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**DOCKET NO. 920199-WS
1992 FPSC RATE CASE**

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TITLE

**PROJECTIONS OF RATE CASE EXPENSE TO
COMPLETE CASE**

WITNESS

FORREST LUDSEN

Case Nos. 1D98-0713 and 1D98-0727

Florida Water Services Corporation vs. Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC");
Sugarmill Woods Civic Association, Inc. vs. Southern States Utilities, Inc. and the
PSC

vs. Joseph J. DeRouin, et al.

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RESPONSE

Attached is an updated summary of actual and projected rate case expense and a copy of the projections of rate case expense, broken out by name of consultant, task, and hourly rate, needed to complete the case for engineering (Hartman and Associates) and legal (Messer, Vickers). Hartman and Associates is projecting additional \$9,775.27 in order to complete the case (see page 3 of the attachment for details). Messer, Vickers is projecting an additional \$60,000 in order to complete the case (see pages 4 and 5 for details).

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SUMMARY OF ACTUAL RATE CASE EXPENSE BREAKDOWN
- Docket No. 920199-WS - Southern States Utilities, Inc.

RATE CASE EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	ACTUAL THROUGH OCTOBER 1992	PROJECTED ADDITIONAL COSTS	TOTAL
A. CONSULTANTS			
1. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Cronin, Jackson, Nixon, & Wilson	\$89,228		\$89,228
2. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Sheahan, Rowson, & Messina	158,863		158,863
3. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Management & Regulatory Consultants	84,535		84,535
4. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Miljan, Swain & Associates	340,573		340,573
5. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Hartman & Associates	56,404	9,775	66,180
6. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - Messer, Vickers & Associates	175,284 (2)	60,000	235,284
SUBTOTAL	904,888	69,775	974,664
B. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES			
7. Ken Gatin	2,675		2,675
8. Aaron Perlowich	1,680		1,680
9. Communication Consultant Group	146		146
10. Duane's Janitorial Services	150		150
11. Price Waterhouse	5,463		5,463
12. Rental of Building	1,811		1,811
13. Rental of Equipment	4,689		4,689
14. Transportation	830		830
15. Noticing Requirements	3,241		3,241
16. Travel Costs	1,420	8,735	10,155
17. Food	890	2,700	3,590
18. Office Machine Maintenance	1,611		1,611
19. Telephone	46		46
20. Temporary help	105,829		105,829
21. Miscellaneous Expense (1991) (1)	7,941		7,941
22. Miscellaneous Expense (1992)	20,087		20,087
SUBTOTAL	158,509	11,435	169,944
C. MFR ASSEMBLY:			
23. Outside Printers	15,962		15,962
24. Postage	45,757	57,843	103,600
25. Material & Supplies	18,507	12,065	30,572
26. Others	10,657		10,657
SUBTOTAL	90,883	69,908	160,791
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,154,280	\$151,119	\$1,305,399

Note: Only Contractual Services invoices are included.

(1) 1991 Financial Software was not as detailed as it is in 1992, therefore, 1991 charges can not be classified as easily as 1992.

(2) Balance includes actual billed but not yet paid and work in progress through November 22, 1992.

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SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC. RATE APPLICATION
FPSC DOCKET NUMBER 920199-WS
RATE CASE EXPENSE PROJECTION FROM 11/05/92 TO COMPLETION

Week of:	Activities	COSTS		COSTS		COSTS		COSTS		TOTAL	TOTAL
		Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount		
Labor Actual											
11/5-11/18	Hearing prep. & exhib.										
	Travel - 3 days of hearings	51	\$4,080.00	4	\$260.00	68	\$3,400.00	4	\$80.00	127	\$7,820.00
Labor Projected											
11/19-12/92	Assist in Brief	2	\$160.00			16	\$800.00	2	\$40.00	20	\$1,000.00
2/4/93-2/10/93	Review Staff Recomm	2	\$160.00			10	\$500.00	1	\$20.00	13	\$680.00
Labor Subtotal		55	\$4,400.00	4	\$260.00	94	\$4,700.00	7	\$140.00	160	\$8,500.00
Other Direct Costs - Actual											
Food											175.27 (1)
Other Direct Costs - Projected											
Telephone & Reproduction											\$100.00
Total Other Direct Costs											\$275.27
						Total Projected Costs to Completion					\$9,775.27
(1) Estimated											

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REPLY TO: Tallahassee

November 23, 1992

VIA TELECOPIER AND U. S. MAIL

Mr. Charles K. Lewis
Southern States Utilities, Inc.
1000 Color Place
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Re: Docket No. 920199-WS

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On November 3, 1992, I sent you a letter which set forth our firm's estimate of legal fees to complete the above-referenced rate case proceeding. That letter contained an estimate of approximately \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to complete this proceeding.

At the final hearing in this matter, Forrest Ludsen was asked to provide Late-Filed Hearing Exhibit No. 71 pertaining to rate case expenses and entitled "Projection for Completion." This exhibit should include our firm's current estimate of legal fees to complete this proceeding. Our current estimate of fees is set forth below.

As in the Lehigh rate case (Docket No. 91188-WS), our estimate of legal fees to complete this rate case proceeding are based on the following hourly rates:

Joseph P. Cresse - \$150 per hour
Kenneth A. Hoffman - \$140 per hour
Floyd R. Self - \$120 per hour
Laura L. Wilson - \$90 per hour

As of this date, our firm has billed Southern States Utilities, Inc. a total of \$149,014.91 for services (fees and costs) rendered through October 31, 1992 in this rate case. Work in progress on this rate case for services (fees and costs)

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rendered through November 22, 1992 is \$26,269.50. Hence, the total amount billed and work in progress through November 22, 1992, including fees and costs, is \$175,284.41.


The primary tasks remaining on this case are as follows:

- 1) Assistance in preparation and review of late-filed hearing exhibits;
- 2) Review and analysis of transcript from final hearing and hearing exhibits;
- 3) Preparation of post-hearing brief;
- 4) Review Staff Recommendations and attend Agenda Conferences on February 12 (Revenue) and February 16 (Rates), 1993;
- 5) Post-Agenda Conference tasks associated with preparation and submission of tariffs and notice to customers;
- 6) Possible filing of motion for reconsideration or responding to a motion for reconsideration and possible oral argument associated therewith; and
- 7) Miscellaneous tasks associated with all of the foregoing.

Based on the foregoing described tasks to be performed to complete this case, we estimate that our legal fees to provide these services, excluding the preparation and filing of a motion for reconsideration or response to a motion for reconsideration, will be a minimum of \$60,000.00. We note that the primary factor which could cause this estimate to be exceeded is whether the Company or the Office of Public Counsel seeks reconsideration of the Commission's final order, and, if so, the quantity and degree of complexity of the issues presented for reconsideration.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Sincerely,


Kenneth A. Hoffman

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