

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of amendment to
tariff for miscellaneous service charges by
Marion Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 150092-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-15-0209-PCO-WS
ISSUED: May 27, 2015

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
RONALD A. BRISÉ
JULIE I. BROWN
JIMMY PATRONIS

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

Marion Utilities, Inc. (Marion or Utility) is a Class A utility, which provides service in Marion County to approximately 6,158 water and 136 wastewater customers. The Utility's 2013 annual report shows a combined water and wastewater annual operating revenue of \$1,540,976, and a total utility operating income of \$145,619. On March 23, 2015, the Utility filed an application for changes and additions to Tariff Sheet Nos. 13.0 and 15.1. These changes include increasing its miscellaneous service charges and initial customer deposit, adding a meter tampering charge, and adding a convenience charge for the processing of credit and debit card payments. This order addresses the suspension of Marion's proposed tariff sheets. This Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

Pursuant to Section 367.091(6), F.S., we may withhold consent to operation of any or all portions of new rate schedules by a vote to that effect within 60 days, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding its consent. We find it appropriate to suspend the tariff to allow sufficient time for Commission staff to review the application and gather pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the proposed tariffs. We find that this reason is a good cause consistent with the requirements of Section 367.091(6), F.S. Based on the above, we hereby suspend Marion's proposed Tariff Sheet Nos. 13.0 and 15.1.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Marion Utilities, Inc.'s proposed Tariff Sheet Nos. 13.0 and 15.1 are suspended. It is further

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ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our final action on the Marion Utilities, Inc.'s requested approval of amendment to Tariff Sheet Nos. 13.0 and 15.1.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 27th day of May, 2015.



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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 Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, 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.