

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of POINCIANA	)	DOCKET NO. 881503-WS
UTILITIES, INC. for a rate increase	)	ORDER NO. 21235
in Osceola County.	)	ISSUED: 5-15-89
	)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

On February 22, 1989, Poinciana Utilities, Inc., (Poinciana or the utility) filed an application for increased water and sewer rates in Osceola County. The information met the minimum filing requirements for a general rate increase. Accordingly, the official filing date was established as February 22, 1989. Upon the Commission's own motion, this matter is currently set for an administrative hearing on July 20 and 21, 1989, at a time and location to be determined.

The scope of this proceeding shall be based upon the issues raised by the parties and Commission Staff during the prehearing conference, unless modified by the Commission. The hearing will be conducted according to the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and the rules and regulations of this Commission.

Discovery

When interrogatories or requests for production are served on a party and the respondent intends to object to or ask for clarification of an interrogatory or request for production, the objection or request for clarification shall be made within ten (10) days of service of the interrogatory or request for production. This procedure is intended to reduce delay time in discovery.

Notice and Public Information

Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order, the Applicant shall have timely complied with the provisions of Rule 25-22.0406(2), (3)(a) and (4), Florida Administrative Code.

In addition, within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order, the Applicant shall have sent an informational notice approved by the Commission or its Staff to the Applicant's customers containing the information identified in Rule 25-22.0406(5)(a),(b),(c), and (d), Florida Administrative Code. Such notice shall also include a statement that any customer comments concerning the Applicant's service and requested rate increases should be addressed to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, and that such comments should identify the docket number assigned to this proceeding.

Further, the Applicant shall give written notice to its customers of the specific date, time, location, and purpose of the formal hearing to be held for this docket. Such hearing notice shall be given in such a manner so as to ensure that its customers receive it no less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the first day of the hearing. First-class mail shall be employed for notices sent to customers with out-of-town mailing addresses.

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#### Preliminary List of Issues

On or before May 24, 1989, each party shall file a preliminary list of issues that it believes require resolution in this case. Commission Staff may also file its own preliminary list of issues on that date. The original and eight copies of each such list of issues shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0863. A copy of each list of issues shall also be mailed to all other parties no later than its filing with the Commission.

#### First Preliminary Conference

The first informal preliminary conference shall be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 25, 1989, in Suite 219, the Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street in Tallahassee. All parties and Commission Staff shall attend. The purpose of the conference shall be to identify the issues believed to require resolution in this docket.

#### Informal Preliminary Prehearing Conference

An informal conference of the parties' attorneys or other representatives and Commission Staff shall be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 1989, in Suite 219, the Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, in Tallahassee. The purpose of the conference shall be to define the questions of fact, law and policy considered by the parties and Commission Staff to be at issue in this case.

#### Prehearing Statement

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(3), Florida Administrative Code, a prehearing statement shall be required of all parties in this docket on or before June 19, 1989. Commission Staff may also file a prehearing statement on that date. Failure of a party to timely file a prehearing statement shall be a waiver of any issue not raised by other parties or by the Commission. In addition, such failure shall preclude the party from presenting testimony in support of its position. Such prehearing statements shall set forth the following information in the sequence listed below.

- (a) the name and address of all known witnesses that may be called by the party, and the subject matter of their testimony;
- (b) a description of all known exhibits that may be sponsored by the party, their contents, whether they may be identified on a composite basis, and the witness sponsoring each;
- (c) a statement of basic position in the proceeding;
- (d) a statement of each question of fact the party considers at issue, the party's position on each such issue, and which of the party's witnesses will address the issue;

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- (e) a statement of each question of law the party considers at issue and the party's position on each such issue;
- (f) a statement of each policy question the party considers at issue, the party's position on each such issue, and which of the party's witnesses will address the issue;
- (g) a statement of issues that have been stipulated to by the parties;
- (h) a statement of all pending motions or other matters the party seeks action upon; and
- (i) a statement as to any requirement set forth in this order that cannot be complied with, and the reasons therefor.

The original and 8 copies of each prehearing statement shall be filed with the Division of Records and Reporting on or before the close of business on June 19, 1989. A copy of the prehearing statement shall also be mailed to all other parties no later than its filing with the Commission.

#### Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits

In accordance with Rule 25-22.048, Florida Administrative Code, each party shall be required to prefile all written testimony that it intends to sponsor. Commission Staff may file prefiled testimony in this case. Written testimony shall be typed on standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch transcript quality paper, double-spaced, with 25 numbered lines, on consecutively numbered pages, each with a sufficient left margin to allow for binding.

A copy of any prefiled exhibit sponsored by a witness shall be attached to his or her testimony and marked for identification. All other known exhibits shall be marked for identification at the prehearing conference. After an opportunity for opposing parties to object to introduction of the exhibits and to cross-examine the witness sponsoring them, exhibits may be offered into evidence at the hearing. Exhibits accepted into evidence at the hearing will be numbered sequentially.

The original and 8 copies of all prefiled direct testimony and exhibits shall be filed with the Division of Records and Reporting on or before the close of business on the following dates:

Applicant	May 12, 1989
Intervenors (if any)	June 8, 1989
Commission Staff (if testifying)	June 15, 1989

The original and 8 copies of all prefiled rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits shall be filed with the Division of Records and Reporting on or before the close of business on June 22, 1989.

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A copy of all prefiled testimony and exhibits shall also be mailed to all other parties no later than their filing with the Commission.

#### Parties and Commission Staff

Unless advised in writing of a change in the name or address of the parties' representatives, copies of lists of issues, prehearing statements, prefiled testimony and exhibits shall be furnished to Suzanne F. Summerlin, Florida Public Service Commission, Division of Legal Services, Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0863, and B. Kenneth Gatlin, Gatlin, Woods, Carlson & Cowdery, 1709-D Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, and J. Roger Howe, Office of Public Counsel, c/o Florida House of Representatives, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300.

#### Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on June 26, 1989. The conditions of Rule 25-22.038 (5)(b), Florida Administrative Code, shall be observed. Any party who fails to attend the prehearing conference, unless excused by the prehearing officer, will have waived all issues and positions raised in that party's prehearing statement.

#### Prehearing Procedure: Waiver of Issues

Any issue not raised by a party prior to the issuance of the prehearing order shall be waived by that party, except for good cause shown. A party seeking to raise a new issue after the issuance of the prehearing order shall demonstrate that: it was unable to identify the issue because of the complexity of the matter; discovery or other prehearing procedures were not adequate to fully develop the issue; due diligence was exercised to obtain facts touching on the issue; information obtained subsequent to the issuance of the prehearing order was not previously available to enable the party to identify the issue; and introduction of the issue could not be to the prejudice or surprise of any party. Specific reference shall be made to the information received, and how it enabled the party to identify the issue.

Unless a matter is not at issue for that party, each party shall diligently endeavor in good faith to take a position on each issue prior to issuance of the prehearing order. When a party is unable to take a position on an issue, it shall bring that fact to the attention of the prehearing officer. If the prehearing officer finds that the party has acted diligently and in good faith to take a position, and further finds that the party's failure to take a position will not prejudice other parties or confuse the proceeding, the party may maintain "no position at this time" prior to hearing and thereafter identify its position in a post-hearing statement of issues. In the absence of such a finding by the prehearing officer, the party shall have waived the entire issue. When an issue and position have been properly identified, any party may adopt that issue and position in its post-hearing statement.

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Controlling Dates

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case.

1) Each party shall file its preliminary list of issues on or before May 24, 1989.

2) The first informal preliminary conference shall be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 25, 1989, in Suite 219, Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, in Tallahassee.

3) An informal pre-prehearing conference shall be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 1989, in Suite 219, Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, in Tallahassee.

4) Each party shall file its prehearing statement on or before June 19, 1989.

5) Each party shall file its prefiled direct testimony and exhibits on or before the following dates:

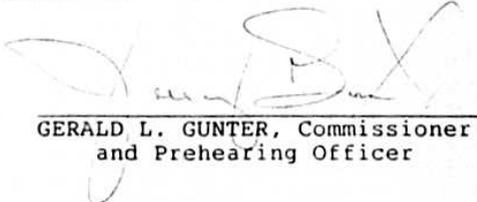
Applicant - May 12, 1989  
Intervenors - June 8, 1989  
Commission Staff - June 15, 1989

6) Rebuttal testimony, if any, and associated exhibits shall be filed on or before June 22, 1989.

7) The prehearing conference shall be held in Tallahassee on June 26, 1989, at a time and location to be determined.

8) The formal hearing shall be held on July 20 and 21, 1989, at a time and location to be determined.

By ORDER of Commissioner Gerald L. Gunter, as Prehearing Officer, this 15th day of MAY, 1989.

  
GERALD L. GUNTER, Commissioner  
and Prehearing Officer

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