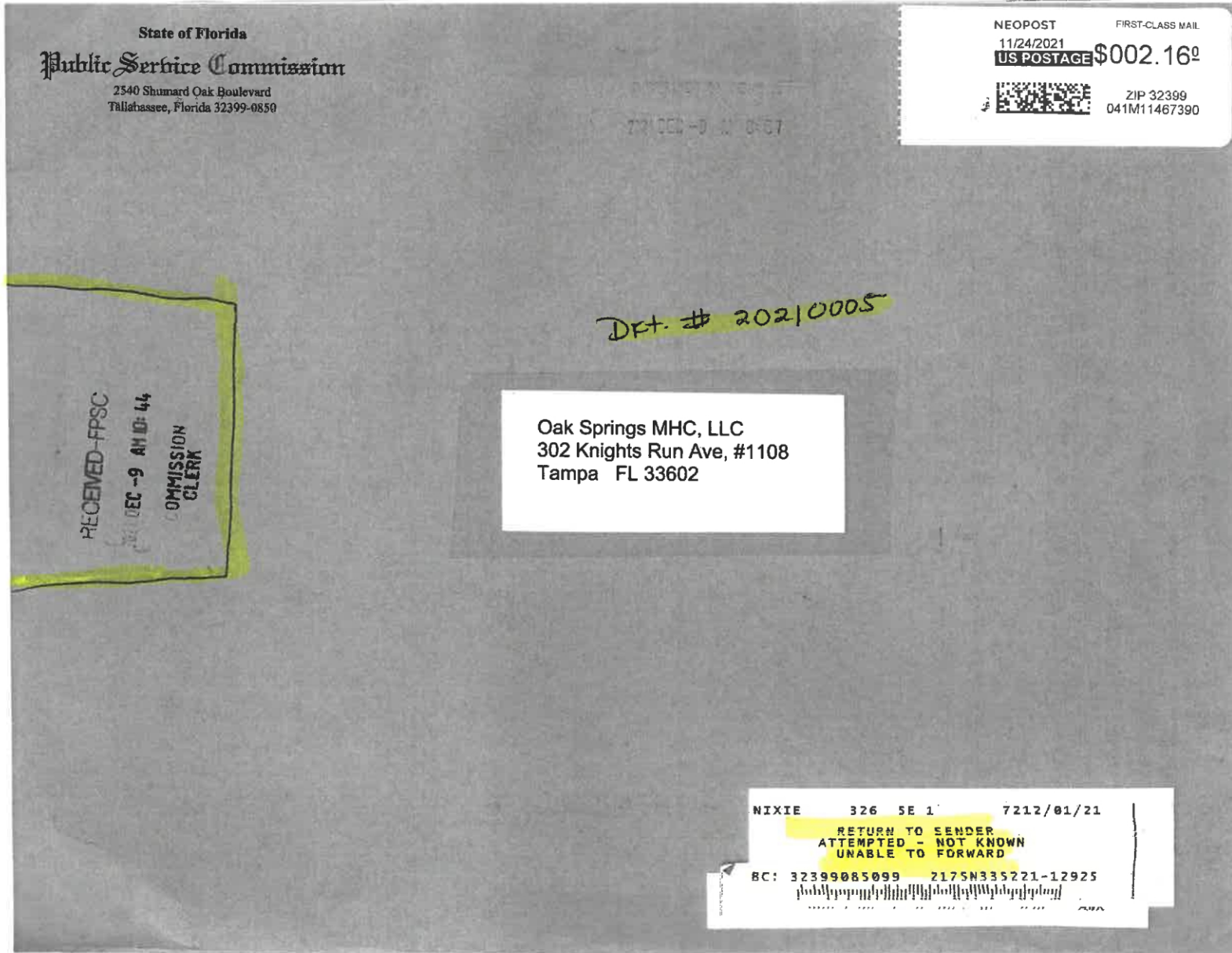


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# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA

**CONFERENCE DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Betty Easley Conference Center, Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room 148

**DATE ISSUED:** November 23, 2021

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**DATE:** November 23, 2021

**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman)

**FROM:** Division of Accounting and Finance (Blocker, Norris) *ALM*  
Office of the General Counsel (Osborn, J. Crawford) *JSC*

**RE:** Docket No. 20210005-WS – Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

**AGENDA:** 12/07/21 – Regular Agenda – Proposed Agency Action – Interested Persons May Participate

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**PREHEARING OFFICER:** Administrative

**CRITICAL DATES:** 03/31/22 (Statutory Reestablishment Deadline)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** None

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### Case Background

Since March 31, 1981, pursuant to the guidelines established by Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Commission has established a price index increase or decrease for major categories of operating costs on or before March 31 of each year. This process allows water and wastewater utilities to adjust rates based on current specific expenses without applying for a rate case.

Staff has calculated its proposed 2022 price index by comparing the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. This same procedure has been used each year since 1995 to calculate the price index. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, released its most recent third quarter figures on October 28, 2021.