

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC., ROSEMONT SYSTEM, for 1989 price index and pass-through rate adjustments in Citrus County.	)	DOCKET NO. 891088-WU
	)	ORDER NO. 22012
	)	ISSUED: 10-6-89

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING INDEXING  
AND PASS-THROUGH RATE ADJUSTMENTS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 28, 1989, Southern States Utilities, Inc. (Utility) notified this Commission of its intention to increase rates to the customers of its Rosemont System in Citrus County by application of the price-indexing and pass-through provisions of Subsections 367.081(4)(a) and (b), Florida Statutes, respectively, and Rules 25-30.420 and 25-30.425, Florida Administrative Code, respectively.

By Order No. 20972, issued by this Commission on March 31, 1989, in Docket No. 890005-WS, the rates of water and sewer utilities are subject to adjustment as a result of the application of the price index to certain utility operation and maintenance costs. The indexing factor is 4.35 percent.

The Utility also intends to pass through to its customers the cost of water testing required by The Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) and the increase in its ad valorem taxes. The Utility waived its right to place the pass-through rates into effect thirty days from the filing date of this notice and states that these rates are to become effective simultaneously with the indexing adjustment.

The documentation submitted by the Utility in support of its indexing and pass-through notice meets the Commission's requirements, as set forth in Rules 25-30.420 and 25-30.425, Florida Administrative Code. However, upon review of the application, we determined that several adjustments were necessary before the application could be processed. The Utility was contacted prior to our calculations and concurs with our adjustments.

In compliance with said rules, the Utility advised us that it will provide notice to its customers prior to the effective date of the rates, informing them of the impending rate adjustment and explaining that the increase is due to the

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pass-through provisions and the application of the price index to certain operation and maintenance expenses.

Applying an increase factor of 1.0627 to the existing rate schedules results in increased water revenues of \$644 for the Rosemone System. The schedules of our computations are as follows:

1989 Price Index and Pass-Through Application  
Test Year Ended December 31, 1988

	<u>Water</u>
1988 Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$ 4,886
Less: (1) Pass-through Item: Purchased Power	( 415)
(2) Rate Case Expense Included in 1988 O & M Expenses	<u>0</u>
Costs to be Indexed	\$ 4,471
Multiply by Change in GNP Implicit Price Deflator Index	x <u>.0435</u>
Additional O & M Expenses	\$ 194
Pass-through Items:	
DER Water Testing	425
Increase in Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>9</u>
Total Increased Expenses	\$ 628
Divide by Expansion Factor for Regulatory Assessment Fees	÷ <u>.975</u>
Increase in Revenue	\$ 644
Divide by 1988 Annualized Revenues	÷ <u>10,275</u>
Percentage Increase	<u>6.27%</u>
Increase Factor to Apply to Existing Rate Schedules	<u>1.0627</u>

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Rates which will allow the Utility to recognize this increase are as follows:

WATER (6.27% Increase)  
Monthly Rate  
Residential and General Service

<u>Base Facility Charge</u> <u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.31
<u>Gallonage Charge</u> Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.06

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the indexing and pass-through application of Southern States Utilities, Inc., 1000 Color Place, Apopka, Florida 32703, is hereby acknowledged. It is further

ORDERED that the rates contained herein shall become effective for service rendered on or after October 27, 1989, subject to approval of revised tariff sheets and customer notice as previously indicated in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff sheets submitted with the Utility's application reflect the rates set forth in this Order, and Docket No. 891088-WU may be closed upon Staff's approval of the tariff sheets.

By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
 this 6th day of OCTOBER, 1989.

  
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 STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
 Division of Records and Reporting

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