

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of ORTEGA UTILITY COMPANY for a 1988 pass-through rate adjustment in Duval County.)	DOCKET NO. 890328-WS
)	ORDER NO. 20959
)	ISSUED: 3-29-89

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING PASS-THROUGH RATE ADJUSTMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 3, 1989, Ortega Utility Company (Ortega or Utility) notified this Commission of its intention to increase rates to its customers in Duval County by application of the pass-through provisions of Subsection 367.081(4)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.425, Florida Administrative Code.

Ortega intends to pass through to its customers an increase in its ad valorem taxes. The Utility is presently charging interim rates authorized by Order No. 20131, in Docket No. 871262-WS. Ortega has waived the 30-day implementation of the pass-through adjustment, intending to implement this adjustment along with the final rates determined in Docket No. 871262-WS. If refunds are due, the adjustment will be applied to those rates and credited against the refunds. If no refunds are due, the pass-through adjustment shall be applied to the authorized rates from that point forward.

Currently, there are no outstanding complaints on file with the Commission and the quality of service is considered satisfactory. It should be noted, however, that Ortega is in violation of Chapter 17-22, Florida Administrative Code, which requires a back-up source of supply at the water treatment plant. This matter will be addressed in the rate case.

Since the pass-through rate adjustment will not be implemented until the conclusion of the rate case, the pass-through application of Ortega is acknowledged, but the new rates resulting from the index will not be calculated until the conclusion of the rate case (Docket No. 871262-WS).

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the pass-through application of Ortega Utility Company, 6957 Lillian Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211, is hereby acknowledged. It is further

ORDERED that the rates resulting from this pass-through will not be calculated until the conclusion of the rate case, as requested by the Company. It is further

ORDERED that the Utility shall submit revised tariff sheets containing the new rates at the conclusion of the rate case.

By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th day of MARCH, 1989.


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