

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date:	1/28/2021		_Meeting Date:	2/4/2021
Name:	David Kraus		Department:	BCC Administration
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Division Manager's Signature:		allen		

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

The County provides regulation of private investor owned utilities. This includes the approval of changes in ownership of these utilities. Florida Utility Services 1 is requesting an ownership approval for a water utility system known as Branden Brent as they are purchasing the system from the City of Lake City. Florida Utility Services 1 currently owns and/or operates three investor owned systems regulated by Columbia County and has received no complaints. Branden Brent is currently in compliance with all governmental regulations.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Motion to approve the Transfer of Control of the Branden Brent utility to Florida Utility Services 1.

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

FLORIDA UTILITY SERVICES 1, LLC 5911 TROUBLE CREEK RD. NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652 863-904-5574

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January 27, 2021

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Columbia County

David Krause Columbia County Board of County Commissioners 135 NE Hernando Ave. Lake City, FL. 32055

RE: Branden Brent Transfer

Dear Mr. Kraus:

Enclosed please find an application for transfer of the water system formally owned by the City of Lake City, known as Branden Brent, to my company now known as Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC for County Commission review and approval.

The utility is currently in compliance with all governmental regulations.

As Always, please call or email with any questions or comments.

On behalf of the Utility

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Michael Smallridge Sole managing Member.

A Request for Authorization to Transfer a Franchise, Facilities or Control.

1. The complete name and address of the seller;

CITY OF LAKE CITY 205 N. MARION AVE LAKE CITY, FL. 32055

2. The complete name and address of the buyer;

SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC 5911 TROUBLE CREEK RD NE W PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652 863-904-5574 MIKE@FUS1LLC.COM

3. The nature of the buyer's business organization.

LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION.

4. The name and address of all of the buyer's corporate officers, directors, partners or any other Person(s) who will own an interest in the Utility.

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE IS THE SOLE MANAGING MEMBER OF SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC

5. The date and state of incorporation or organization of the buyer.

SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC WAS INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA 5/16/17

- 6. The names and location of any other water or wastewater Systems owned by the buyer or entities in any way affiliated with the buyer.
- 1. COLLEGE MANOR UTILITIES, LLC
- 2. SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC
- 3. LANCE UTILITIES (IN RECIEVERSHIP)
- 7. A list of penalties, fines, and regulatory procedures imposed within the last five years on the buyer or any related entities resulting from the operation of water and/or wastewater Systems, wherever located.

NONE.

8. A detailed list of all governmental regulatory entities, with addresses, phone numbers and e-mail information for appropriate contact persons or departments of such entities, having regulatory jurisdiction over any aspect of the business of the seller and buyer or any of its affiliates.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION NORTHEAST DISTRICT 8800 BAYMEADOWS WAY WEST SUITE 100 JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32256

9. A copy of the contract for sale.

COPY OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A."

- 10. A list of and the dollar amount of the assets purchased and liabilities assumed or not assumed, including those of non-regulated operations or entities; and a description of all consideration of any kind to be exchanged between the parties, or individuals employed or to be employed by either party.
 - NO CUSTOMER DEPOSITS WHERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SELLER. THERE ARE NO NON-REGULATED OPERATIONS OR ENTITTIES. OTHER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE, THERE IS NO CONSIDERATION OF ANY KIND.

11. The contract for sale shall also provide for the disposition, where applicable, of the Following:

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEED REVENUE CONTRACTS, DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS, CUSTOMER ADVANCES AND LEASES.

12. A statement describing the financing of the purchase price in detail.

THERE IS NO FINANCING INVOLVED. THIS IS A CASH SALE.

13. A statement indicating how the transfer is in the public interest, including a summary of the buyer's experience in water or wastewater operations, a showing of the buyer's financial ability to provide Service, and a statement that the buyer will fulfill the Commitments, obligations and representations of the seller with regard to all Utility matters.

THE BUYER WILL FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS, OBLIGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SELLER WITH REGARD TO ALL UTILITY MATTERS.

THE TRANSFER IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE THE BUYER IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED CAPITAL TO ASSURE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE UTILITY, ALONG WITH THE APPLICABLE EXPERINCE IS UTILITY OPERATION TO ENSURE CUSTOMERS OF THE UTILITY ARE SUPPLIED WITH SAFE POTABLE WATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

14. A list of all entities providing funding to the buyer, and an explanation of the manner and amount of such funding, which shall include financial statements of the lender or equity investor and copies of any financial agreements with the Utility.

N/A

15. The proposed net book value of the System as of the date of the proposed transfer. If rate base has been established by the Board, state the order number and date issued and identify all adjustments made to update this rate base to the date of transfer and provide a certified copy of the order.

TBD

16. If the books and records of the seller are not available for inspection by the Board or are not adequate for the purpose of establishing the net book value of the System, a statement by the buyer that a good faith, extensive effort has been made to obtain such books and records for inspection by the Board and detailing the steps taken to obtain the books and records.

THE BUYER HAS OBTAINED THE BOOKS AND RECORDS UPON CLOSING AND IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

18. A statement from the buyer that after reasonable investigation, the System being acquired is in satisfactory condition and in compliance with all applicable standards set by the Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP"), the applicable water management district and any other entity possessing regulatory authority, or, if the System is in need of repair or improvement, has any outstanding Notice of Violation, has any outstanding consent order from a regulatory authority or is otherwise not in compliance with any applicable law, rule, ordinance, permit or other requirement, the buyer shall provide a list of improvements and repairs needed and the approximate cost to make them, a list of the action taken by the Utility with regard to the violation, a copy of the Notice of Violation(s), a copy of the consent order and a list of the improvements and repairs consented to and the approximate cost to make them and a schedule of when and how the improvements are to be made and a list of any improvements or repairs necessary to achieve compliance with any other applicable requirement, the cost thereof and schedule for achieving compliance.

AT THE TIME OF THIS APPLICATION, THE UTILITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESPECTIVE REGULATORY AGENCIES.

9. Evidence that the Utility owns the land upon which Utility facilities are located, or a copy of the agreement which provides for the continued, unencumbered use of the land, such as a ninety-nine (99) year Lease.

COPY OF THE WARRANTY DEED IS ENCLOSED AS EXHIBIT B.

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20. A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory and franchise fees, fines or refunds owed.

THE SELLER IS AN EXEMPT ENTITY. BUYER WILL ASSUME ALL REGULATORY FEE REPSONSIBILITY GOING FORWARD.

21. The original and two copies of sample tariff sheets reflecting the proposed change in ownership.

THE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES ARE PROVIDED AS EXHIBIT C

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE - APPLICANT

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DATE



Department of State / Division of Corporations / Search Records / Search by Entity Name /

Detail by Entity Name Florida Limited Liability Company SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC **Filing Information Document Number** L17000108660 **FEI/EIN Number** 82-1591837 Date Filed 05/16/2017 Effective Date 05/15/2017 State FL ACTIVE Status **Principal Address** 5911 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Richey, FL 34652 Changed: 04/29/2019 Mailing Address 5911 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Richey, FL 34652 Changed: 04/29/2019 Registered Agent Name & Address SMALLRIDGE, MICHAEL A 5911 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Richey, FL 34652 Address Changed: 04/29/2019 Authorized Person(s) Detail Name & Address **Title MANAGER** SMALLRIDGE, MICHAEL A 5911 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Richey, FL 34652 Annual Reports **Report Year Filed Date**

2018 04/10/2018



PWS CERTIFICATION OF NOTIFICATION OF LEAD AND COPPER TAP SAMPLE RESULTS

INSTRUCTIONS: This form shall be completed and submitted by community or non-transient non-community water systems that take lead and copper tap samples in accordance with 40 CFR 141.86 (2009). Such systems shall, no later than 30 days after receiving each individual sample, provide notice of the individual tap results to the persons served by the water system at the specific sampling site(s) from which the sample(s) were taken, as required by 40 CFR 141.85(d) (2009). NO LATER THAN THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE MONITORING, such systems shall also mail a sample copy of the consumers notification of tap results with this form, completed, to the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection District Office or Approved County Health Department. For systems that are on a reduced lead and copper monitoring period, the end of the lead and copper monitoring period is September 30th of the calendar year in which the sampling occurred. All information provided on this form shall be typed or printed in ink.

I. General Information				
Public Water System (PWS) Name: BRANDON-BRENT WTP				
PWS Identification Number: 2124372	PWS Type: 🔽 Community	Non-Transient Non-Community		
PWS Size: Small Medium Large	PWS Size: V Small Medium Large			
PWS Owner: MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE				
Contact Person: MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE	Contact Person's Titl	Contact Person's Title: MANAGING MEMBER		
Contact Person's Mailing Address: 5911 TROUBLE CREEK RD				
City: NEW PORT RICHEY	State: FL	Zip Code: 34652		
Contact Person's Telephone Number: 352-302-7406	Contact Person's Fax	Contact Person's Fax Number:		
Contact Person's E-Mail Address: MIKE@FUS1LLC.COM				
Date of the end of the Lead and Copper Monitoring Period: SEPTEMBER 2020				

II. Certification*

A. Certification by a Community Water System (CWS)

The CWS identified in Part I of this form had one or more lead and copper tap sample results for lead or for copper during the following monitoring period: JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2020

I am duly authorized to sign this form on behalf of the CWS. I certify that, no later than 30 days after the CWS received each individual lead and copper tap sample result during this monitoring period, the CWS notified each customer by mail, as required by 40 CFR 141.85(d) of the sample result.

Signature and Date

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE MANA Printed or Typed Name Title

MANAGING MEMBER

B. Certification by a Non-Transient Non-Community Water System (or a Community Water System Serving a Facility Where the Population Served Is Prevented from Making Plumbing Improvements and Is Not Separately Charged for Water Consumption)

The PWS identified in Part I of this form had one or more lead and copper tap sample results for lead or for copper during the following monitoring period:_____

I am duly authorized to sign this form on behalf of the PWS. I certify that, no later than 30 days after the PWS received each individual lead and copper tap sample result during this monitoring period, the PWS provided notice to consumers at sample taps tested, as required by 40 CFR 141.85(d). If the system posted the sample results in a public place or common area in the building(s) where the samples were taken, then check the box below.

The PWS posted the sample results in a public place or common area in the building(s) where the samples were taken, as required by 40 CFR 141.85(d).

Signature and Date

Printed or Typed Name

Title

* A community water system (CWS) shall complete the certification in Part II.A of this form unless the CWS is serving a facility (such as a prison or hospital) where the population served is prevented from making plumbing improvements and is <u>not</u> separately charged for water consumption, in which case the CWS may use the certification in Part II.B of this form. A non-transient non-community water system shall complete the certification in Part II.B of this form.

EXHIBIT A

COPY OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT

OFFICIAL CITY BID FORM CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM KNOWN BY THE CITY AS BRANDON BRENT LOCATED AT 507 BRANDON DR., LAKE CITY, **FLORIDA**, 32055

TO: CITY OF LAKE CITY

3/23/ 2020 DATE SUBMITTED:

BID PROPOSAL

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Full Legal Company Name

¹ull Legal Company Name <u>5911 Frouble Creek R.J. New Port Richey, FL. 34652</u> Telephone Number, Fax 1/4 Mailing Address Telephone Number 352 - 302 - 7406Number

Bidders: Having become familiar with requirements of the project, and having carefully examined the Bidding Documents and Specifications entitled for ITB-016-2020; SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM LOCATED AT 507 BRANDON DR, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA in Columbia County, Florida, the undersigned proposes to furnish all materials, labor and equipment, supervision and all other requirements necessary to comply with the Contract Documents to submit the following Bid Proposal summarized as follows:

PURCHASE BID PRICE	s_70,800
SUBTRACT THE DEPOSIT	s
BALANCE AT CLOSING DATE	s_65,800

Bidders must type or legibly write, in blue or black ink, the Purchase Bid Price to be Paid to the City.

It is the intent of the City to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the bidder who submits the highest, responsive, responsible Bid, provided the Bid has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Documents and is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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Full Legal Company Na	me: Florida Utilit	4 Services	4, LLC
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Address: 59/1 7.	rouble Creek Rd	New Port Ri	chey FC 34652_
	302 7406		
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Email Address for Author	orized Company Representative:	MIKE @ FU.	STLLC. COM
Federal I.D. Tax Numbe	r: 45-2153559	DUNS #:	
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Email Address:			
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Submittal Requirements:	Official City Bid Form		
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	Public entity crimes		
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	Disputes disclosure form		
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	E-verify affirmation statement	····· 11 1.1 - 4 41.1 - 1.4 4	
10 -	Fully Acknowledged Addenda A	Applicable to this bid	
Official City Bid Form	all listed forms above and Bid	Bond must be comm	leted along with a fully
	ach Addendum applicable to this		

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Proposal. One (1) original and one (1) copies of all required forms must be submitted.

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SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(n), FLORIDA STATUTES ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

- This sworn statement is submitted with Bid No. <u>ITB-016-2020</u>.
 This sworn statement is submitted by <u>Michael Smallridge</u> whose business address is <u>5911 Trouble Creek Rd NPL, FL 346</u>s2 and (if applicable) its Federal Identification No.(FEIN) is <u>45-215359</u>. If entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement.
- 3. My name is <u>Michael Smalling</u> and my relationship to the entity named above is <u>Sok</u> <u>Monaging</u> <u>Monabus</u>
- I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida
 Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to, and directly related to, the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy or material misrepresentations.
- 5. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 6. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes means:
 - b. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - an entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders,

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employees, members and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The Ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

- 7. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in management of an entity.
- 8. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies)

Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in neither management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity have been charged with or convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order)

_____The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest

to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order)

 $f_{\rm The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by, or pending with, the Department of General Services)$

_____ Date 3/23/2020. Signature:

Florida STATE OF COUNTY OF POSCO

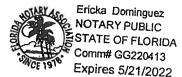
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, <u>Michael Smallridge</u> who

after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on

this 23rd day of March 2020.

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Notary Public, State at large My Commission Expires: 5/2/2022



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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA, CITY OF <u>La Ke</u> <u>City</u> Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared <u>michael Smaller</u> de who was duly sworn deposes and states:

- sworn deposes and states: 1. Tam the <u>Managing Member</u> of <u>Florida Utility Services 2 LLC</u> with a local office in <u>n/A</u> and principal office in <u>n/A</u> <u>new Port Rebu Fu</u> and principal office in <u>n/A</u> City & State <u>City & State</u>
- The above named entity is submitting a Proposal for the City of Lake City ITB-016-2020 described as Sale of Real Property and Water Treatment System Brandon Brent.
 The Affiant has made diligent inquiry and provides the information contained in the
 - The Affiant has made diligent inquiry and provides the information contained in the Affidavit based upon his/her own knowledge.
 - The Affiant states that only one submittal for the above proposal is being submitted and that the above named entity has no financial interest in other entities submitting proposals for the same project.
- 5. Neither the Affiant nor the above named entity has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraints of free competitive pricing in connection with the entity's submittal for the above proposal. This statement restricts the discussion of pricing data until the completion of negotiations if necessary and execution of the Contract for this project.
- 6. Neither the entity not its affiliates, nor anyone associated with them, is presently suspended
 or otherwise ineligible from participation in contract letting by any local, State, or Federal Agency.
- 7. Neither the entity nor its affiliates, nor anyone associated with them have any potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests for this project.
- 8. I certify that no member of the entity's ownership or management is presently applying for an employee position or actively seeking an elected position with the City of Lake City.
- 9. I certify that no member of the entity's ownership or management, or staff has a vested interest in any aspect of the City of lake City.
- 10. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified in the provision of services, I, on behalf of the above named entity, will immediately notify the City of Lake City.

DATED this 3 (Affiant) mich

Typed Name and Title

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of <u>Mouth</u> 2020. Personally Known <u>K</u> Or produced identification_____. Identification type:______

Notary Public-State of Florida

Printed, typed, or stamped commissioned name of notary public. My commission expires 5/21/2022.

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DISPUTES DISCLOSURE FORM

Answer the following questions by placing as "X" after "YES" or "NO". If you answer "YES", please explain in the space provided, or via attachment.

Has your firm or any of its officers, received a reprimand of any nature or been suspended by the Department of Professional Regulations or any other regulatory agency or professional association within the last five (S) years?)

YES NO

Has your firm, or any member of your firm, been declared in default, terminated or removed from a contract or job related to the services your firm provides in the regular course of business within the last five (5) years?

YES NO

Has your firm had against it or filed any request for equitable adjustment, contract claims, bid protest, or litigation in the past five (5) years that is related to the services your firm provides in the regular course of business?

YES_____

If yes, state the nature of the request for equitable adjustment, contract claim, litigation, or protest, and state a brief description of the case, the outcome or status of the suit and the monetary amounts or extended contract time involved.

I hereby certify that all statements made are true and agree and understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation or falsification of facts shall be cause for forfeiture of rights for further consideration of this proposal for the City of Lake City.

Dervices I, LLC 3/23/20 Date Michael Smallridge Firm

Authorized Signature

Printed or Typed Name and Title

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NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Florida michael Smallridge, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is Managing	Member of Florida	Utility Services	2 22, the Bidder
Title	<i>,</i>	Company Name	

that has submitted the attached proposal;

2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;

3. Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;

4. Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal or any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposal price or the proposal price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Lake City, Florida or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and

5. The price or prices quoted in the attached proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

SIGNED /

TITLE Managing Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>Briday of March</u> 20<u>2</u>, Personally known Cor Produced Identification

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(Specify type of identification)

Signature of Notary My Commission Expires: 5/2i/2i22

Ericka Dominguez NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA Comm# GG220413 Expires 5/21/2022

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E-VERIFY AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

RFP/Bid/Contract No: ITB-016-2020
Project Description: Brandon Brent Water System
Contractor/Drancosy/Didden columnuladars and concerts willing the U.S. Devertues of a

Contractor/Proposer/Bidder acknowledges and agrees to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of,

- (a) all persons employed by Contractor/Proposer/Bidder to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the Contract, and,
- (b) all persons (including subcontractors/vendors) assigned by Contractor/Proposer/Bidder to perform work pursuant to the Contract.

The Contractor/Proposer/Bidder acknowledges and agrees that use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System during the term of the Contract is a condition of the Contract.

Contractor/Proposer/ Bidder Company Name:

Florida U.Hility Services 2, LIC

Authorized Company Person's Signature:

Authorized Company Person's Title:

Managing Member Date: 3/27/2020

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ADDENDUM #1

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SPECIFICATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

March 6, 2020

TO: ALL PLAN HOLDERS

FOR: ITB-016-2020 SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM – BRANDON BRENT

The purpose of addendum #1 is to answer questions received to date.

Contractor must acknowledge receipt of all addenda with submittal on the form provided herein.

- 1. Do we need to be pre-qualified prior to making a site visit? Answer: Yes
- 2. How do we get pre-qualified? Answer: Please see page 7 of the bid.
- 3. I do not see an Attachment A and B? Answer: Both attachments are uploaded to Demandstar.com and Vendorregistry.com
- 4. When was the system acquired by the City? Answer: The City acquired the system on 06/30/2007.
- Does the City or the Florida Public Service Commission regulate the utility if owned by a private company/individual? Answer: Chapter 180, F.S., regulates the City Public works and the Brandon Brent System. Columbia County regulates the rates for all private owned Utilities located within the County.
- 6. What are the current rates charged to customers associated with this utility? Answer: Please see attached rate sheet.
- 7. How many bills are sent each month? Answer: Currently, there are approximately 68 active customers that receive one (1) bill per month.
- 8. Do you have a current list of assets? Answer: Please see the attached Asset Data Sheets.
- 9. Could we get the last years financials, revenue, and expenses? Answer: That is not available.

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- 10. Can we get a copy of the CIP? Answer: There is not a CIP for this system.
- 11. Are there any current pending violations? Answer: We are in final annual test for a 1,2-Dichoroethane testing second quarter.
- 12. What is the age of the system? Answer: Unknown
- Are there water quality issues?
 Answer: Please see the attached 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Brandon Brent Heights Water System.

No.1 Dated Signature:

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH PROPOSAL

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ADDENDUM #2

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SPECIFICATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

March 17, 2020

TO: ALL PLAN HOLDERS

FOR: ITB-016-2020

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The purpose of addendum #2 is to change one of the requirements listed in the bid on page 7 concerning pre-qualification of bidders.

Contractor must acknowledge receipt of all addenda with submittal on the form provided herein.

Pre-qualification will not be necessary. You may contact Mike Osborn at <u>osbornm@lcfla.com</u> or (386)466-3352 to arrange for a site visit.

No. 1 Dated $3/23/2020$
Signature: MA F
No. 2 Dated 3/23/2020
Signature: MAT
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THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH PROPOSAL

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District No. 1 - Ronald Williams District No. 2 - Rocky Ford District No. 3 - Bucky Nash District No. 4 - Toby Witt District No. 5 - Tim Murphy

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

March 13, 2020

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Michael Smallridge Via Email

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

I appreciate your interest in purchasing the Brandon Britt water system from the City of Lake City. In 2007, Columbia County began regulating private water, wastewater and effluent reuse utilities in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 367.171. If you are successful in purchasing this system from the City, you will need to apply to the County for approval to operate a private investor owned utility in Columbia County. This approval would come from the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners.

Secondly, I have requested information from the City of Lake City for the operating costs and customer base for the Brandon Britt Utility. I have not received this information. Your firm currently owns and operates 2 water systems in Columbia County and have been appointed by the courts to operate a third system. However, while County staff will review all requests to operate a private utility and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for approval, without direct knowledge of the operational costs, capital requirements, customer base, rate structure, etc., we are unable to evaluate the ability of any private utility owner to operate this particular utility system.

As I am unable to speak for the Commissioners and do not have the requisite information to evaluate a firm's ability to operate this utility, I am unable to "pre-qualify" any potential bidder on the purchase of the Brandon Britt plant.

Sincerely,

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David Kraus Assistant County Manager

BOARD MEETS FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

EXHIBIT B

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COPY OF CORRECTIVE WARRANTY DEED. COPY OF BILL OF SALE COPY OF ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENTS

Prepared by: Martin S. Friedman, Esquire Dean Mead 420 South Orange Avenue, Suite 700 Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 841-1200

Parcel ID Number: 35-48-17-09033-000

Corrective General Warranty Deed [as to legal description]

Made as of the **4** day of September, 2020, by The City of Lake City, a Florida municipal corporation, whose mailing address is 205 N. Marion Ave. Lake City, FL. 32055, (hereinafter called the "Grantor"), to Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose mailing address is 5911 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, Florida 34652, (hereinafter called the "Grantee"):

(Whenever used herein the term "grantor" and "grantee" include all the parties to this instrument and the heirs, legal representatives and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of corporations)

Witnesseth, that the grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations, receipt whercof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells, aliens, remises, releases, conveys and confirms unto the grantee, all that certain land situate in Columbia County, Florida, described on Exhibit "A" hereto (the "Property").

Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and all rights, pursuant to F.S. 270.11, in and to any and all phosphate, minerals, metals and petroleum that is or may be in, on or under said land, including privileges to mine and develop the same.

Subject to all reservations, covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements of record and to all applicable zoning ordinances and/or restrictions imposed by governmental authorities, if any.

To Have and to Hold, the same in fee simple forever.

And the grantor hereby covenants with said grantee that the grantor is lawfully seized of said land in fee simple; that the grantor has good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land; that the grantor hereby fully warrants the title to said land and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever; and that said land is free of all encumbrances except taxes accruing subsequent to December 31, 2019.

Grantor's authority for the sale of the Property is evidenced on the resolution attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "B"</u>, and is made a part hereof.

Inst. Number: 202012014892 Book: 1419 Page: 612 Page 2 of 8 Date: 9/11/2020 Time: 9:45 AM James M Swisher Jr Clerk of Courts, Columbia County, Florida Doc Mort: 0.00 Int Tax: 0.00 Doc Deed: 0.70

In Witness Whereof, the said grantor has signed and sealed these presents the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness signature Wilkki Starling

Print witness name

Vitness signa Print witness name

The City of Lake City

By: \mathcal{N} Stephen M.

Its: Mayor

(Municipal Seal) Attest: U Udle City Clerk

State of Florida County of Columbia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of \square physical presence or \square online notarization, this \square day of September, 2020 by Stephen M. Witt as Mayor of The City of Lake City a Florida municipal corporation, on behalf of the City, who is personally known to me or has produced _______ as identification.



- State of Florida NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: Kath ryn MCCrar My Commission Expires: <math>8/8/22

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EXHIBIT "A"

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Columbia, State of Florida, and described as follows:

Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: For a POINT OF BEGINNING, begin at a point on the West right-of-way line of Brandon Circle, in Brent Heights, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 51 & 51A, public records of Columbia County, Florida, said point also being the SE corner of Lot 7, Block A of Brent Heights Subdivision, and thence run S 10°00'06" W, along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 28.53 feet; thence run S 02°14'18" W, still along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 206.59 feet to the NE corner of Lot 6, Block A, Brent Heights Subdivision; thence run S 85°43'08" W along the North line of Lot 6 a distance of 230.34 feet to the NW corner of said Lot 6; thence run N 02°12'28" E along the Western boundary of the entire Brent Heights Subdivision, a distance of 272.29 feet to the SW corner of Lot 7, Brent Heights; thence run S 85°00'00" E along the South line of said Lot 7 a distance of 233.13 feet to the SE corner of Lot 7, and the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.44 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT TO a 20 feet easement, for utility purposes, lying across the East 20 feet thereof.

ALSO SUBJECT TO a 20 feet Right-of-Way Easement for Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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EXHIBIT "B"

Resolution

Inst. Number: 202012014892 Book: 1419 Page: 615 Page 5 of 8 Date: 9/11/2020 Time: 9:45 AM James M Swisher Jr Clerk of Courts, Columbia County, Florida Doc Mort: 0.00 Int Tax: 0.00 Doc Deed: 0.70



MAYOR CO. SCIEMEMBER STEPHEN M. WITT

OUNT MIMILES CHRIS GREENE TAKE HILL, JR. EUGENE JEFFERSON MELINDA MOSES

CITY MANAGER JOSEPH HELFENBERGER

> GUY CLERK AUDREY E. SIKES

LET ALLOBNIA FRED KOBERLEIN, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

I, Audrey Sikes, City Clerk of the City of Lake City, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the attached to be a true and correct copy of City of Lake City Resolution 2020-071 (3 pages), as promulgated and on file in the City Clerk's office and the official records of the City of Lake City, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Corporate Seal of this City this 21st day of August 2020.

SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA.

audrey E. Sibes

City Clerk

205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055 T:386-752-2031 • F:386-752-4896

FLK/bm 03/06/2020

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CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-071

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BRANDON BRENT WATER SYSTEM, A CITY OWNED UTILITY, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 180.301, FLORIDA STATUTES AND SECTION 2-183 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, TO FLORIDA UTILITY SERVICES 1, LLC, AT A PRICE OF \$70,800.00.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida, ("City") owns a water system known as the Brandon Brent Water System and all associated improvements (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that no other department of the City has any use for the property and that the sale of the Property in accordance with section 180.301, Florida Statutes, is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Invitation to Bid 016-2020, the city administration recommends the sale of the Property to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC at a price of \$70,800.00, in accordance with the Contract attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing in accordance with section 180.301, Florida Statutes, and the City Council's findings of the elements required pursuant to section 180.301, Florida Statutes, is attached hereto as the City Council's report.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the sale of the Property to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC is in the best interests of the City.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are hereby made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. Pursuant to section 180.301, Florida Statutes, and the City Code, the City is hereby authorized to accept the bid of Florida Utility Services 1, LLC for the purchase of the Property and to execute the Agreement.

Section 3. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to make such reasonable changes and modifications to the Contract as may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens. Provided however, that any such changes or modifications shall not cause the payment to Bliss Products & Services, Inc.to exceed the Contract Price. The Mayor is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Contract in the name of, and on behalf of, the City with such changes, amendments, modifications, omissions, and additions made by the City Manager and City Attorney. Execution by the Mayor and Florida Utility Services 1, LLC shall be deemed to be conclusive evidence of approval of such changes, amendments, modifications, omissions, and additions.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council this *[* day of

August, 2020.

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By:

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST

By Audrey E City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By:

Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr., City Attorney

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BILL OF SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that The City of Lake City whose mailing address is 205 N. Marion Ave. Lake City, FL. 32055 (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid by Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC, (hereinafter "Buyer"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, pursuant to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of a Potable Water System by and between Seller and Buyer, ("Agreement"), has granted, bargained, sold, transferred, set over and delivered, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, transfer, set over and deliver, unto the Buyer, its successors and assigns, the Purchased Assets, as defined in the Agreement and including, but not limited to the following:

- 1. All water supply, treatment, distribution, and transmission facilities, including, but not limited to, pumps, plants, wells, tanks, transmission mains, distribution mains, pipes, valves, meters, meter boxes, service connections and all other physical facilities, equipment and property installations owned by Seller or to which Seller possesses rights and used in connection with its utility system.
- 2. All governmental authorizations, franchises, immunities, privileges, permits, license rights, consents, grants, ordinances, surveys, leaseholds, and all rights to construct, maintain and operate all or any portion of the utility system and every right of every character whatever in connection therewith, and the obligations thereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Authorizations"); together with all rights granted to Seller under its Authorizations.
- 3. All items of inventory owned by Seller on the Closing Date and used to operate and maintain Seller's utility system.
- 4. All supplier lists, customer records, prints, plans, including plans in electronic or digital format where available, engineering reports, surveys, specifications, shop drawings, equipment manuals, and other information relating to the utility system in Seller's possession, including any rights of Seller, if any, to obtain copies of such items from engineers, contractors, consultants or other third parties, in paper or electronic form.
- 5. All sets of record drawings, including as-built drawings, showing all facilities of the utility system, including all original tracings, sepias or other reproducible materials in Seller's possession, including any rights of Seller, if any, to obtain copies of such items from engineers, contractors, consultants or other third parties, in paper or electronic form.

- All rights and obligations of Seller under any Developers Agreements and 6. all rights and obligations of Seller under all Contracts and Leases.
- All equipment, tools, parts, laboratory equipment, office equipment and 7. other personal property owned by Seller and exclusively used to operate and maintain that Seller's utility system.

The Purchased Assets exclude Excluded Assets, as that term is defined in the Agreement.

Seller represents and warrants that it has exclusive ownership, possession, control, and marketable title to the above-referenced property, and the above-referenced property is subject to no mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, security interest, encumbrance, or restriction.

THE SALE OF THE PURCHASED ASSETS IS "AS IS, WHERE IS AND SUBJECT TO ALL FAULTS."

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the Buyer, its successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned has caused his name to be hereunto subscribed as of this **26**th day of August, 2020.

THE CITY OF LAKE CITY

By: Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

Inst. Number: 202012014399 Book: 1418 Page: 1479 Page 1 of 1 Date: 9/1/2020 Time: 3:16 PM James M Swisher Jr Clerk of Courts, Columbia County, Florida Doc Mort: 0.00 Int Tax: 0.00 Doc Deed: 0.00

This instrument prepared by: Martin S. Friedman, Esquire Dean Mead 420 South Orange Avenue, Suite 700 Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 841-1200

ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENTS

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENTS, is made and entered as of the <u>28</u> day of August 2020, by The City of Lake City whose mailing address is 205 N. Marion Ave. Lake City, FL 32055 (hereinafter "Assignor") for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose address is 5910 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, FL 34652 (hereinafter "Assignee"). Assignor has granted, bargained, sold, transferred, assigned and delivered, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, transfer, assign and deliver unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to all easements, licenses, prescriptive rights, rights of way, rights to use public and private roads, highways, canals, streets and other areas and all other rights owned or used by Assignor in connection with the operation of the utility system identified in that certain Agreement of Purchase and Sale of a Potable Water System, located in Columbia County, Florida.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor has caused this instrument to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence:

Printed Witness Name:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Columbia THE CITY OF LAKE CITY

By: Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of \Box physical presence or \Box online notarization, this <u>28</u> day of August, 2020 by Stephen M. Witt as <u>Mayor</u> of The City of Lake City a Florida municipal corporation, on behalf of the City, who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.



Printed Name: K My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT C

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COPY OF REQUESTED TARIFF SHEETS.

SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC WATER TARIFF

GENERAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE GS

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

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<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For water service for all purposes in private General Service customers.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff and General Rules and Regulations Columbia County.

BILLING PERIOD -

RATE -

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Base Char	ge	Charge per 1,00	0 gallons		
3/4" Meter	\$21.27	0-5,000 \$2.73	5,001-10,000 \$4.11	10,001-15,000 \$5.48	Above 15,000 \$6.84
l" Meter	\$53.16	0-12,500 \$2.73	12,501-25,000 \$4.11	25,001-37,500 \$5.48	Above 37,500 \$6.84
1.5" Meter	\$106.32	0-25,000 \$2.73	25,001-50,000 \$4.11	50,001-75,000 \$5.48	Above 75,000 \$6.84
2" Meter	\$170.10	0-40,000 \$2.73	40,001-80,000 \$4.11	80,001-120,000 \$5.48	Above 120,000 \$6.84
3" Meter	\$340.20	0-80,000 \$2.73	80,001-160,000 \$4.11	160,001-240,000 \$5.48	Above 240,000 \$6.84
4" Meter	\$531.58	0-125,000 \$2.73	125,001-250,000 \$4.11	250,001-375,000 \$5.48	Above 375,000 \$6.84

Billing Charge \$4.16

MINIMUM CHARGE - Base Facility Charge

<u>TERMS OF PAYMENT</u> - Bills are due and payable when rendered. In accordance with Rule 25-30.320, Florida Administrative Code, if a Customer is delinquent in paying the bill for water service, service may then be discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE - Upon approval

TYPE OF FILING - Transfer

MICHAEL SMALLRIDGE ISSUING OFFICER

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MANAGING MEMBER TITLE

SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC WATER TARIFF

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE RS

<u>AVAILABILITY</u> - Available throughout the area served by the Company.

<u>APPLICABILITY</u> - For water service to all Customers for which no other schedule applies.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all of the Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulations Columbia County.

BILLING PERIOD -

RATE -

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	Base Facility Charge
3⁄4" 1" 1.5" 2" 3" 4" 6" 8"	\$21.27 \$53.16 \$106.32 \$170.10 \$340.20 \$531.58 \$1,063.13 \$1,701.02
Billing charge	\$4.16
Charge per 1,000 gallons 0-5,000 gallons 5,001-10,000 gallons 10,001-15,000 gallons Above 15,000 gallons	\$2.73 \$4.11 \$5.48 \$6.84

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MANAGING MEMBER TITLE