

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application by Ocala Oaks)	DOCKET NO. 881098-WU
UTILITIES, INC. for increased water)	ORDER NO. 20810
rates and charges in Marion County.)	ISSUED: 2-27-89

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED RATES

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 19, 1988, Ocala Oaks Utilities, Inc. filed an application for increased water rates in Marion County. The information satisfied the minimum filing requirements for a general rate increase and the official date of filing was established as December 19, 1988.

We have approved the twelve month period ending December 31, 1987, as the test year for this proceeding. The utility has requested final rates designed to generate annual revenues of \$197,310 for water service. These requested revenues exceed test year revenues by \$45,832 for water service. The utility did not request interim rates.

Water rates were last considered by this Commission in Docket No. 820046-W culminating in the issuance of Order No. 12134 on June 13, 1983. The utility contends that those rates have become inadequate. The utility states that, since the previous rate case, expenses have increased beyond the level covered by index and pass-through procedures. The expenses for insurance, materials and supplies, and miscellaneous items are among those that have increased disproportionately.

Section 367.081(6), Florida Statutes, provides that the rate schedules proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty (60) days after filing unless this Commission issues an order withholding consent to the implementation of the rates requested. Further, the above referenced statute permits the proposed rates to go into effect, under bond, eight (8) months after filing unless final action has been taken by this Commission.

We have reviewed the utility's filing and have found that the utility has made substantial plant additions since our last audit. In addition, the utility has proposed adjustments to the rate base and operating statements. We have considered the proposed rates, the amount of the additional revenues sought thereunder and the supporting data which has been submitted. We find that it is reasonable and necessary to require further amplification, explanation and cross-examination of the data filed by the utility, as well as additional and/or

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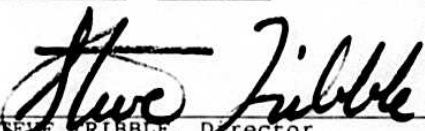
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corroborative data, and to schedule public hearings, if necessary, for these purposes. In consideration of the above, we hereby suspend the utility's proposed rates.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed rates filed by Ocala Oaks Utilities, Inc. be and the same are hereby suspended.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1989.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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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 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) 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 sewer utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 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.