



Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Inc Rate Increase Request

Docket No. 2021-153-S

Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Inc. (PWR) filed an application to increase its rates by approximately 13.7% with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) in June 2021. The average residential consumer's monthly bill would increase by \$5.20 per month if approved. The case is scheduled to be considered by the PSC in November 2021.

Rate Increase Request Summary

Total Revenue Requested	\$4,159,736
Total Revenue Increase Requested (\$)	\$499,003
Proposed Return on Equity	10.95%
Total Revenue Increase Requested (%)	13.63%

Number of Affected Consumers
1,680
(as of 12/31/20)

Impact on Monthly Charges

Customer Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase
Residential (single-family house, condominium, villa, or apt. unit)	\$37.92	\$43.12	\$5.20 (13.72%)
Mobile Homes	\$28.30	\$32.18	\$3.88 (13.72%)
Commercial (single-family equivalent*)	\$37.92	\$43.12	\$5.20 (13.72%)

* This is the minimum charge and shall apply even if the equivalency rating is less than one. If the equivalency rating is greater than one, then the monthly charges may be calculated by multiplying the equivalency rating by the monthly charge.

Counties Where Service is Provided

Richland
Lexington

How Can Consumers Participate?

1. Fill out a Letter of Protest on the PSC's website at [PSC.SC.GOV/consumer-info/file-complaint](https://psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-complaint)

2. Attend Public Hearings and Testify

Consumers will be able to participate in-person or virtually and let the Commissioners hear their concerns.



Monday, November 8, 2021
9 AM - 1 PM and 4 PM - 8 PM



Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Starting at 12 PM and proceeding
as needed

Important Dates (as published by the PSC)

06/16/2021	Application Filed
08/16/2021	Company Published Notification of Increase
09/02/2021	Company Testimony Due
09/06/2021	Petition to Intervene Deadline
09/30/2021	All Other Parties' Testimony Due
10/14/2021	Company's Rebuttal Testimony Due
10/28/2021	All Other Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony Due
11/08/2021	Public Hearing for Consumers
11/09/2021	Public Hearing for Consumers
11/10/2021	PSC Merit Hearing Begins
12/16/2021	PSC Order Issued

Intervenors

- ORS
- SC Department of Consumer Affairs

About PWR

PWR, a subsidiary of SouthWest Water Company, provides sewer service in certain areas of Richland and Lexington Counties. PWR's last rate increase was granted in 2019.

About the Office of Regulatory Staff

The ORS represents consumers of investor-owned utilities in South Carolina before the PSC. The PSC is the state agency that sets utilities' rates. The ORS must look at the impact to the consumer and utilities' continued investment in reliable and high-quality services.