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**DeSanty, Tricia**

**From:** Boyd, Jocelyn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:32 PM  
**To:** Duke, Daphne; DeSanty, Tricia; Easterling, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: Certification - Revised Notice of Public Night Hearing  
**Attachments:** Certification 1Nov16.pdf

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**From:** Bob Gross [mailto:bob@beaufortgroup.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:29 PM  
**To:** Boyd, Jocelyn <Jocelyn.Boyd@psc.sc.gov>  
**Cc:** Alvarez, Colanthia <Colanthia.Alvarez@psc.sc.gov>; tom@mikellaw.com; Scott, Dukes <Dukes.Scott@regstaff.sc.gov>; Morgan, Willie <wmorgan@regstaff.sc.gov>; Schellinger, Matthew <mschellinger@regstaff.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** Certification - Revised Notice of Public Night Hearing

Ms. Boyd:

Please find attached my certification that Harbor Island Utilities mailed to its customers the PSC Notice of Night Hearing as required by your office.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Bob Gross  
Harbor Island Utilities, Inc.

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Posted: 10/2/16  
Dept: SA  
Date: 10/2/16  
Time: 10:32

**From:** Alvarez, Colanthia [mailto:Colanthia.Alvarez@psc.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 9:16 AM  
**To:** Bob Gross; tom@mikellaw.com  
**Subject:** Revised Notice of Public Night Hearing and Transmittal Letter

Colanthia B. Alvarez  
Administrative Assistant II

Certification  
RETURN DATE: 11/23/16 OK  
SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_



# CERTIFICATION

Post Office Box 1028  
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## HARBOR ISLAND UTILITIES, INC.

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November 1, 2016

(via email)

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk/ Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Docketing Department  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

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RE: Harbor Island Utilities, Inc.  
Docket No. 2016-29-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is written to certify compliance with your October 19, 2016 letter to our attorney, Mr. J. Thomas Mikell (copy attached).

I hereby certify that the PSCSC *Revised Notice of Public Night Hearing* was mailed to each of our customers via USPS first class mail service on October 31, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,  
HARBOR ISLAND UTILITIES, INC.

Robert G. Gross  
President

### Enclosures

PSCSC Letter to J. Thomas, Esquire dated October 19, 2016  
Copy of PSCSC *Revised Notice of Public Night Hearing* dated October 26, 2016

### Copy

Mr. Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff (with enclosures) (via email)



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October 19, 2016

J. Thomas Mikell, PC, Esquire  
Mikell Law Firm  
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Beaufort, SC 29901

In Re: Docket No. 2016-29-WS - Application of Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service on Harbor Island, Beaufort County

Dear Mr. Mikell:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Public Night Hearing concerning the above-captioned Docket. In order to proceed with the processing of this matter, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Furnish at your own expense, on or before **November 2, 2016**, by U.S. Mail via bill inserts or by electronic mail to customers who have agreed to receive notice by electronic mail, the enclosed Notice of Public Night Hearing to each affected customer and provide a certification to the Commission on or before **November 23, 2016**, that this notification has been furnished

Please refer to applicable South Carolina statutes, Commission orders, rules and regulations, including Commission Order No. 2013-388.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

Please carefully review the Notice. If the Notice is not to your satisfaction, or if you find any errors, please notify us before publishing.

In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

Clerk's Office  
Enclosures

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CLERK'S OFFICE**

**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2016-29-WS**

Application of Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service on Harbor Island, Beaufort County

Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. (Harbor Island or the Company) has filed an Application for adjustment of rates and charges for, and the modification of certain terms and conditions related to, the provision of water and sewer service for residential and commercial customers. According to the Application, due to increased operating expenses and major capital improvements, the Company must increase its rates and charges. Detailed cost justifications are included on page three of the Application and include, but are not limited to the following: purchasing a back-up generator to provide electric power to the system in the event of power failures; replacing the water pumping system pumps and controls; adding a supplemental chlorination system to ensure adequate residual chlorine in the water; purchasing a valve exerciser; acquiring a new magnetic flow meter to accurately measure the volume of water sold to customers; installing a new state-of-the-art wastewater effluent filter; rebuilding the clarifier drive, installing new stainless steel weirs, purchasing two aeration blowers and acquiring a new magnetic flow meter in the wastewater treatment plant; resurfacing the water and sewer tanks as directed by SCDHEC and as requested by the HIOA; acquiring a back up generator to supply power to the water and sewer systems.

Harbor Island states that some of the more notable reasons the operating expenses have increased are as follows (see page five for the complete list): Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA) raised the wholesale rate of its water from \$2.60 per 1000 gallons to \$2.63 per 1000 gallons in 2015 and from \$2.63 per 1000 gallons to \$2.66 per 1000 gallons in 2016; FIPSD increased the transportation fee for water delivered to Harbor Island from \$0.33 per 1000 gallons to \$0.34 per 1000 gallons in 2015; and the cost to dispose of waste activated sludge has risen from approximately \$4,500 annually in 2011-2012-2013 to an average of over \$14,000 annually for 2014-2015.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a **Public Night Hearing**, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order No. 2016-721, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.**, before the Public Service Commission at the Harbor Island Community Center, 1 North Harbor Drive, Harbor Island, South Carolina 29920.

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. To testify as a public witness, you must print your name on the Sign-In Sheet available at the hearing location, and indicate whether or not you wish to testify. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case subject to objection by the parties.

Please note that the commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding this Application. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the commissioners from answering questions regarding this application or discussing this case with you individually.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

10/26/16