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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
Director, Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Hobe Sound Water Company
Docket No. 960192-WU

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Hobe Sound Water Company in the above referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of an Affidavit of Customer Notice.

Very truly yours,

RDM

Richard D. Melson

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ALV _____
APL _____
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CMT _____ RDM/cc
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for a limited)
proceeding to include groundwater)
development and protection costs in)
rates in Martin County by Hobe)
Sound Water Company.)

Docket No. 960192-WU

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MARTIN)

The undersigned, Michael A. Carfine, first being duly sworn
deposes and says:

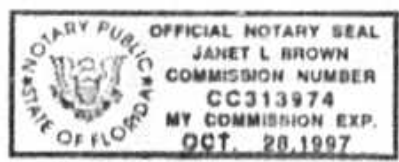
1. That he is the General Manager of The Hobe Sound Water Company.
2. That the customer notice attached to this affidavit as Exhibit A was sent by first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to all of the customers of The Hobe Sound Water Company, on March 4, 1996.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT.

Michael A. Carfine
Michael A. Carfine

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 4th day of March, 1996,
by Michael A. Carfine, who is personally known to me or who
produced _____ as identification.

(SEAL)



Janet L. Brown
Notary Public

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02680 MAR-58
FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

THE HOBE SOUND WATER COMPANY

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF LIMITED PROCEEDING AND
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

HOBE SOUND WATER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 960192-WU

Notice is hereby given that Hobe Sound Water Company has filed a request for a limited proceeding with the Florida Public Service Commission under Section 367.0822, Florida Statutes, to allow the utility to recover the costs associated with development and protection of groundwater resources. The utility's request could result in a rate increase.

Customer Meeting

The staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the above application at the following place and time:

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 1996
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Hobe Sound Elementary School
Cafeteria Building
11550 S.E. Gomez Avenue
Hobe Sound, Florida

All persons who wish to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers an opportunity to offer sworn testimony to the Commission staff regarding the quality of service provided by the utility and to ask questions or offer comments on the utility's proposed rates included with this notice, as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize the preliminary work accomplished and answer questions. A representative from the utility will also be present.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by using the following numbers: 1-800-955-8700 (VOICE) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Present and Proposed Rates

The present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Class / Meter Size</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
RESIDENTIAL		
Base Facility Charge:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.14	\$14.05
3/4"	18.21	21.08
1"	30.35	35.13
1-1/2"	60.69	70.25
2"	97.11	112.41
3"	194.22	224.83
4"	303.46	351.28
Gallonage Charge/1,000 gal.		
0 to 10,000 gallons	0.78	0.90
10,001 to 40,000 gallons	1.76	2.04
Over 40,001 gallons	2.34	2.71
GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.14	\$14.05
3/4"	18.21	21.08
1"	30.35	35.13
1-1/2"	60.69	70.25
2"	97.11	112.41
3"	194.22	224.83
4"	303.46	351.28
Gallonage Charge/1,000 gal.		
0 to 10,000 gallons	1.46	1.69
Over 10,001 gallons	1.46	1.69

How to Contact the Commission

Written comments and questions regarding the requested rate increase may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
 Florida Public Service Commission
 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All comments and questions should refer to Docket No. 960192-WU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, you may contact the utility at (407) 546-2511.

This notice was prepared by the utility at the direction and with the approval of the Commission staff for distribution to the utility's customers.

February, 1996

HOBE SOUND WATER COMPANY