

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for adjustment) DOCKET NO. 950486-WU
in meter installation and tap-in) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0848-FOF-WU
charges in Highlands County by) ISSUED: July 17, 1995
Placid Lake Utilities, Inc.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF CHANGE TO
METER INSTALLATION / TAP-IN CHARGE

BY THE COMMISSION:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Placid Lakes or utility) is a Class C utility which provides water service in Highlands County and serves approximately 1,191 water customers. The utility is 100% owned by Lake Placid Holding Company, which is the primary developer of Placid Lake subdivision. The annual report for 1994 shows that the consolidated annual operating revenue for the system is \$155,774 and the net operating loss is \$78,200.

On April 25, 1995, Placid Lakes submitted this tariff filing requesting an increase in its meter installation / tap-in charge. However, the utility's application was deficient in the noticing requirements established by Rule 25-22.0408, Florida Administrative Code. These deficiencies were corrected on June 6, 1995, thereby making the sixty-day suspension date for the proposed tariff sheets August 5, 1995. This Order reflects our June 27, 1995, vote on Placid Lakes' tariff; thus, we have acted within the sixty-day time frame prescribed in Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes, an application to establish, increase or charge a rate or charge other than the monthly rates for service pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, or service availability charges pursuant to Section 367.101, Florida Statutes, must be accompanied by a cost justification. Placid Lakes requested an increase in their meter installation / tap-in charge from \$175 to \$330. Order No. 16238, issued June 16, 1986, approved the existing charge of \$175.

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The utility submitted actual invoices of its meter installation / tap-in costs. We reviewed the invoices and concluded the costs are just and reasonable. The utility provided notice in accordance with Rule 25-22.0408, Florida Administrative Code. Therefore, we find it appropriate to approve Placid Lakes' request to increase their meter installation / tap-in charge from \$175 to \$330. The new charge contained in the revised tariff sheets shall become effective for new connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the revised tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code. In the event that a timely protest is filed, the tariffs shall remain in effect with any increases held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, then this docket shall be closed upon expiration of the protest period.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

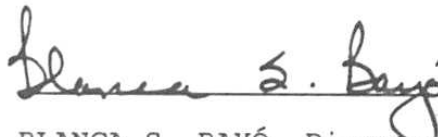
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed revised tariff sheets submitted by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the new charge contained in the revised tariff sheets shall become effective for new connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the revised tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that in the event that a timely protest is filed, the tariffs shall remain in effect, with any increases held subject to refund pending the resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that in the event no timely protest is filed, then this docket shall be closed upon expiration of the protest period.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of July, 1995.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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.

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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on August 7, 1995.

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 wastewater 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.