

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for increase in service connection charges in Highlands County by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. | DOCKET NO. 050318-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-05-0768-PCO-WU
ISSUED: July 25, 2005

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

BRAULIO L. BAEZ, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY
LISA POLAK EDGAR

ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED TARIFF REVISIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Placid Lakes or utility) is a Class B water-only utility which serves 1,718 water customers in Highlands County. The utility's service area is located in a water use caution area in the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Placid Lakes is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lake Placid Holding Company, the primary developer of the Placid Lakes subdivision. In its annual report, the utility reported net operating revenues of \$492,352 and a net operating income of \$41,691.

On May 9, 2005, the utility filed an application requesting approval of service connection charges. This Order addresses the suspension of the utility's proposed tariff sheet. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, the tariff sheet proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty (60) days after filing, unless this Commission votes to withhold consent to operation of any or all portions of new rate schedules within 60 days, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding that consent.

We have reviewed the filing and have considered the utility's proposed charges and information filed in support of the application. We find that it is necessary to require further amplification and explanation of this data, and that our staff should further examine and review the application. Therefore, the proposed tariff sheet to implement service connection charges shall be suspended pending further investigation by our staff. This docket shall remain open pending the completion of our staff's investigation and final action by this Commission.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff sheet to implement service connection charges is suspended. It is further


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ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending the completion of our staff's investigation and our final action.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th day of July, 2005.



BLANCA S. BAYO, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.