

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Citizens Petition to Initiate)	DOCKET NO. 891309-WS
Rulemaking Proceedings or Alternatively)	ORDER NO. 22361
to Issue an Order Initiating)	ISSUED: 1/2/90
Investigation.)	
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER DENYING
PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING AND INITIATING INVESTIGATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 17, 1989, the Citizens of the State of Florida through their representative, Public Counsel, Jack Shreve, filed a petition with the Commission to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend Rule 25-30.040(3)(o), Florida Administrative Code. That rule deals with the recognition of acquisition adjustments for ratemaking purposes in proceedings involving water and sewer utilities. In the alternative, Public Counsel asked in its petition that the Commission initiate a proceeding to examine its policy on acquisition adjustments and determine if any modifications to that policy are warranted.

Having reviewed Public Counsel's petition and the proposed rule submitted with it, we find that it would be premature to proceed with rulemaking at this time. Instead, we will grant Public Counsel's alternative request and open an investigation of our acquisition adjustment policy. This process will allow participation of affected parties and will provide the kind of comprehensive review necessary before embarking on policy changes, if any, which may be needed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition to Initiate Rulemaking of the Citizens of the State of Florida is hereby denied. It is further

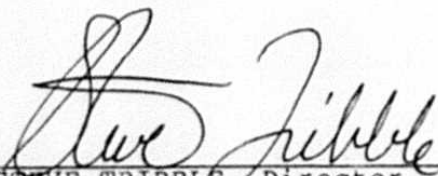
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ORDERED that the Citizens' alternative request to initiate an investigation into the Commission's policy on acquisition adjustments for water and wastewater utilities is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending the outcome of the Commission's investigation of its acquisition adjustment policy and any future proceedings which may be appropriate.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 2nd
day of JANUARY, 1990.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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