

VOTE SHEET

DATE: September 3, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 960878-WS - Proposed rate reduction to reflect a decrease in purchased water and wastewater costs to FPSC-regulated utilities, by Pasco County.

Issue 1: Recommendation that the Commission should require the six FPSC-regulated utilities who have not already done so to file for a rate adjustment to reflect the decrease in the rate for bulk water and/or wastewater approved by Pasco County within 30 days of the date of the Commission conference. Specifically, this would include Hudson Utilities, Inc., Forest Hills Utilities, Mad Hatter Utilities, Inc., Aloha Utilities, Deltona Utility Consultants d/b/a Southern States Utilities, and Betmar Utilities. For purposes of calculating the decrease, each utility should be required to file the information required by Rule 25-30.425 (1)(a) through (f), F.A.C., along with a calculation of the rate decrease and revised tariff sheets. Further, all the affected utilities, with the exception of Virginia City Utilities, Inc., should be required to refund by a credit to the customers' bills the difference in the rates collected since April 1, 1996 within 60 days of the effective date of the order. In the event a timely protest is received, the utilities should be required to escrow the difference in the rates collected since April 1, 1996, as set forth below in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated August 22, 1996. An account of all monies escrowed should be maintained by each utility. This account should specify by whom and on whose behalf such monies were paid. Each utility should provide evidence that the refunds or credits have been made within 30 days of the date of the refund or credit.

**DENIED**

*The affected utilities will be required to show cause why they should not adjust their rates to reflect the reduction in costs by Pasco County.*

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*[Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners]*

*[Handwritten signature of dissenting commissioner: Susan J. Clark]*

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*Chairman Clark dissented.*

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Issue 2: Recommendation that, upon expiration of the protest period, if a timely protest is not received from a substantially affected person, this docket should be closed and separate dockets should be opened for each utility filing the information required above.

**DENIED**

*Docket should remain open  
pending completion of show  
cause process.*