

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Application of Southern States Utilities, Inc. for amendment of Certificate No. 106-W in Lake County, Florida. | ) | DOCKET NO. 900702-WU |
|                                                                                                                       | ) | ORDER NO. 24230      |
|                                                                                                                       | ) | ISSUED: 3-12-91      |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 J. TERRY DEASON  
 GERALD L. GUNTER  
 MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER GRANTING AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE  
 AND APPROVING RATES AND CHARGES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On August 17, 1990, Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSUI) filed an application with this Commission to amend Certificate No. 106-W in Lake County to include additional territory in Phase II of the Grand Terrace Development (Grand Terrace or utility). Grand Terrace is a small development providing water service to nineteen homes in Lake County. The utility will serve 46 homes at buildout in Phase I. Phase II will consist of approximately 60 homes at buildout. Customers in Phase II will receive water from the existing system in Phase I.

The utility was constructed in 1989 and sold to SSUI on May 19, 1989. SSUI purchased the system upon its completion but prior to any customers connecting to the system. The transfer of Grand Terrace (Phase I) is being handled in Docket No. 891320-WU. Order No. 23656, issued on October 23, 1990, approved the transfer. That portion of the Order establishing rate base and setting rates and charges, issued as proposed agency action, was protested. The objection has been withdrawn.

Application

The application is in compliance with Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for amendment. In particular, the notarized application contains:

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1. A filing fee in the amount of 150.00, as prescribed by Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code.
2. Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description, as prescribed by Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. The description of the territory is shown on Attachment A of this Order.
3. Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which its facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.035 (3)(f), Florida Administrative Code.
4. Proof of notice to all interested governmental and regulatory agencies and utilities within a four-mile radius of the territory, and proof of advertisement in a newspaper or general circulation in Lake County, as prescribed by Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code.

No objections to the application have been received and the time for filing such has expired.

The prior owner of the Grand Terrace system, Val Coursey Homes, Inc., is not interested in operating a utility. SSUI owns or operates approximately 140 water and sewer systems in 24 counties in the State of Florida. SSUI has the expertise and financial ability to provide Grand Terrace customers with quality service. Further, according to the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER), the Grand Terrace system has no current operating problems.

Therefore, we find that the amendment of Certificate No. 106-W to include the territory shown on Attachment A of this Order is in the public interest and it is approved. SSUI is directed to return Certificate No. 106-W to this Commission within 30 days of the date of this Order for entry reflecting the additional territory.

#### Rates and Charges

SSUI has requested to implement the rates and charges proposed in Docket No. 891320-WU in the additional territory. As stated previously, that portion of Order No. 23656, Docket No. 891320-WU, issued as proposed agency action was protested. The objection has been withdrawn. Order No. 24199, issued on March 5, 1991, revived Order No. 23656 and made it final and effective. That Order also reaffirmed approval of the following rates and charges, which SSUI

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has been charging the customers of Grand Terrace since the purchase of the system from Val Coursey Homes, Inc. on May 19, 1989.

WATER

Residential and General Service

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Base Facility Charge                   | \$ 8.62 |
| Gallonge Charge (Per<br>1,000 Gallons) | 1.18    |

Meter Installation Fee

Meter Size

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| 5/8 x 3/4"   | \$ 75.00    |
| Full 3/4"    | 85.00       |
| 1"           | 100.00      |
| 1-1/2"       | 175.00      |
| 2" or larger | Actual Cost |

Service Line Fees

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Short Service Line | \$150.00 |
| Long Service Line  | 175.00   |
| Long Service Line  | 200.00   |

Miscellaneous Service Charges

| <u>Description</u>                         | <u>Charge during<br/>Regular Hours</u> | <u>Charge after<br/>Regular Hours</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Initial Connection                         | \$ 10.00                               | \$ 15.00                              |
| Normal Reconnection                        | 10.00                                  | 15.00                                 |
| Violation Reconnection                     | 10.00                                  | 15.00                                 |
| Premises Visit in<br>Lieu of Disconnection | 5.00                                   | N/A                                   |
| Customer Deposit                           | \$ 40.00                               |                                       |

SSUI shall continue to charge these rates and charges until authorized to change by the Commission. SSUI is directed to file tariff sheets reflecting the additional territory and the rates and charges approved herein within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. The rates and charges set forth herein shall be

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effective for meter readings or connections on or after 30 days from the stamped approval date of the tariff sheets.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that application of Southern States Utilities, Inc., 1000 Color Place, Apopka, Florida 32703, to amend Certificate No. 106-W to include the territory described in Attachment A of this Order is hereby approved. Southern States Utilities, Inc. is directed to return Certificate 106-W to this Commission within 30 days of the date of this Order for appropriate entry. It is further

ORDERED that Southern States Utilities, Inc. shall charge the customers in the additional territory the rates and charges set forth in the body of this Order. These rates shall be effective for meter readings on or after 30 days from the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The service availability charges shall be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The miscellaneous service charges shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that Southern States Utilities, Inc. shall file tariff sheets reflecting the approved rates, charges and territory within 30 days of the date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 900702-WU is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of MARCH, 1991.

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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Deegan  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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 sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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ATTACHMENT A

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

TERRITORY DESCRIPTION

The following described lands located in portions of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, in Lake County, Florida.

The East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; and the West 396 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, in Lake County, Florida.