

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for Staff- )  
Assisted Rate Case by INDIAN )  
SPRINGS UTILITIES, INC. in )  
Citrus County. )

DOCKET NO. 920767-WS  
ORDER NO. PSC-93-0198-FOF-WS  
ISSUED: 02/09/93

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
THOMAS M. BEARD  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER PLACING DOCKET IN MONITOR STATUS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Indian Springs Utilities, Inc. (Indian Springs or utility) is a Class C water and wastewater facility located in Crystal River, Florida. On June 29, 1990, Indian Springs filed an application for a staff-assisted rate case. At that time it was recognized that the water provided by the utility did occasionally have salt water intrusion due to the well's close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico. A permanent solution proposed in the rate case involved the utility interconnecting or installing additional treatment facilities such as reverse osmosis. However, corrections were not required because of the expense involved and the effect it would have on the rates. By Order No. 24211, issued March 11, 1991, the utility was granted an increase in its water and wastewater rates in Citrus County.

On July 30, 1992, Indian Springs applied for the instant staff-assisted rate case. In its application, the utility indicated that there were no citations with the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) or with the local health department. However, the utility has been notified by the Citrus County Health Department that excessive amounts of bacteria have been found in the water. Consequently, the Citrus County Health Department has recommended to the utility that another source of water be used to provide service to its customers.

The utility has agreed to interconnect with the City of Crystal River. The utility and the City of Crystal River have been in negotiations regarding the purchased water rate. However, to

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date, a contract has not been executed between the two parties. By letter dated November 17, 1992, the utility requested that the 15-month statutory requirement for completing a staff-assisted rate case be waived. The utility also requested that this docket be placed in monitor status. Due to the existing circumstances, we find it appropriate to place this docket in monitor status for four months. Therefore, monitor status shall begin January 19, 1993, and will end May 19, 1993.

This docket shall remain open pending the outcome of the negotiations with the City of Crystal River. However, if the utility has not obtained a signed contract with the City of Crystal River to purchase water by the end of the four month monitor period, the current application shall be deemed withdrawn by the utility, and this docket shall be closed administratively.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Docket No. 920767-WS be placed in monitor status for a four-month period, beginning January 19, 1993, and ending May 19, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that this docket remain open pending negotiations with the City of Crystal River. However, if the utility has not obtained a signed contract with the City of Crystal River to purchase water by the end of the four month monitor period, the current application shall be deemed withdrawn by the utility, and this docket shall be closed administratively.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 9th day of February, 1993.

  
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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.

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 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 Civil Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.