

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request to change billing)	DOCKET NO. 910151-SU
cycle from monthly to bi-monthly in)	
Pinellas County by SEAGULL UTILITY)	ORDER NO. 24407
COMPANY)	
_____)	ISSUED: 422/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF
 BILLING CYCLE IN TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Seagull Utility Company (Seagull) is a Class B wastewater utility located in Pinellas County, Florida. The utility serves approximately 551 residential and 49 commercial customers.

By letter dated February 1, 1991, the utility filed a request to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly. Seagull has negotiated an agreement with Pinellas County Utilities (county) for the county to provide wastewater billing service for Seagull's wastewater customers. Under the agreement, the county would provide billing services to Seagull's customers in conjunction with the county's water bills. The county water bills are issued on a bi-monthly basis. Seagull believes that the advantages of having the county provide the billing service on the bi-monthly frequency include customer convenience and better management over discontinuances of service.

Rule 25-30.335(1), Florida Administrative Code, provides that billing be done at regular intervals, but does not specify the intervals. In the instant case, the customers will be billed once every two months making the billing cycle bi-monthly. Each bi-monthly bill will reflect two monthly charges. However, there would be no change in Seagull's present monthly base facility charges.

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In consideration of the above, we find that Seagull's request to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly billing is reasonable and is therefore approved. Seagull's tariff will become effective upon staff's approval. This tariff is interim in nature and will become final unless a substantially affected person files a petition for a formal proceeding within twenty-one (21) days of the date of issuance of this Order.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request by Seagull Utility Company for a change in its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the proposed billing cycle tariff shall be effective upon staff's approval. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff is interim in nature and shall become final unless a substantially affected person files a petition for a formal proceeding within twenty-one (21) days of the date of issuance of the order. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is timely filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 22nd
day of APRIL, 1991.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
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.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on May 13, 1991.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by 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 of the date this Order becomes final, 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.