

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application to institute)	DOCKET NO. 900240-SU
bi-monthly billing charges in Lee)	ORDER NO. 23029
County by Springs Environmental)	ISSUED: 6-5-90
Systems, Inc.)	
)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER

ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN BILLING FREQUENCY

BY THE COMMISSION:

Springs Environmental Systems, Inc., (Springs Environmental) is a Class C wastewater utility operating in Lee County. The 1988 Annual Report identified that the utility served 214 wastewater customers. The utility previously purchased water from Bonita Springs Water System and resold it to its wastewater customers. However, Bonita Springs Water System is now billing the customers directly for water usage on a bi-monthly basis.

On April 2, 1990, Springs Environmental filed a request with the Commission to change from monthly to bi-monthly billing. Bonita Springs Water System's bi-monthly water meter readings are provided to Springs Environmental for use in determining wastewater bills. This results in Springs Environmental's customers receiving a small wastewater bill one month, consisting of the base facility charge, followed by a large bill the next month composed of the base facility charge plus the gallonage charge on two months of usage. Springs Environmental desires to even out the wastewater payments for customers by converting to bi-monthly billing. The base facility charges in the proposed tariff sheets have been adjusted to reflect two months of service instead of one. The actual rates are not being changed, and there is no overall revenue impact on the utility.

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Under Section 367.091(3), Florida Statutes, a utility may only impose and collect those rates and charges approved by the Commission for the particular class of service involved. A change in any rate schedule may not be made without Commission approval. As we find that this billing change is reasonable, we hereby approve it. The billing change shall become effective for service rendered after staff's approval of the tariff sheets and proposed customer notice.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filing by Springs Environmental Systems, Inc., requesting a change in billing frequency is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the billing change shall become effective for service rendered after Staff approval of the tariff sheets and proposed customer notice. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 5th day of JUNE, 1990.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
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.

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.