

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 12:00 noon, E.T., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., of the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex in Room 307.

The public is welcome to attend.

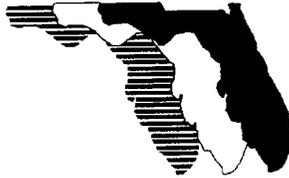
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Chipley, Florida 32428

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April 5, 2011

The Honorable Carmen L. McLemore
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, District 1
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Re: State Road 30E (Cape San Blas) Project Development & Environment Study
from north of Test Site D3A to Coastline Drive
Financial Project Identification Number: 417293-1-22-01

Public Announcement

Dear Commissioner McLemore:

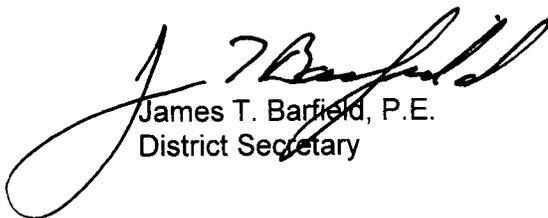
The FDOT would like to advise each interested party that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for State Road 30E from Mile Post 3.00 (north of Test Site D3A) to Mile Post 5.107 (Coastline Drive) in Gulf County, Florida. The FHWA has determined that both the bridge and reinforced revetment alternatives presented in the EA/FONSI are viable and that a reevaluation to select the specific alternative to construct will be dependent on the site conditions at the time the repairs are needed.

The FDOT has placed the approved EA/FONSI at the Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil Costin Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida. The document will be available for public review from April 11, 2011 to May 12, 2011. Each interested party is being notified that the document is in City Hall and available for review and comment.

All questions and written comments about the project shall be sent to Peggy Kelley, FDOT Project Manager, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428 or e-mailed to peggy.kelley@dot.state.fl.us.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



James T. Barfield, P.E.
District Secretary

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SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1074 HIGHWAY 90
CHIPLEY, FL 32428

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April 7, 2011

Honorable Carmen L. McLemore, Chairman
Gulf County Commission
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd.
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Re: Docket No. 100128-WU, *Application of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. for an Increase in Water Rates in Gulf County*

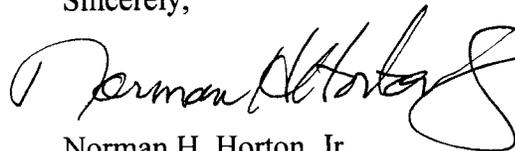
Dear Chairman McLemore:

By letter dated September 1, 2010, we forwarded a copy of the petition in the referenced application as required by the rules of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Those rules require that the utility prepare and provide a rate case synopsis and a copy of that is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or you may contact the utility at 850-227-7427.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Enclosure
cc: Florida Public Service Commission

**LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.
DOCKET NO. 100128-WU**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER RATES IN GULF COUNTY BY
LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.**

SYNOPSIS OF CASE

On September 1, 2010, Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. ("LUCI" or "Company") filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC") for an increase in its water rates and charges. LUCI provides water service to customers in Gulf County, Florida, primarily in the Cape San Blas area.

Lighthouse was incorporated on July 1984, and became subject to the jurisdiction of the FPSC in 1987, when Gulf County adopted a resolution transferring jurisdiction to the FPSC. In 1988, the FPSC concluded a review of the rates and charges of LUCI, which was the last general rate increase for LUCI.

Although the Company has not had a general rate increase since 1988, the Company has continued to maintain its plant and operations sufficient to provide a quality level of service to its customers. The Company now finds itself in a position that it requires additional revenues in order to continue to meet the day-to-day costs of operating a water system. Without rate relief the Company will not be able to continue to provide adequate and reliable water service to its customers. If the application is approved, rates for all services will be increased but even with the increases they will be comparable to those charged by other water utilities in the general area.

For this application, the Company has used the historical test year ending December 31, 2009, as the appropriate period for establishing rates. For this period the Company had revenues of approximately \$472,000 and expenses of \$497,000, a loss of \$25,000. There has been a trend of continuing increases in expenses without a corresponding increase in revenues and this is expected to continue. In order to provide the necessary funds to continue to provide service and to fund the investment needed to maintain the system, LUCI has filed this application seeking additional revenues of \$172,300.

To support its application, the Company has filed minimum filing requirement ("MFR") schedules with the Commission detailing the operations of the Company. These address all areas of operations of the utility. Additionally, the Company has provided responses to Staff Data Requests seeking additional information and has been audited by the FPSC Staff.

The application was filed pursuant to the Proposed Agency Action ("PAA") provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. Under this process the application, including all the MFRs, data responses, audit reports, and other public data, are reviewed by the FPSC Staff and a recommendation is prepared by the Staff for consideration by the Commissioners assigned to hear this case. The Staff will prepare a recommendation based on their review and analysis of all the information collected during the course of the case. This recommendation will be considered

and voted on by the Commission at a regularly scheduled and noticed public meeting. After their review, the Commissioners will accept, reject or modify the Staff Recommendation.

Part of the review of this application includes a customer meeting in the Company's service area at which time customers have an opportunity to appear and present comments on the service provided by the Company. The Commission has scheduled a customer meeting at the following time and location:

6:00 p.m., May 4th, 2011
The Centennial Building
300 Allen Memorial Way
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

A separate notice of the Customer Meeting will be mailed to all customers not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. These notices will be reviewed and approved by the FPSC before mailing.

At the Customer Meeting, the Commission Staff will summarize the application and process and customers will have an opportunity to present comments. Commissioners on the case may also be present.

With the PAA process, the FPSC is required to render a decision within five (5) months of the commencement date for final agency action which is based on the official filing date. In this docket the Commission has determined the filing date to be February 21, 2011, thus the date for a final decision would be July 21, 2011. Once the Commission makes a decision, it will be reflected in a PAA order and affected parties have 21 days from the entry of this order to protest the order. If a protest is filed, the application is then scheduled for hearing and the utility then files testimony and the case goes to hearing. The Company is allowed to collect any increases authorized by the FPSC in the PAA Order while the protest is pending subject to refund.

The current schedule which the Commission has established for this application is:

Customer Meeting: May 4, 2011
Staff Recommendation: June 29, 2011
Agenda: July 12, 2011
PAA Order: August 1, 2011
Protest Period Expires: August 22, 2011

The current and proposed rates and charges are reflected on Attachment "A" hereto. These are subject to revision based upon the final decision of the FPSC.

Customers of the company may submit comments to the FPSC at:

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

Copies of the Minimum Filing Requirements as filed with the Florida Public Service Commission may be viewed at the business office of the Company during regular business hours located at:

Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.
252 Marina Drive
Port St. Joe, FL 32456
Business hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

This synopsis has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Public Service Commission.

ATTACHMENT "A"
CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES

MONTHLY RATES – ALL SERVICES

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>BASE FACILITIES CHARGE</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
5/8 X 3/4"	\$14.60	\$19.90
1"	\$36.51	\$49.75
1 1/2"	\$73.04	\$99.53
2"	\$116.86	\$159.25
3"	\$233.74	\$318.52
4"	\$365.20	\$497.66
6"	\$730.41	\$995.33
8"	\$1,168.66	\$1,592.53
10"	\$1,679.95	\$2,289.27
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$3.07	\$4.18

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES – ALL SERVICES

	<u>Normal Business Hours</u>		<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Initial Connection Fee	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$42.00
Normal Reconnection Fee	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$42.00
Violation Reconnection Fee	Actual Cost		Actual Cost	
Premises Visit	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$10.00	\$42.00
Late Payment Charge	---	\$5.25	---	\$5.25

The utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges but the FPSC may review and adjust these charges as part of this application

The Company is requesting a late payment fee of \$5.25 when a bill is not paid within twenty (20) days. The company is also requesting approval of a non-sufficient funds ("NSF") charge for dishonored checks as permitted by Sections 68.065 and 832.08(5), Florida Statutes. Under these sections the following NSF fees may be assessed:

1. \$25 if the face value does not exceed \$50.
2. \$30 if the face value exceeds \$50 but not \$300.
3. \$40 if the face value exceeds \$300 or five percent (5%), whichever is greater.

Public Alert

This is to inform the residents of Gulf and surrounding Counties of an impending threat that could well change our unique environment forever. We are blessed with rivers, lakes, ponds, a beautiful shoreline along our bays and tens of thousands of acres of river flood plain. The landmass in Gulf County alone is more than half low lands. This threat comes by the name of Arundo Donax, {Giant Cane} and Miscanthus Gianthus, {Chinese Silvergrass}. Both were brought to this country years ago and planted as ornamentals. As ornamentals, the spread of these plants was slow and minimal except where ill-advised plantings for projects that later resulted in failures.

California has spent millions of dollars in an effort to eliminate the Arundo Donax. Miscanthus grows in thick clumps to a height of five to ten feet. A D grows twenty to twenty-five feet tall and once established, grows so close, it is said that a cat can't walk through it. Both require irrigation or to be planted in lowlands where they thrive. One square inch of the root of AD can start an infestation.

Both burn at intense temperatures and would be difficult to extinguish. Miscanthus is described as "Highly flammable and a fire hazard" in a book, published by the Forest Service, Southern Research Station, a division of the US Department of agriculture. The title of this book is, "Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forest, A field guide for identification and control."

There have been two permits given to White Technology LLC, in Clinton Indiana to plant Arundo Donax on leased land in Gulf County. Another two is stated in a document on the proposed incinerator, one in Gulf County and another in Calhoun County. These are more than likely the first of many that will be issued. Adverse changes in our environment would be assured. Infestations can result from floods, storms, winds, during transportation to the incinerator, rodents, farm equipment and the deliberate actions of people. These plants crowd out native plants.

It is stated in documents pertaining to the incinerator that in five years after startup, the fuel source will be fifty percent trees and hogged material and fifty percent planted crops. How many thousands of acres of low land has been clear-cut and left to lay fallow for years? No new trees planted. The Arundo, Miscanthus and possibly Eucalyptus grows very fast and would be much more profitable when profit is the goal but the environment and our quality of life would lose. The bottom line is, "What are we the people giving up in the area of danger to our health from toxic emissions from the incinerator and a blight on our environment and the danger stemming from plantations of highly flammable plant species?"

According to projections by Mr. Farris, 10,000 acres will be planted within three and one half years.

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 18, 2011

Gulf County Board of Commissioners:

Two 1/2 years ago when we were asked to sign up for the St. Joe Beach Sewer Project, we were told that part of the contract was that all above ground systems would be removed for the \$500 fee. This was stated during the meetings with all county and city officials involved at the St Joe Beach Fire Station meetings.

I personally, contacted Commissioner Williams about a month ago as ours field drains had not been removed. I was told he would check into it. I never heard back after that conversation, until Ms. Lynn Lanier told me that I needed to sign a waiver of liability for the county to enter my property. I told her at this point it was too late as me and three neighbors had rented equipment to remove the systems. The equipment was already setting in my yard at that time.

We are requesting that we be paid the fees for the field-drain removal for our septic systems. We rented equipment for the removal of the above ground field systems in our yards. We did the labor ourselves. Gulf Public Works was kind enough to pick up the plastic pipes from the drain systems. If we cannot be paid the fees for the field drain removal, at the least the Board should reimburse us for the equipment rental and diesel fuel.

Invoices for the expenses incurred to remove the drain fields for the four properties are attached. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Wayne and Carla O'Dell – 7721 Alabama Ave
Bob and Donna Ray – 7272 Georgia Ave
Don and Margaret Hughes – 335 Ponce De Leon Street
Bill and Karen Guynes – 334 Ponce De Leon Street

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CAPTAINS COVE MARINA

NAME <i>Walter O'Neil</i>		SHIP TO	
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP		CITY, STATE, ZIP	
ORDER NUMBER	DEPARTMENT <i>Produce</i>	SALESPERSON	WHEN SHIP
			TERMS
			HOW SHIP
			DATE <i>3/16/71</i>
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
<i>37</i>	<i>419 383.4</i>		
<i>AA</i>	<i>419 413.4</i>		
	<i>30 Gal</i>		<i>90.00</i>
		<i>TX</i>	<i>6.30</i>
			<i>\$ 96.30</i>
<i>Off Road Diesel</i>			
<i>CK #1149</i>			
BUYER:			

KEEP THIS SLIP FOR REFERENCE



INVOICE

SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO:
PO BOX 409211
ATLANTA, GA 30384-9211

INVOICE NUMBER	28918384-101
ACCOUNT NUMBER	71902
INVOICE DATE	3/23/11

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INVOICE TO
O'DELL CONSTRUCTION
PO BOX 618
PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32457

JOB ADDRESS
7721 ALABAMA AVE, PORT SAINT JOE
RESIDENCE
7721 ALABAMA AVE
PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

C#: 850-258-4238 J#: 850-258-4238

RECEIVED BY O'DELL, WAYNE	CONTRACT NUMBER 28918384-001
PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER NR	
JOB NUMBER 2 - O'DELL CONSTRUCT	
BRANCH 268 NICEVILLE PC268 1060 JOHN SIMS PKWY E NICEVILLE, FL 32578-2202 850-678-1240	

QTY	EQUIPMENT #	Min	Day	Week	4 Week	Amount
1	4WD STANDARD BACKHOE LOADER CANOPY 411535 Make: CASE Model: 580M Ser #: N5C389378 HR OUT: 820.400 HR IN: 835.400 TOTAL: 15.000 Billed from 3/11/11 thru 3/18/11	280.00	280.00	630.00	1315.00	630.00
1	24" BACKHOE BUCKET					N/C
SALES ITEMS:						
Qty	Item number	Unit	Price			
1	DLPKSRCHG	EA	13.000			13.00
1	TRANSPORTATION SURCHARGE	EA	8.820			8.82
1	ENVIRONMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL	EA				N/C
1	RF RETURNED FULL	EA				94.50
1	RENTAL PROTECTION PLAN	EA				94.50
	DELIVERY CHARGE					65.00
	PICKUP CHARGE					65.00
FINAL BILL: 3/11/11 03:00 PM THRU 3/18/11 03:00 PM.						
						876.32

Handwritten: CK# 1146

COPY

All Your Equipment Needs...
One Company.

NET DUE UPON RECEIPT

RENTAL RETURN

SUBTOTAL	876.32
TAX	44.72
INVOICE TOTAL	1011.04