)		
General Service		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$28.84	\$34.
3/4"	\$43.26	\$51.9
1"	\$72.10	\$86.
1-1/2"	\$144.20	\$173.
2"	\$230.72	\$276.
3"	\$461.44	\$553.
4"	\$721.00	\$865.3
6"	\$1,442.00	\$1,730
8"	\$2,307.20	\$2,768.
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$8.61	\$10.

#### PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the customer meeting, Commission staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on March 21, 2019. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its April 2, 2019, 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 on the Commission's website (http://www.floridapsc.com).

This notice was prepared by the utility and approved by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.