



Gulf Utility Company

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in rates) Docket No. 960329-WS
and service availability charges in Lee)
County by GULF UTILITY COMPANY)

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements, on this day personally appeared James W. Moore, who after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1. That the Affiant has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein;
2. That on February 14, 1997, a copy of the Notice attached hereto was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of record within the service areas of Gulf Utility Company.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

By James W. Moore
James W. Moore
President

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE me this 14th day of February, 1997.

Carolyn B. Andrews
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida at large
My Commission Expires: 7/30/97

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
CAROLYN B. ANDREWS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO CC292264
MY COMMISSION EXP. JULY 30, 1997

THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

GULF UTILITY COMPANY,

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL,

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 960329-WS

FOR AN INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES,
A DECREASE IN WATER RATES AND APPROVAL
AVAILABILITY CHARGES IN LEE COUNTY BY
GULF UTILITY COMPANY

AND

RE: DOCKET NO. 960234-WS

FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES OF GULF UTILITY COMPANY
IN LEE COUNTY FOR POSSIBLE OVEREARNINGS

DATED: February 14, 1997

GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the
Commission, regarding the application of Gulf
Utility Company for an increase in wastewater rates,, approval of a
decrease in water rates and approval of service availability charges at
the following place:

Wednesday and Thursday, March 5 & 6, 1997
at the Office of Public Counsel,
3231 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, Florida

The beginning time of the next day's session will be
at the conclusion of the prior day. The
hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is

presented. You are given an opportunity to present testimony at the
hearing session on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. In addition
an evening session will be held beginning at 6:30
on Thursday, March 6, 1997. The purpose of the evening session will
be to hear testimony.

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DOCKET NOS. 960329-WS & 960234-WS
GULF UTILITY COMPANY
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All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the sessions, since the sessions may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the application of Gulf Utility Company for an increase in wastewater rates, approval of a decrease in water rates, and approval of service availability charges and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference scheduled for 1:30 p. m. on February 17, 1997. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing, 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 hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771(TDD).

JURISDICTION

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapters 25-9, 25-22, and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 367.081, 367.0816, 367.082, 367.101, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-9, 25-22 and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

NEWS-PRESS

Published every morning — Daily and Sunday
Fort Myers, Florida

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

Before the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____

Brenda Leighton

who on oath says that he/she is the _____

Legal Coordinator of the News-Press, a

daily newspaper, published at Fort Myers, in Lee County, Florida; that the

attached copy of advertisement, being a _____

display

in the matter of Notice of Hearing to Gulf

Utility Company etc.

in the _____ Court

was published in said newspaper in the issues of _____

February 14, 1997

Affiant further says that the said News-Press is a paper of general circulation daily in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties and published at Fort Myers, in said Lee County, Florida and that said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Lee County, Florida, each day, and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in Fort Myers in said Lee County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of the advertisement; and affiant further says that he/she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Brenda Leighton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

14th day of _____

February, 19 97 by

Brenda Leighton

who is personally known to me or who has produced _____

as identification, and who did or did not take an oath.

Notary Public: *Janet E. Cobb*

Print Name _____

My Commission Expires:

CLASS-16



Janet E. Cobb
MY COMMISSION # C008338 EXPIRES
November 19, 2000
BONDED THRU TROY PAIR INSURANCE CO.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO
GULF UTILITY COMPANY,
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APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES, APPROVAL OF A
DECREASE IN WATER RATES AND APPROVAL OF SERVICE AVAILABILITY
CHARGES IN LEE COUNTY BY GULF UTILITY COMPANY
AND

RE: DOCKET NO. 960234-WS
INVESTIGATION OF RATES OF GULF UTILITY COMPANY
IN LEE COUNTY FOR POSSIBLE OVERTHEARNINGS

DATED: February 14, 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission, regarding the application of Gulf Utility Company for an increase in wastewater rates, approval of a decrease in water rates and approval of service availability charges at the following time and place:

9:00 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday, March 5 & 6, 1997
Elks Club of Bonita Springs
3231 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, Florida

The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

Customers will be given an opportunity to present testimony at the beginning of the morning session on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. In addition to the morning session, an evening session will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 1997. The purpose of the evening session will be to take customer testimony. All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the sessions, since the sessions may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

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