

FS 125.3401(6) The impacts of the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract on utility customers, both positive and negative

Positive

Transferring ownership from the Board of County Commissioners to Talquin Water and Wastewater Incorporated (TWWI) still allows current water customer's access to an elected Board member with Talquin. Talquin is a member based and vote driven cooperative with access that customers and citizens will still have to the management and direction of the water department.

In business for over 50 years –experienced and qualified employees. Office in Hosford for customers to conduct all business.

All water meters to be replaced with automatically read meters for consistency with other TWWI systems. Up to date equipment and technology. Well sites to be equipped with supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) to enable remote control, monitoring, and alarm recording. Control center occupied 24/7 to handle calls and dispatch personnel for emergencies. Field personnel on call 24/7.

Investment benefits of \$300,000 per year (\$4.5 million over 15 years), \$600,000 purchase payment, and customer savings on rates with Capital Credit benefit is \$6.5 million over 15 years. Total net gain of \$12,000,000 to \$13,000,000 to customers and the citizens of Liberty County over a 15 year time period.

Negative

Commercial rates for Hosford and Tolar Schools will be slightly higher.

Immediate need of addressing fire hydrants and protection for adequate flow.

No Talquin water employees currently live in Liberty County.

DEP will request a lot of information immediately that Liberty County may not have readily available (valve exercise program, lead and copper sampling plan, emergency response plans, etc.)