

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval to)	DOCKET NO. 900225-EI
increase Returned Check Charge)	ORDER NO. 22955
by FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION.)	ISSUED: 5-18-90
_____)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

During the 1989 Legislative Session the Florida Legislature amended Section 68.065, Florida Statutes to allow a maximum service charge of \$15 for each dishonored check. Previously utilities were allowed to collect the maximum of \$10. On March 9, 1990, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) filed with this Commission a request to be allowed to increase its charge for returned checks to \$15. FPC states in its request that the overall revenue impact is indeterminable. They state that there are off-setting factors which make it impossible to determine at this time the absolute revenue impact. In 1989, FPC received 19,363 returned checks, most of which would have been subject to the increased charge. Presumably this would generate additional revenues of \$96,815, assuming the 50 percent increase in the service charge did not deter the number of returned checks.

We have reviewed the filing and find that the revenue impact of a 50 percent increase in the returned check charge is likely to be negligible for FPC. We hereby approve the increase requested by FPC, and for convenience authorize our Staff to administratively approve such proposals from other investor-owned utilities.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Florida Power Corporation's request to increase its Returned Check Charge from \$10 to \$15 is hereby granted. It is further

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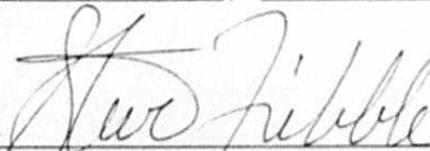
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ORDERED that our Staff is hereby authorized to grant administratively requests from an investor-owned utility to increase the Returned Check Charge consistent with this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket be closed should no Motion for Reconsideration or Notice of Appeal be timely filed.

By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission
this 18th day of MAY, 1990.



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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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 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

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filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance 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.