

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for) DOCKET NO. 930075-SU
Certificate to Provide) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0621-FOF-SU
Wastewater Service in St. Lucie) ISSUED: April 21, 1993
County Under Grandfather Rights)
by SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES,)
INC.)
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
THOMAS M. BEARD
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE
AND ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 15, 1993, Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSUI) filed an application with this Commission for a certificate to provide wastewater service under grandfather rights pursuant to Section 367.171, Florida Statutes.

SSUI is a class A utility which provides water and wastewater services to a number of counties in Florida. The system involved in this application is the Tropical Isles wastewater collection and system and the Tropical Isles wastewater treatment and disposal system. Tropical Isles' service territory is located between Ft. Pierce and Port St. Lucie in St. Lucie County. SSUI operates no other systems in St. Lucie County. Wastewater service is provided to approximately 190 residential connections. Water service is provided by the Ft. Pierce Utility Authority. SSUI has operated the Tropical Isles system since 1988.

Effective October 1, 1992, the St. Lucie County Commissioners transferred jurisdiction over privately-owned water and wastewater utilities in St. Lucie County to this Commission. The utility's grandfather application was filed in response to St. Lucie County's resolution which transferred jurisdiction to this Commission.

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APPLICATION

SSUI's application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.171, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning applications for grandfather certificates for an existing utility currently charging for service. The application contains a check in the amount of \$150, which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided a copy of a recorded warranty deed as evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.035(6), Florida Administrative Code.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.035(9)(10), and (11), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested is appended to this Order as Attachment A. We contacted the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) and found that there are no outstanding notices of violation against the utility.

Based on the above information, we find that it is in the public interest to grant Southern States Utilities, Inc. Certificate No. 482-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A of this Order.

RATES AND CHARGES

The wastewater rates and charges currently being charged by SSUI are as follows:

Rate: \$25.18 flat rate bi-monthly

Customer Deposit: \$25

These rates and charges were established and approved by the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer Authority on April 12, 1990.

SSUI in its tariff has consolidated service availability charges, allowance for funds prudently invested (AFPI), miscellaneous service charges and customer deposits. The system is currently built-out, and therefore, and no service availability charges or AFPI will be charged the Tropical Isles system. Miscellaneous service charges will comply with staff advisory

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bulletin No. 13 and the returned check charge will comply with staff advisory bulletin No. 7.

We find these rates to be reasonable, and they are hereby approved. SSUI shall continue to charge these rates and charges until authorized to change by this Commission. SSUI has filed a tariff which reflects the above rates and charges. The tariff shall be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

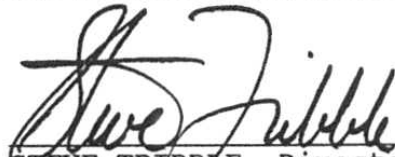
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern States Utilities, Inc., 1000 Color Place, Apopka, Florida, 32703, is hereby granted Certificate No. 482-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A of this Order, which by reference is incorporated herein. It is further

ORDERED that Southern States Utilities, Inc. shall charge the rates and charges approved in the body of this Order until authorized to change by this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff filed by Southern States Utilities, Inc., shall be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 21st day of April, 1993.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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 Civil 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.

Tropical Isles System

TERRITORY DESCRIPTION

The following described lands located in portions of Section 10, Township 36-South, Range 40-East, St. Lucie County, Florida:

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