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May 17, 2001

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110 Easley Building Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 001806-WU, Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Water Division, Limited Proceeding

Dear Ms. Bayo:

We have enclosed for filling in the above captioned docket, an original and fifteen copies of both the Notice to Customers of Approval of Rate Increase, and an Affidavit of George M. Bachman that the Notice was mailed to customers.

Sincerely,

Cheryl M. Martin

Manager of Corporate Accounting

Enclosures

CC: (with enclosures)

Ralph R. Yaeger, FPSC, Senior Attorney

Division of Legal Services

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Division, for an Increase in Water Rates in Nassau County, Florida

Docket No. 001806-WU

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STATE OF FLORIDA

NASSAU COUNTY

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

- 1. That he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein:
- 2. That on May 15, 2001, a copy of the Notice attached hereto was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of record within the service areas of Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Water Division.

CFO and Treasurer

Florida Public Utilities Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \(\frac{1}{4} \) day of May, 2001, by George M. Bachman who is personally known to me.

Notary Public

State of Florida

My Commission expires:



SEAL:

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

Before the Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 001806-WU Notice to Customers of Approval of Rate Increase Dated May 14, 2001

Dear Customer:

By Order issued April 23, 2001, the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") granted Florida Public Utilities Company an increase in water rates for the Fernandina Beach Division in Nassau County, Florida. A rate increase is necessary to allow the utility to recover the reasonable and prudent costs of providing service and an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return. The Staff of the Commission conducted a customer meeting on February 21, 2001. On April 23, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Agency Action Order Approving Increased Rates ("PAA Order").

If there is no protest to the PAA Order by May 14, 2001, the rates will become effective for service rendered on or after May 17, 2001. A schedule showing Florida Public Utilities Company's rates prior to the rate increase ("Present Rates"), Florida Public Utilities Company's Proposed Rates, and the Commission's Approved Rates, is set forth on the reverse side of this notice. The Staff of the Commission approved this notice.

If you have any questions concerning your bill or this notice, please call our Customer Service Representatives at (904) 261-3663 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Written comments to the Commission regarding Florida Public Utilities Company, its rates or service, may be directed to the following address: Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. You may also call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number (800) 342-3552.

As always it is a pleasure and we appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

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