

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of ST. AUGUSTINE )	DOCKET NO. 870980-WS
SHORES UTILITY COMPANY, A DIVISION OF )	
UNITED FLORIDA UTILITIES CORPORATION, )	ORDER NO. 21430
for increased rates in St. Johns County )	ISSUED: 6-23-89

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD  
GERALD L. GUNTER

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTIONORDER ON EFFLUENT DISPOSAL MEANS AND COSTS

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for formal proceeding pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

By Order No. 20017, issued in this docket on September 16, 1988, we established water and sewer rates for St. Augustine Shores (utility). Also by Order No. 20017, we required the utility to perform a study to determine the most cost effective method of effluent disposal. This docket was kept open pending the utility's completion of this study.

On March 17, 1989, the utility timely filed a cost analysis with the Commission. According to this study, the utility has three options available for effluent disposal: land application other than on the golf course; deep well injection, and; spray irrigation on the golf course. According to the study, using land other than the golf course would cost approximately \$980,080 to \$1,130,000, deep well injection would cost at least \$1,600,000 and the cost to spray irrigate the golf course would be approximately \$205,000. The utility concluded and we agree that spray irrigation on the golf course is the best available means of effluent disposal.

Based upon the discussion above, we believe that it is appropriate to require the utility to begin disposing of its effluent by spray irrigating the golf course. In Order No. 20017, we approved a metered rate of 14¢ per 1,000 gallons to be charged the golf course for treated effluent for use as spray irrigation. However, since the golf course is not presently metered for service, we also developed a flat monthly rate of \$469 to be charged pending the installation of metering equipment. The Order also provided that the utility's installation of metering equipment should be held in abeyance pending receipt and review of the utility's cost analysis to determine if disposal of effluent on the golf course is the most economical means of disposal. Since we have concluded that spray irrigation of the golf course is the most economical method of effluent disposal, we believe that it is appropriate

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to require the utility to install metering equipment within 90 days of the effective date of this Order. Until it has completed its installation of the metering equipment, the utility shall charge the approved monthly flat rate. Upon its completion of the installation of the metering equipment, the utility shall begin charging the approved metered rate. Further, the utility shall also file tariff pages, revised in conformance with the provisions of this Order, within 90 days of the effective date of this Order.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that this Order is issued as proposed agency action and will become final unless an appropriate petition is filed with the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on July 14, 1989. It is further

ORDERED that St. Augustine Shores shall begin disposing of its effluent via spray irrigation of the golf course, as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that St. Augustine Shores shall charge the golf course the previously approved flat rate of \$469 per month for spray irrigation, pending its installation of metering equipment. It is further

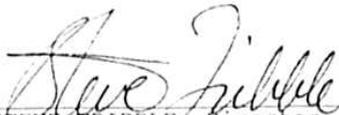
ORDERED that St. Augustine Shores shall install metering equipment to measure effluent provided to the golf course within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that St. Augustine Shores shall, immediately upon its completion of the installation of metering equipment, begin charging the golf course the previously approved metered rate of 14¢ per 1,000 gallons. It is further

ORDERED that, in the event this Order becomes final and effective, St Augustine Shores shall file tariff pages, revised in conformance with the provisions of this Order, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that, after July 14, 1989, this Commission shall issue either a notice of further proceedings, or an order indicating that the provisions of this Order have become final and effective and closing this docket.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
this 23rd day of JUNE, 1989.

  
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STEVE TRIBBLE, 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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on July 14, 1989. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective July 15, 1989 as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code, and as reflected in a subsequent order.

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 and effective on July 15, 1989, 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 sewer 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 effective date of this order, 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.