State of Florida



Public Service Commission

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DATE:	February 17, 1993
TO:	Steve Tribble, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Charles Rehwinkel Assistant to Commissioner Deason

RE: Intercepted Communication From an Interested Party Received in Docket 920199.

This office has received the following correspondence. The correspondence has not been viewed or considered in any way by Commissioner Deason. Under the terms of the advisory opinion from the Commission on Ethics (issued July 24, 1991 as CEO 91-31-July 19, 1991), the following letter does not constitute an <u>ex parte</u> communication by virtue of the fact that it was not shown to the Commissioner. Because it is not deemed to be an <u>ex parte</u> communication, it does not require dissemination to parties pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.042, Fla. Statutes. However; in such cases Commissioner Deason has requested that a copy of the correspondence and this memo be, as a matter of routine, placed in the correspondence side of the file in this docket.

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Re: Rate Increase to be Voted on February 16, 1993 Submitted by Southern States Utilities

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

A final rate proposal for Southern States Utilities (SSU) is before you, therefore I would like to bring to your attention a situation recently presented to us.

We have just been informed by SSU that they have incorrectly been billing the Cozumel Apartment community since it was built six (6) years ago.

We purchased Cozumel Apartments, a 224 unit community, on October 9, 1992. Prior to the purchase we examined the utility bills for the previous years and called the utility who confirmed the rates being charged on the bills and gave us deposit information.

This claim of incorrect billing will result in additional utility charges in excess of \$60,000.00 this year.

We relied upon the information given us by SSU and feel we were misinformed. It is our understanding that we can be billed according to the tariffs of the utility and we are presently checking to be sure the billing is correct.

We consider the rate structure applied for excessive and wonder if other SSU customers are being misbilled.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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