

*DOCKET NO.:* 020071-WS - Application for rate increase in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

*WITNESS:* **Direct Testimony of William V. Ryland,** Appearing on Behalf of the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM V. RYLAND

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2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. William V. Ryland, 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619.

4 Q. Please state a brief description of your educational background and  
5 experience.

6 A. I have a B.S. degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Earth  
7 Science. I have worked with the State of Florida for over 15 years,  
8 mainly in the drinking water program.

9 Q. By whom are you presently employed?

10 A. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

11 Q. How long have you been employed with the Department of Environmental  
12 Protection and in what capacity?

13 A. Ten years as an Environment Specialist in the Potable Water Section.

14 Q. What are your general responsibilities at the Department of  
15 Environmental Protection?

16 A. Regulation of drinking water facilities within a certain geographic  
17 area. This includes but is not limited to compliance/enforcement for  
18 systems that fall under the Safe Drinking Water Act; conducting yearly  
19 inspections, reviewing chemical/bacteriological data, monitoring  
20 compliance, and pursuing enforcement activities.

21 Q. Are you familiar with Utilities, Inc. of Florida's water systems in  
22 Pasco County, particularly the Buena Vista, Orangewood, Summertree and  
23 Wis-Bar systems?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does the utility have any current construction permits from the

1 Department of Environmental Protection?

2 A. Summertree - Parcel H - DSGP (distribution system general permit)

3 Orangewood - 81396 - Col - DSGP

4 Information obtained from Steven King, Engineer II of our permitting

5 section.

6 Q. Are the utility's treatment facilities and distribution systems

7 sufficient to serve its present customers?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Does the utility maintain the required 20 psi minimum pressure

10 throughout the distribution system?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does the utility comply with Section 62-550.515, Florida Administrative

13 Code for an adequate auxiliary power source in the event of a power

14 outage?

15 A. Yes through generators or interconnects with other systems.

16 Q. Are the utility's water wells located in compliance with applicable DEP

17 regulations?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does the utility have certified operators as required by Chapter 62-602,

20 Florida Administrative Code?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Has the utility established a cross-connection control program in

23 accordance with Section 62-555.360, Florida Administrative Code?

24 A. Yes. Cross connection control plans are on file at DEP and at the

25 utility. Plans were revised as of June, 2001.

1 Q. Is the overall maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution  
2 facilities satisfactory?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Does the finished water produced by the utility meet the State and  
5 Federal maximum contaminant levels for primary and secondary water  
6 quality standards?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Does this include the lead and copper rule?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Has the utility's compliance with the lead and copper rule resulted in  
11 a lessening of the monitoring requirements?

12 A. Yes, tri-annual monitoring.

13 Q. Does the utility monitor the organic contaminants listed in Section 62-  
14 55.410, Florida Administrative Code?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do recent chemical analyses of raw and finished water, when compared to  
17 DEP regulations, suggest the need for additional treatment?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Does the utility maintain the required chlorine residual or its  
20 equivalent throughout the distribution system?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are the plant and distribution systems in compliance with all the other  
23 provisions of Title 62, Florida Administrative Code, not previously  
24 mentioned?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Has the utility been the subject of any Department of Environmental  
2 Protection enforcement action within the past two years?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you have anything further to add?

5 A. No, I do not.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of William V. Ryland has been furnished to **Martin S. Friedman, Esquire**, Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, 600 S. North Lake Blvd., Ste. 160, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701, and **Stephen Burgess, Esquire**, Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 W. Madison St., Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400, by U.S. Mail, this 16th day of June.



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