

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

UTILITIES INC. OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 20200139-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN
CHARLOTTE, HIGHLANDS, LAKE, LEE, MARION, ORANGE, PASCO, PINELLAS,
POLK, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES, BY UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA.

ISSUED: January 11, 2021

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC or Commission) will hold a public hearing in the above referenced docket at the following time and place:

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

HEARING

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021 immediately following the Commission's Agenda Conference.
Hearing Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

February 3, 2021, and February 4, 2021, have also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of Utilities Inc. of Florida for an increase in rates and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on January 19, 2021. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Interested persons may also request to be listed as an interested person for these dockets, in which case they will receive notices and orders published and issued in these dockets. Such requests should be made to: Florida Public Service Commission, Office of the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6770.

State buildings are currently closed to the public and other restrictions on gathering remain in place due to COVID-19. Accordingly, the hearing will be conducted remotely, and all parties and witnesses shall be prepared to present argument and testimony by communications media technology. The Public Service Commission shall act as the host of the hearing and will use a combination of technologies to ensure full participation. The Commission will employ GoToMeeting as an audio and video platform for the hearing, which will include a telephone number for audio-only participation.

A GoToMeeting invitation shall be provided to counsel for each party. It shall be the responsibility of counsel to provide their clients, client representatives, and witnesses with the invitation, which will allow them to access the hearing. Counsel for each party will also be provided the call-in number for audio participation.

Any member of the public who wants to observe or listen to the proceedings may do so by accessing the live video broadcast the day of the hearing, which is available from the FPSC website. Upon completion of the hearing, the archived video will also be available.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding by the provisions of Sections 367.081, Florida Statutes. This proceeding will be governed by Chapter 367 in addition to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.433 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

SPECIAL COVID -19 CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Commission must limit the manner in which the public may participate or view the Prehearing Conference and Hearing. Due to these extraordinary circumstances, no member of the public may attend in person. As always, the public may view a live stream of the prehearing and hearing online using the link available at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>. Due to these extraordinary circumstances, however, no member of the public may attend in person.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or 850-413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770 Voice or 1-800-955-8771 TDD).

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) 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.

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By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th day of January,
2021.



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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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