

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for rate) DOCKET NO. 950495-WS
increase and increase in service) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0824-PCO-WS
availability charges by Southern) ISSUED: June 26, 1996
States Utilities, Inc. for)
Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc.)
in Osceola County, and in)
Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte,)
Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval,)
Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion,)
Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola,)
Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St.)
Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and)
Washington Counties.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR MODIFICATION
OF FIFTY WORD LIMIT FOR SUMMARIES OF
POSITIONS IN POST-HEARING BRIEFS

On June 10, 1996, Southern States Utilities, Inc., (SSU or utility) filed a motion to modify the 50 word limit imposed upon the summary of each position in its post-hearing brief, pursuant to Rule 25-22.056(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code.

SSU states that Rule 25-22.056(3)(a) permits a modification of the 50 word limit for good cause shown. In support of its request, SSU contends that the voluminous record and the 150 page limit on post-hearing briefs necessitates the expansion of the summaries of positions in order to address numerous points. No response to SSU's motion was filed.

SSU has not requested a particular word limit in its filing. Instead, SSU's motion was filed on the same date as its Post-Hearing Brief, which contains several position statements which exceed 50 words. Upon review of SSU's motion and its post-hearing brief, and in consideration of the size of the record and complexity of issues, SSU's request is reasonable. Therefore, SSU's Motion for Modification of Fifty Word Limit for Summaries of Positions in Post-hearing Briefs is hereby granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Diane K. Kiesling, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Modification of Fifty Word Limit for Summaries of Positions in Post-hearing Briefs filed by Southern States Utilities, Inc., is granted.

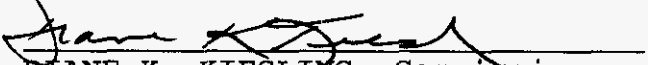
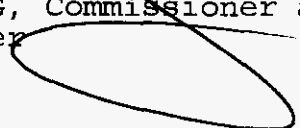
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By ORDER of Commissioner Diane K. Kiesling, as Prehearing Officer, this 26th day of June, 1996.


DIANE K. KIESLING, Commissioner and
Prehearing Officer 

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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 this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.