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September 30, 2025

Mr. Troy Rendell
Citrus Waterworks, Inc.
4939 Cross Bayou Boulevard
New Port Richey, Florida, 34652
trendell@uswatercorp.net

Re: Docket No. 20250075-WU – Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case in Citrus County, by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.

Mr. Rendell:

This letter is to confirm that Commission staff will hold a **virtual** customer meeting regarding the subject line docket on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the Utility attend the meeting by phone in order to make a brief statement regarding the reason for your rate increase request. Attached is the customer meeting agenda.

As required by Rule 25-22.0407(8)(b), Florida Administrative Code, the utility must provide, in writing, a customer meeting notice to all customers within its service area no less than 14 days and no more than 30 days prior to the date of a customer meeting. Please find enclosed a draft Notice of Customer Meeting. The date has been left blank so you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. Please file a copy of the notice that is distributed to your customers, along with a cover letter indicating the exact date on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

Should you have any questions about the matters contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (850) 413-6662 or email at gkelley@psc.state.fl.us

Respectfully,
/s/ Garret Kelley
Garret Kelley
Public Utility Supervisor

Attachments

cc: Office of Public Counsel
Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20250075-WU)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CUSTOMER MEETING
CITRUS WATERWORKS, INC.
DOCKET NO. 20240075-WU
OCTOBER 30, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.
AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Utility Introduction
3. Office of Public Counsel Introduction
4. Staff Presentation
5. Customer Comments (Please note; the order in which customers speak at the customer meeting is based upon the order in which they sign up.)
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF CITRUS WATERWORKS, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
DOCKET NO. 20250075-WU
APPLICATION FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE
IN CITRUS COUNTY BY CITRUS WATERWORKS, INC.

Date Issued: _____

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a virtual customer meeting to discuss Citrus Waterworks, Inc. (Citrus or Utility) application for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC) in Citrus County. The meeting will be held virtually on the following date and time:

Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10:00 AM

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this meeting should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the meeting 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).

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

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 and on the preliminary rates included in this notice. Customers and other interested persons may be asked follow-up questions. These comments will be taken into consideration by the Commission in its decision regarding the proposed rate increase.

This customer meeting will be conducted virtually. The Commission shall act as the host of the customer meeting and will use a combination of technologies to ensure full participation. The Commission will employ GoToMeeting as an audio and video platform for the meeting, and will provide for simultaneous, audio-only participation by telephone.

Customers may register to speak at the customer meeting in one of the following ways: (1) register using the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading, (2) call the PSC at (850) 413- 7080 or (3) email speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us.

Registration will be available beginning October 16, 2025 at 9 a.m. EDT, and the closes at noon on October 28, 2025. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850) 413-7080. One day prior to the meeting, customers who signed up to speak will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

All customers who register to present comments at the meeting are urged to call-in promptly at the scheduled meeting time, because 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 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 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.

BACKGROUND

Citrus Waterworks, Inc. is a Class C water-only utility providing service to approximately 154 residential customers and one general service customers in Citrus County. In 2025, the Commission approved a grandfather certificate for the Utility to operate as a water utility in Citrus County.¹ The Utility's last rate setting procedure was in 2024 and was approved by the Citrus County Water and Wastewater Authority in Final Order No. 24-02.

On April 30, 2025, Citrus filed its application initiating this staff-assisted rate case (SARC).² According to Citrus's 2024 Annual Report, total gross revenues were \$53,224 and total operating expenses were \$55,845. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.011, 367.081, 367.0812, 367.0814, 367.091, and 367.121, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES

Staff has compiled the following rates for 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 are as follows:

¹Order No. PSC-2025-0041-PAA-WU, issued on February 6, 2025, in Docket No. 20240111-WU, *In re: Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County, by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.*

²Document No. 03257-2025, filed April 30, 2025.

CITRUS WATERWORKS, INC. TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 MONTHLY WATER RATES		DOCKET NO. 20250075-WU
	UTILITY CURRENT RATES	STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES
<u>Residential and General Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size		
5/8"X 3/4"	\$16.80	\$18.25
3/4"	\$25.12	\$27.38
1"	\$41.94	\$45.63
2"	\$41.94	\$146.00
3"	\$134.14	\$292.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service	\$3.11	\$3.38
<u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u>		
1,000 Gallons	\$19.91	\$21.63
3,000 Gallons	\$26.13	\$28.39
5,000 Gallons	\$32.35	\$35.15

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

If you would like to share your comments with the Commission you may:

- Speak at the customer meeting on October 30, 2025, by contacting the Commission via email at speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us or calling (850) 413-7080 as indicated above.
- Email your comments to the Commission at clerk@psc.state.fl.us
- Fill out and return, by US Mail or fax, the “Comment Card” attached to this Notice.
- Submit written comments to the Commission Clerk at the address below.

Office of the Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to:
“Docket No. 20250075-WU, Citrus Waterworks, Inc.”

- Address the Commissioners during the Commission’s Conference, currently scheduled for January 6, 2026. You may address the Commissioners during the Commission Conference even if you also provide written comments through any of the other methods. If you would like to provide comments at the Commission Conference, please contact Saad Farooqi at (850) 413-6214 or sfarooqi@psc.state.fl.us.

Please note that written comments are given the same consideration as if they were provided during the Commission's Conference.

PROCEDURES AFTER THE CUSTOMER MEETING

Commission staff will prepare a recommendation which is tentatively scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on December 23, 2025. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its January 6, 2026 Commission Conference. As noted above, customers may address the Commission directly at this Conference. Customers may also watch the Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.floridapsc.com. Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage.

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 decision. Customers are able to obtain a copy of staff's recommendation and all documents filed in this docket under the Clerk's Office tab at the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>).

CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (OPC)

At any time during this process, you may contact the OPC. The OPC was established by the Florida Legislature to represent you and other utility customers before the Commission. The OPC is independent from the Commission and can be reached at 1-800-342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact information for staff is provided below. You may also find additional information in the Rate Case Overview, which can be viewed at: <https://www.floridapsc.com/ratecase-overviews>.

For technical questions contact: Garret Kelley at (850) 413-6662 or gkelley@psc.state.fl.us

For legal questions contact: Saad Farooqi at (850) 413-6214 or sfarooqi@psc.state.fl.us

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding service complaints, you may call the Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

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Address _____

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Any email or other correspondence sent to a Florida Public Service Commissioner, or any other public official and/or employee of the PSC, in the transaction of public business is considered a public record and is subject to Florida's Public Records Law. This means that Florida law generally requires the PSC to provide a copy of any such email or correspondence, upon request, for inspection and copying to any Florida citizen or any member of the media.