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September 8, 2003

HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayo **Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director** Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Docket No. 030106-WS; Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case by Re: Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Our File No.: 31099.03

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Notice of Filing and Affidavit of Mailing Notice of Hearing to the Customers of the Utility.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN S. FRIEDMÁN

For the Firm

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Ms. Jennifer Brubaker (w/enclosure) cc:

Mr. Kevin J. Cherry (w/enclosure)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Staff-Assisted Rate Case in Lee County by Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc.

DOCKET NO.: 030106-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS OF PINE ISLAND, INC., hereby gives notice of filing in the above-referenced docket the original Affidavit of Mailing the Notice of Hearing to the Customers of the Utility.

Respectfully submitted this $\frac{\dot{\xi}^{A}}{2}$ day of September, 2003.

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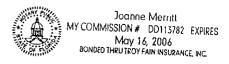
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Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared <u>XEVIN J. CHERR</u> who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that he/she is the <u>PRESIDENT</u> of Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc., and that on July 3, 2003, he/she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Notice of Hearing to the Customers of Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc., which Notice is attached hereto.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of August, 2003, by KEV.N J. CHERRY, who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.



Print Name NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires:

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS OF PINE ISLAND, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 030106-SU

APPLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS OF PINE ISLAND, INC.

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN LEE COUNTY

Issued: July 3, 2003

Notice is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc. (EPS or utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Lee County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 24, 2003 St. James City Civic Association 3300 Fourth Avenue St. James City, Florida 33956-2010

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

The Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on July 24, 2003 between 2;00pm and 4:00pm at the St. James City Civic Association. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission Staff, and wish to meet with staff,

LATE PAYMENT FEE

The purpose of a late payment fee is to provide an incentive for customers to pay their bills on time and to place the cost burden of processing delinquencies solely upon those who are the cost causers. Staff's preliminary recommendation is that the utility should be allowed a late payment fee of \$5.00 for customer bills paid after the 20-day payment period provided in the utility's tariff.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

Currently, the utility's tariff has no provision for miscellaneous service charges. Staff's preliminary charges, below, are designed to more accurately defray the costs associated with each service and place the responsibility of the cost on the person creating it rather than on the ratepaying body as a whole.

Wastewater

Description	Staff's Preliminary Recommended Charges			
Initial Connection	\$15.00			
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00			
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost			
Premises Visit(in lieu of disconnection)	\$10.00			

Definition of each charges is provided for clarification:

<u>Initial Connection</u> - this charge would be leviéd for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously.

<u>Normal Reconnection</u> - this charge would be levied for transfer of service to a new customer account, a previously served location or reconnection of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection.

<u>Violation Reconnection</u> - this charge would be levied prior to reconnection of an existing customer after disconnection of service

Pine Island Library 10700 Russell Road, NW Bokeelia, Florida 33922-3199

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Public Service Commission on September 4, 2003. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its September 16, 2003 agenda conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 030106-SU, Environmental Protection Systems of Pine Island, Inc."

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.