

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of SPORTSMAN'S)	DOCKET NO. 891021-WU
HARBOR UTILITIES for a new class of)	ORDER NO. 21918
service in Putnam County.)	ISSUED: 9-19-89
)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
- BETTY EASLEY
- GERALD L. GUNTER
- JOHN T. HERNDON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR A NEW CLASS OF SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for formal proceeding pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Sportsman's Harbor Utilities (utility) filed an application with this Commission on July 20, 1989 requesting that we approve a new class of water service, namely, the class of General Service, pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes. The utility provides water and sewer service to a small service area near Welaka in Putnam County, Florida. Since receiving water and sewer certificates from this Commission in 1976, there has been virtually no tariff activity and rates and charges remain as they were approved for original certification.

In its filing of July 20, 1989, the utility provided a revised tariff sheet, containing the rates requested to be approved for the new class of service. The only approved rate for the water system for the utility is currently a charge to residential customers on a quarterly basis of \$15 for the first 9,000 gallons and \$1 per 1,000 gallons for the excess over 9,000 gallons. The utility also provided a schedule of how the requested rates for the General Service class were determined.

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The rate schedule is as follows:

Water
General Service
Quarterly

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Type</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Minimum Gallons</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	All	\$ 15.00	9,000
1"	All	38.41	23,000
1-1/2"	All	75.15	45,000
2"	All	120.24	72,000
3"	Displacement	225.45	135,000
3"	Compound	240.48	144,000
3"	Turbine	263.86	158,000
4"	Displacement or Compound	375.75	225,000
4"	Turbine	450.90	270,000
6"	Displacement or Compound	751.50	450,000
6"	Turbine	940.21	563,000
Charge per thousand gallons over minimum		\$ 1.00	

In determining the rates for meter sizes greater than 5/8" x 3/4", the utility multiplied the minimum amount of gallonage allowed the 5/8" x 3/4" meter by the American Water Works Association meter expansion factor for each size meter. The cost per thousand gallons was determined by dividing the minimum charge of \$15 by 9,000 gallons, for a charge of \$1.67 per thousand gallons. The other meter sizes were determined in the same way.

We find that the method employed by the utility is acceptable and is perhaps the only useful way to determine the rates under the rate structure approved for the utility. Although the proposed rate structure is not in accordance with our preferred base facility charge structure, we accept it for the sake of consistency. The annual revenue impact will, in all probability, not exceed \$100. A more appropriate time in which to arrange the rate structure along the lines of policy is the next rate case when all financial and technical aspects will be presented and subject to our audit. Accordingly, we hereby find that the requested rates are reasonable and are thus approved.

Based upon the discussion above, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Sportsman's Harbor Utilities' request for a new class of service, namely, General Service, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the rates for General Service are approved and they shall be effective for meter readings thirty days on or after the effective date of this order, subject to the approval of revised tariff sheets and customer notice. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final unless an appropriate petition in form provided by Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Director of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 891021-WU shall be closed after the utility's filing of, and our approval of, the appropriate tariff sheet revisions and a proposed customer notice.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 1989.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kary Hizon
Chief, Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on October 10, 1989. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective the next day as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code, and as reflected in a subsequent order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this order becomes final and effective any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.