

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for ) DOCKET NO. 940303-WS  
amendment of Certificates Nos. ) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0006-PCO-WS  
533-W and 464-S to add territory ) ISSUED: January 2, 1997  
in Lake and Orange Counties by )  
Southlake Utilities, Inc. )  
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

By Order No. PSC-96-0687-PCO-WS, issued May 23, 1996, this matter was scheduled for a March 25-26, 1997 formal hearing in Orange County, Florida. On December 10, 1996, Southlake Utilities, Inc. (Southlake or utility) filed a Motion for Continuance, wherein it states that the parties are currently in the process of negotiating a settlement, which, for various reasons, they have been unable to execute. Southlake has represented that it is confident that the parties will be able to reach an agreement within the next ninety days. Accordingly, the utility states that conducting a hearing under these circumstances would be a waste of time and resources. The utility also states that Orange County has no objections to this Motion, and is in agreement that a continuance would serve the best interests of all involved.

After reviewing the motion, I find it appropriate to grant Southlake's Motion for Continuance for a period of at least ninety days from the date the hearing was originally scheduled to allow the parties additional time to reach an agreement. In the event a settlement is not reached within 90 days of issuance of this order, a subsequent order will be issued establishing new prehearing and hearing dates.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Joe Garcia, as Prehearing Officer, that Southlake Utilities, Inc.'s Motion for Continuance is hereby granted as set forth in the body of this Order.

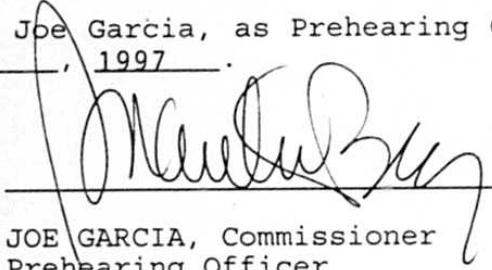
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By ORDER of Commissioner Joe Garcia, as Prehearing Officer,  
this 2nd day of January, 1997.

  
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JOE GARCIA, Commissioner  
Prehearing Officer

ASST. TO

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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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.