# TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES 1951 W. GRANADA BLVD. ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174 (386) 672-9815

March 16, 2011

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 100359 WS; Tymber Creek Utilities, Inc Application for Increase in Water and Wastewater in Volusia County, Florida

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a Notice of Filing of the Affidavit of Mailing and the Affidavit of Mailing evidencing that the Initial Customer Notice has been sent to the customers of Tymber Creek Utilities, Inc.

Should you or the staff have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

J. Stanley Shirah Sec/Tres

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# **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

State of Florida

**County Of Volusia** 

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared J. Stanley Shirah, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he is the Sec/Tres., half owner of Tymber Creek Utilities, Inc. and that on March 16, 2011, he did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Print Name: J. Stanley Shirah Print Title: Sec/Tres

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, by J. Stanley Shirah, who is personally known to me.



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Print Name: Marla Kumpf **\*** Notary Public My Commission Expires: April 06, 2012

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# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

# TO THE CUSTOMERS OF TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED

# AND

#### ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

#### **DOCKET NO. 100359-WS**

#### APPLICATION OF TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED

#### FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

#### VOLUSIA COUNTY

#### Issued: 3-16-11

Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Tymber Creek Utilities, Incorporated (Tymber Creek or Utility) for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC) in Volusia County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

> 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2011 Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center 399 N. U.S. Hwy. 1 Ormond Beach, FL 32174

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

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 the 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 Commission's Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). 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).

#### <u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the Utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Tymber Creek's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the Utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign up. Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

#### BACKGROUND

Tymber Creek Utilities, Incorporated (Tymber Creek Utilities or Utility) is a Class C utility serving approximately 449 water customers and 420 wastewater customers in Volusia County. The Utility applied for a staff-assisted rate increase on July 22, 2010. The test year for setting rates is the historical twelve-month period ended June 30, 2010. According to Tymber Creek's 2009 Annual Report, total gross revenue was \$115,459 for water and \$204,267 for wastewater, and operating expenses were \$130,053 for water and \$210,521 for wastewater.

## CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final decision by the Commission. The Utility's current, and staff's preliminary rates and charges, are as follows:

## Phase I Rates

| General Service Water Rates                               |              |             |
|---|--------------|-------------|
|   |              | Staff       |
|   | Utility's    | Preliminary |
| Base Facility Charge                                      | Existing     | Recommended |
| By Meter Size   | Rates        | Rates       |
| 5/8" x 3/4"   | \$9.75       | \$9.34      |
| 3/4"  | \$14.64      | \$14.01     |
| 1"  | \$24.43      | \$23.35     |
| 1 - 1/2"  | \$48.83      | \$46.70     |
| 2"  | \$78.15      | \$74.72     |
| 3"  | \$156.32     | \$149.44    |
| 4"  | \$244.25     | \$233.50    |
| 6"  | \$488.48     | \$467.00    |
| <u>Gallonage Charge</u><br>GS Gallonage Charge (Per 1,000 | <b>60 50</b> |             |
| gallons)  | \$2.56       |             |
| All gallons   |              | \$3.85      |

#### **Residential Service Water Rates**

|   |           | Staff       |
|---|-----------|-------------|
|   | Utility's | Preliminary |
| Base Facility Charge                                      | Existing  | Recommended |
| By Meter Size   | Rates     | Rates       |
| 5/8" x 3/4"   | \$9.75    | \$9.34      |
| 3/4"  | \$14.64   | \$14.01     |
| 1"  | \$24.43   | \$23.35     |
| 1 - 1/2"  | \$48.83   | \$46.70     |
| 2"  | \$78.15   | \$74.72     |
| 3"  | \$156.32  | \$149.44    |
| 4"  | \$244.25  | \$233.50    |
| 6"  | \$488.48  | \$467.00    |
| <u>Gallonage Charge</u><br>RS Gallonage Charge (Per 1,000 |           |             |
| gallons)  | \$2.56    |             |
| 0 - 6,000 gallons   |           | \$3.54      |
| 6,001 - 10,000 gallons                                    |           | \$4.07      |
| Over 10,000 gallons                                       |           | \$6.11      |

|                                |               | Staff         |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                | Utility's     | Preliminary   |
| Base Facility Charge           | Existing      | Recommended   |
| By Meter Size                  | Rates         | Rates         |
| 5/8" x 3/4"                    | \$15.89       | \$23.84       |
| 3/4"                           | \$23.83       | \$35.76       |
| 1"                             | \$39.72       | \$59.60       |
| 1 - 1/2"                       | \$79.43       | \$119.20      |
| 2"                             | \$127.10      | \$190.72      |
| 3"                             | \$254.18      | \$381.44      |
| 4"                             | \$397.14      | \$596.00      |
| 6"                             | \$794.29      | \$1,192.00    |
| Gallonage Charge               |               |               |
| GS Gallonage Charge (Per 1,000 |               |               |
| gallons)                       | <u>\$5.78</u> | <u>\$7.64</u> |

| <b>Residential Service Wastewater Rates</b>                             |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
|   |           | Staff       |
|   | Utility's | Preliminary |
| Base Facility Charge  | Existing  | Recommended |
| By Meter Size   | Rates     | Rates       |
| All meter sizes   | \$15.89   | \$23.84     |
| <u>Gallonage Charge</u><br>Per 1,000 gallons; maximum 10,000<br>gallons | \$5.78    |             |
| Per 1,000 gallons; maximum 8,000<br>gallons                             |           | \$6.37      |

#### Phase II Rates

Phase II rates are based on requested pro forma plant and expenses that the Utility intends to complete. Phase II rates will be implemented once all items are completed. There are no pro forma items for the water system. Therefore, the water rates are unchanged for Phase II. Staff's recommended preliminary Phase II rates for wastewater are as follows:

| General Service Wastewater Rates w/Pro Forma |     |            |  |
|--|-----|------------|--|
|  |     | Staff      |  |
|  | P   | reliminary |  |
| Base Facility Charge                         | Red | commended  |  |
| By Meter Size                                |     | Rates      |  |
| 5/8" x 3/4"                                  | \$  | 28.72      |  |
| 3/4"   | \$  | 43.08      |  |
| 1"   | \$  | 71.80      |  |
| 1 - 1/2"                                     | \$  | 143.60     |  |
| 2"   | \$  | 229.76     |  |
| 3"   | \$  | 459.52     |  |
| <b>4</b> "                                   | \$  | 718.00     |  |
| 6"   | \$  | 1,436.00   |  |
| Gallonage Charge                             |     |            |  |
| All gallons                                  | \$  | 9.26       |  |

|                                  | Staff       |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
|                                  | Preliminary |
| Base Facility Charge             | Recommended |
| By Meter Size                    | Rates       |
| All meter sizes                  | \$28.72     |
| Per 1,000 gallons; maximum 8,000 |             |
| gallons                          | \$7.72      |

#### STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated March 9, 2011. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following location:

Tymber Creek Utilities, Incorporated 1951 W. Granada Boulevard Ormond Beach, FL 32174

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#### PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the customer meeting, Commission staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on June 2, 2011. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its June 14, 2011 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. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting, and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

#### HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the Utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

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

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 100359-WS, Tymber Creek Utilities, Incorporated." If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Service, Safety and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552. This notice was prepared by Commission staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers.