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April 22, 1991

Homasassa Utilities, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Bryant Hall
6608 Walton Way
Tampa, Florida 33610-5517

Re: Docket No. 900966-WS - Application of The Woods, a
division of Homasassa Utilities, Inc. for a
staff-assisted rate case in Sumter County

Dear Mr. Hall:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May, 22, 1991. The location of the meeting will be the Bushnell Community Center, 407 East Belt Avenue, Bushnell Florida. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

ACK _____
AFA _____
APP _____
CAF _____ The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note
CMU _____ that the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date
CTR _____ that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers must have
EAG _____ at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the
LEG _____ day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of
LIN _____ the notice, as reproduced at the time it is distributed to your
OPC _____ customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact
RCH _____ date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to
SEC / _____ the customers.

Two copies of the engineering report dated March 22, 1991 and the accounting report dated April 16, 1991 are enclosed. Please ensure that a copy of the complete Application for Staff Assistance
WAS _____
OTH _____

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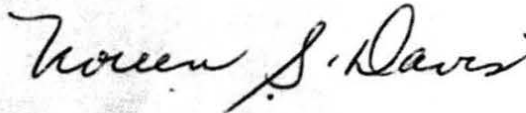
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and the reports are available for review by all interested persons at the Bushnell City Hall. Please see Susan at City Hall and give her the reports and application. She will post them at the entrance to the City Hall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,



Noreen S. Davis, Chief
Bureau of Water and Sewer

NSD/sc

Enclosures

cc: Commissioners
Office of Public Counsel
Division of Consumer Affairs
Division of Records and Reporting ✓
Division of Water and Sewer (Reiger, Shafer)
Hearing Reporter (Carol Causseaux)
Public Information (Mary Symon)
Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis (Hartsfield)

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF

THE WOODS, A DIVISION OF HOMASASSA UTILITIES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 900966-WS

APPLICATION OF THE WOODS, A DIVISION OF
HOMASASSA UTILITIES, INC.
FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN
LEE COUNTY

DATED: _____

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of The Woods, a division of Homasassa Utilities, Inc. for a staff-assisted rate case in Sumter County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 1991
Bushnell Community Center
407 E. Belt Avenue
Bushnell, Florida

All persons who wish to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer sworn testimony regarding the quality of service the utility provides and to ask questions and comment on Staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Staff may do so at the meeting, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice.

BACKGROUND

The Woods, a division of Homasassa Utilities, Inc., is a Class C utility. It provides service to approximately 60 customers. The utility recorded test year revenues of \$6,973 and \$6,038 for water and wastewater, respectively. Its recorded operating expenses are \$14,225 and \$12,205 for water and wastewater, respectively, resulting in a net operating loss of \$7,252, and \$6,167 for water and wastewater, respectively.

The test period for setting rates in the historical average twelve month period ended December 31, 1990.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners. The Utility's current and Staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

MONTHLY RATES - WATER
Residential and General Service

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Minimum Gallons</u>	<u>Current Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Staff's Rates*</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	5,000	\$ 8.40	\$ 13.11
3/4"	N/A	N/A	19.67
1"	12,500	21.00	32.78
1 1/2"	25,000	42.00	65.55
2"	40,000	67.20	104.88
3"	80,000	134.40	209.76
4"	125,000	210.00	327.75
6"	250,000	420.00	655.50
8"	N/A	N/A	1,048.80

Consumption Charge

Per 1,000 Gallons \$ 0.84 \$ 2.68
over minimum gallons

*Preliminary Base Facility Charge contains no consumption

MONTHLY RATES - WASTEWATER
Residential and General Service

<u>CURRENT RATES:</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>General Service</u>
Flat Rate	\$ 8.37	\$ 16.29 per ERC
Customer Charge	<u>1.68</u>	
Minimum Charge	10.05	16.29 per ERC

STAFF'S RATES:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Facility Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 12.46
3/4"	18.69
1"	31.15
1 1/2"	62.30
2"	99.68
3"	199.36
4"	311.50
6"	623.00
8"	996.80

Consumption Charge
Per 1,000 Gallons

Residential	\$ 2.42 *
General Service	2.90

* Maximum of 10,000 gallons per month.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The utility's tariff contains service availability charges for new connections. Staff recommends no change at this time. A final determination regarding any change will be presented in Staff's recommendation to the Commission which will be filed on July 3, 1991.

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of Staff's preliminary investigation are contained in an accounting report dated April 16, 1991, and an engineering report dated March 22, 1991. Copies of the reports may be examined

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by interested members of the public at the Bushnell City Hall. They will be posted on the glass at the entrance to the City Hall.

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the meeting, Staff will prepare and submit a recommendation to the Commission. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action order containing rates which may be different from those contained in Staff's final recommendation. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order may so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers and interested persons. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so by writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
101 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 900966-WS Application of The Woods, a division of Homasassa Utilities, Inc., for staff-assisted rate case in Sumter County."

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.