

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of amendment to
tariff for miscellaneous service charges in Lake
County by Lakeside Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20170244-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-2017-0491-TRF-WS
ISSUED: December 28, 2017

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
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ORDER APPROVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

Lakeside Waterworks, Inc. (Lakeside or utility) is a Class C water and wastewater utility serving approximately 185 water customers and 171 wastewater customers in Lake County. The utility's 2016 annual report indicates total gross revenues of \$64,036 for water and \$57,680 for wastewater.

On November 14, 2017, the utility filed an application for approval of a tariff amendment to increase miscellaneous service charges in Lake County, which includes tariff sheets reflecting the requested charges. This order addresses the utility's request to increase miscellaneous service charges in Lake County. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes (F.S).

Decision

Lakeside's current miscellaneous service charges were approved in Docket No. 120317-WS.¹ Section 367.091, F.S., authorizes this Commission to change miscellaneous service charges. Lakeside's request to increase its miscellaneous charges was accompanied by its reason for requesting the charges, as well as the cost justification required by Section 367.091 (6), F.S. The cost justification provided by the utility reflects the same labor and transportation costs relied on to set the LP Waterworks, a sister company, miscellaneous service charges.² The

¹ Order No. PSC-13-0425-PAA-WS, issued September 18, 2013, in Docket No. 120317-WS, In re: Application for approval to transfer water and wastewater system Certificate Nos. 567-W and 494-S in Lake County from Shangri-La by the Lake Utilities, Inc. to Lakeside Waterworks, Inc.

² Order No. PSC-2017-0334-PAA-WS, issued August 23, 2017, in Docket No. 20160222-WS, In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County by LP Waterworks.

calculations for the approved charges for miscellaneous services are shown in Tables 1 through 4. Table 5 displays the utility's current and newly approved miscellaneous service charges rounded up to the nearest tenth.

Initial Connection Charge

The initial connection charge is levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously. A Utility representative makes one trip when performing the service of an initial connection. Based on labor and transportation to and from the service territory, we approve initial connection charges for Lakeside's water and wastewater systems of \$31.10 for normal hours and \$36.20 for after hours. The calculations are shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Initial Connection Charge Calculation

Activity	Normal Hours Cost	Activity	After Hours Cost
Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4 hr)	\$7.00	Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4 hr)	\$7.00
Field Labor (\$30.42/hr x 1/3 hr)	\$10.14	Field Labor (\$45.63/hr x 1/3 hr)	\$15.21
Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from)	\$13.91	Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from)	\$13.91
Total	\$31.05	Total	\$36.12

Source: Utility's Cost Justification

Normal Reconnection Charge

A normal reconnection charge is levied for the transfer of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection. A normal reconnection requires two trips, which includes one to turn service on and the other to turn service off. Based on labor and transportation to and from the service territory, we approve normal reconnection charges for Lakeside's water and wastewater systems of \$57.10 for normal hours and \$64.70 for after hours. The calculations are shown in Table 2.

Table 2
Normal Reconnection Charge Calculation

Activity	Normal Hours Cost	Activity	After Hours Cost
Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4hr x 2)	\$14.00	Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4hr)	\$14.00
Field Labor (\$30.42/hr x 1/4 hr x 2)	\$15.21	Field Labor (\$45.63/hr x 1/4hr x 2)	\$22.82
Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from x 2)	\$27.82	Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from x 2)	\$27.82
Total	\$57.03	Total	\$64.64

Source: Utility's Cost Justification

Violation Reconnection Charge

The violation reconnection charge is levied prior to reconnection of an existing customer after discontinuance of service for cause. The service performed for violation reconnection requires two trips, which includes one trip to turn off service and a subsequent trip to turn on service once the violation has been remedied. Based on labor and transportation to and from the service territory, we approve violation reconnection charges for Lakeside's water system of \$57.10 for normal hours and \$64.70 for after hours. However, for Lakeside's wastewater system, this charge shall remain at actual cost pursuant to Rule 25-30.460(1)(c), F.A.C. The calculations are shown in Table 3.

Table 3
Violation Reconnection Charge Calculation

Activity	Normal Hours Cost	Activity	After Hours Cost
Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4hr x 2)	\$14.00	Administrative Labor (\$28/hr x 1/4hr x 2)	\$14.00
Field Labor (\$30.42/hr x 1/4 hr x 2)	\$15.21	Field Labor (\$45.63hr x 1/4 hr x 2)	\$22.82
Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from) x 2	\$27.82	Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from) x 2	\$27.82
Total	\$57.03	Total	\$64.64

Source: Utility's Cost Justification

Premises Visit Charge

The premises visit charge is levied when a service representative visits premises at the customer's request for complaint resolution and the problem is found to be the customer's responsibility. In addition, the premises visit charge can be levied when a service representative visits a premises for the purpose of discontinuing service for nonpayment of a due and collectible bill, and does not discontinue service because the customer pays the service representative or otherwise makes satisfactory arrangements to pay the bill. A premises visit requires one trip.

Based on labor and transportation to and from the service territory, we approve a premises visit charge of \$31.10 for normal hours and \$36.20 for after hours. The calculations are shown in Table 4.

Table 4
Premises Visit Charge Calculation

Activity	Normal Hours Cost	Activity	After Hours Cost
Administrative Labor (\$28.00/hr x 1/4hr)	\$7.00	Administrative Labor (\$28.00/hr x 1/4hr)	\$7.00
Field Labor (\$30.42/hr x 1/3 hr)	\$10.14	Field Labor (\$45.63/hr x 1/3 hr)	\$15.21
Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from)	\$13.91	Transportation (\$0.535/mile x 26 miles-to/from)	\$13.91
Total	\$31.05	Total	\$36.12

Source: Utility's Cost Justification

Conclusion

Based on the aforementioned, the miscellaneous service charges identified in Table 5 are appropriate and are hereby approved. The charges shall be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the approved charges shall not be implemented until Commission staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. The Utility shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

Table 5
Miscellaneous Service Charges

	Current	Staff Recommended	
	Normal and After Hours	Normal Hours	After Hours
Initial Connection Charge	\$15.00	\$31.10	\$36.20
Normal Reconnection Charge	\$15.00	\$57.10	\$64.70
Violation Reconnection Charge (Water Only)	\$15.00	\$57.10	\$64.70
Violation Reconnection Charge (Wastewater Only)	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	
Premises Visit Charge	\$10.00	\$31.10	\$36.20

Source: Staff Analysis

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that that the approved miscellaneous service charges are found at Table 5 of this order. The charges shall be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the approved changes shall not be implemented until our staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. Lakeside Waterworks, Inc. shall provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. It is further,

ORDERED that if a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the tariff shall remain in effect with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, a consummating order shall be issued and, once staff verifies that the notice of the charge has been given to customers, the docket shall be administratively closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 28th day of December, 2017.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on January 18, 2018.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.