

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by SOUTHERN STATES)	DOCKET NO. 891180-SU
UTILITIES, INC. for new class of)	ORDER NO. 22293
service for sewer only residential)	ISSUED: 12-11-89
customers of University Shores System)	
in Orange County.)	
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, CHAIRMAN
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER APPROVING FLAT SEWER RATE FOR
UNIVERSITY SHORES SUBDIVISION IN
ORANGE COUNTY

BY THE COMMISSION:

Southern States Utilities, Inc. (utility) is a Class A utility providing water and sewer service to the University Shores Subdivision located in Orange County. By way of letter dated October 4, 1989, the utility requested that a new class of service be established to permit the utility to charge a \$26.97 monthly flat rate charge for sewer service to a small number of sewer-only customers in the above-identified subdivision who have their own water wells.

A utility's customers are generally billed for sewer service based on their water consumption. However, in situations such as the present where a customer has her own water well, it is necessary to establish a flat charge for sewer service using some methodology other than basing such charge on a customer's water usage. In such cases, we have historically used the average of the residential sewer bills in a given area as the appropriate flat rate for sewer-only customers in such area.

The above-discussed area average methodology was used by the utility in the instant case. However, our review of the utility's calculations revealed that it had used an incorrect annual gallonage figure in calculating its proposed monthly

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flat rate charge of \$26.97. We pointed this error out to the utility and the utility agreed that the correct residential monthly flat rate sewer charge, as derived from the above-discussed averaging methodology, is \$21.44. We find such charge to be reasonable and it is hereby approved.

It is, therefore,


ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request by Southern States Utilities, Inc. to establish a monthly flat sewer rate for residential sewer-only customers in the University Shores Subdivision in Orange County is hereby approved as shown in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Southern States Utilities, Inc. is hereby authorized to charge a flat monthly sewer rate of \$21.44 for residential sewer-only customers in the University Shores Subdivision in Orange County until otherwise ordered by this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that the flat sewer rate approved herein shall become effective on a pro rata basis for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the utility's revised tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 11th day of NOVEMBER, 1989.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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 the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 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 after the issuance 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.