

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 20180215-WS**

**APPLICATION FOR LIMITED ALTERNATIVE RATE INCREASE  
IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY BY LP WATERWORKS, INC.**

**AFFIRMATION OF MAILING**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PASCO

This statement submitted on February 13, 2019, affirms that on February 12, 2019, the attached Customer Meeting Notice for the limited alternative rate increase was mailed via US mail service to the customers of LP Waterworks, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Troy Rendell', written over a horizontal line.

Troy Rendell  
Vice President  
Investor Owned Utilities

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
**NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING**  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
LP WATERWORKS, INC.  
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 20180215-WS  
PETITION OF LP WATERWORKS, INC. FOR LIMITED ALTERNATIVE  
RATE INCREASE PURSUANT TO RULE 25-30.458, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
IN HIGHLANDS 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 LP Waterworks, Inc. (LP or utility) for a limited alternative rate increase. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

3:00 p.m., February 26, 2019  
Lake View Clubhouse  
231 Shoreline Dr.  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

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](mailto:Clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 20180215-WS, LP Waterworks, Inc." 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: <http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm>.

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**

LP is a Class C utility providing service to approximately 487 water customers and 402 wastewater customers in Highlands County. The utility has been in existence since 2002. Effective February 26, 2002, LP was granted Certificate Nos. 620-W and 533-S. The utility's rates for water and wastewater service were last approved in a staff-assisted rate case in 2017. The utility requested a price index increase which was approved on July 15, 2018. According to LP's 2017 annual report, total gross revenues for water were \$111,449 and \$91,656 for wastewater. The utility's total operating expenses for water were \$113,721 and \$92,159 for wastewater.

On November 26, 2018, LP 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:

Lake View Clubhouse  
231 Shoreline Drive  
Lake Placid, Florida 33597

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 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.

<b>LP WATERWORKS, INC. MONTHLY WATER RATES</b>	<b>CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>PROPOSED RATES</b>
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$9.85	\$11.82
3/4"	\$14.78	\$17.73
1"	\$24.63	\$29.55
1-1/2"	\$49.26	\$59.10
2"	\$78.82	\$94.56
3"	\$157.65	\$189.12
4"	\$246.32	\$295.50
6"	\$492.65	\$591.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service		
0-3,000 gallons	\$5.66	\$6.79
Over 3,000 gallons	\$8.32	\$9.99
Charge per 1,000 gallons – General Service		
	\$6.81	\$8.18
<b><u>Private Fire Protection Service</u></b>		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$0.82	\$0.99
3/4"	\$1.23	\$1.47
1"	\$2.05	\$2.46
1 1/2"	\$4.11	\$4.93
2"	\$6.57	\$7.88
3"	\$13.14	\$15.77
4"	\$20.53	\$24.64
6"	\$41.05	\$49.26

<b>LP WATERWORKS, INC. MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES</b>	<b>CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>PROPOSED RATES</b>
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>		
All Meter Sizes	\$14.93	\$17.92
Gallonge Charge per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallonge cap)	\$7.72	\$9.26
<b><u>General Service</u></b>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X3/4"	\$14.93	\$17.92
3/4"	\$22.40	\$26.88
1"	\$37.33	\$44.80
1-1/2"	\$74.66	\$89.60
2"	\$119.46	\$143.36
3"	\$238.92	\$286.72
4"	\$373.31	\$448.00
6"	\$746.63	\$896.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$9.27	\$11.12

### **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.