

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for revised tariff sheets, new service availability policy, and new refundable advance agreement, by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 060397-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-06-0590-PCO-WU
ISSUED: July 7, 2006

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LISA POLAK EDGAR, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
ISILIO ARRIAGA
MATTHEW M. CARTER II
KATRINA J. TEW

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Placid Lakes or utility) is a Class B water-only utility in Highlands County. The system serves approximately 1,815 water customers. The utility's service area is located in a water use caution area in the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Placid Lakes is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lake Placid Holding Company (LPHC), the primary developer of the Placid Lakes subdivision. In its annual report, the utility reported net operating revenues of \$542,545 and a net operating income of \$63,048.

By letter dated May 2, 2006, Placid Lakes filed an application for revised tariff sheets, a new Service Availability Policy, and a new Refundable Advance Agreement. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.081 and 367.091, Florida Statutes.

Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, provides that this Commission "may withhold consent to the operation of any or all portions of the new rate schedules, by vote to that effect within 60 days giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding its consent. The Commission shall render its final decision on the application within 8 months after the official day of filing."

We have reviewed the tariff filing and the information filed in support of the tariff changes. Upon consideration, we find it reasonable and necessary to require further investigation of this information. Therefore, we suspend the utility's proposed new rate schedules pending further investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.'s proposed revised tariff sheets are suspended pending further investigation. It is further

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ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of July, 2006.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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 120.569(1), 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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 25-22.0376, 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 wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 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.