

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Limited proceeding for) DOCKET NO. 890049-SU
 decreased rates for HUDSON UTILITIES,) ORDER NO. 20728
 INC. in Pasco County.) ISSUED: 2-13-89

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL MCK. WILSON, CHAIRMAN
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER DECREASING SEWER RATES FOR HUDSON UTILITIES, INC.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Hudson Utilities, Inc. (Hudson) provides sewage treatment services to its customers in Pasco County, Florida. Since Hudson has no treatment facilities, the actual treatment of the effluent is accomplished by Pasco County and Hudson is billed for this service on a bulk rate basis.

On July 6, 1988, Pasco County's Board of County Commissioners signed a resolution whereby its sewage treatment rates to its bulk customers were increased from \$2.00 to \$3.79 per thousand gallons effective October 12, 1988. Based on this anticipated bulk rate increase, Hudson filed with this Commission a request for a combined 1988 price index and purchased sewage treatment pass-through rate adjustment pursuant to Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 367.081, Florida Statutes. By Order No. 19980, Hudson's request was acknowledged, with the new rates becoming effective on October 12, 1988, the same date Pasco County's new bulk rate became effective.

On December 2, 1988 Pasco County notified Hudson by letter that its Board of County Commissioners had approved a rate reduction for the County's bulk rate customers from \$3.79 to \$3.17 per thousand gallons effective November 29, 1988. Upon receipt of notification of this reduction in bulk rates by the County, Hudson verbally contacted our Staff and inquired as to whether Hudson, in fairness to its customers, should also reduce its rates. We find that a reduction in Hudson's sewer rates is appropriate, and that the following new rates should be approved. The old and new rates are shown for comparison purposes.

MONTHLY SEWER RATESRESIDENTIAL

	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
All customers (flat rate)	\$ 29.02	\$ 25.78

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	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charges</u>		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.40
3/4"	6.60	6.60
1"	11.00	11.00
1 1/2"	22.00	22.00
2"	35.20	35.20
3"	70.39	70.39
4"	109.99	109.99
6"	219.99	219.99
8"	352.08	352.08
10"	505.97	505.97
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.44

We find that the revised tariff sheets filed by the utility accurately reflect the above reduced rates and are approved. The new rates will be effective for all service rendered on or after February 1, 1989.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the adjusted sewer rates for Hudson Utilities, Inc. contained in the body of this Order are hereby approved, and shall be effective for all service rendered on or after February 1, 1989. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1989.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Hlyan
Chief, Bureau of Records