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Public Service Commission

May 7, 1993

Mr. Phil Giorno
Volusia County Council Member At-Large
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RE: DOCKET NO. 920199-WS - Application for rate increase in Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Highlands, Lake Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc.; Collier County by Marco Shores Utilities (Deltona); Hernando County by Spring Hill Utilities (Deltona); and Volusia County by Deltona Lakes Utilities (Deltona)

Dear Mr. Giorno:

Your letter of April 16, 1993, to Chairman J. Terry Deason has been forwarded to my office for response. As your letter requests that the Commission reconsider its recent Order in Docket No. 920199-WS granting Southern States Utilities, Inc., a rate increase, it will be treated as a motion for reconsideration. Motions for reconsideration are presented for decision to the Commission panel that voted on the particular case involved. You will be given a notice of the agenda conference at which this matter will be presented to the Commission for decision.

Please call me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

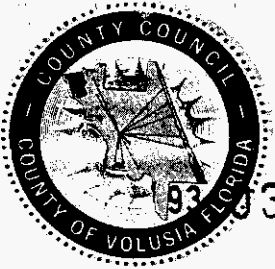
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April 16, 1993

Mr. J. Terry Deason, Chairman
Public Service Commission
101 E. Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0853

Dear Mr. Deason:

This is in regards to the application for a rate increase by Southern States Utilities. Please be advised that I oppose the request for an increase in rates for sewer and water by Southern States Utilities, as it pertains to Deltona for the following reasons listed below.

I'm asking that you please consider this letter as a formal petition for reconsideration.

1. The rates that were approved by the PSC are unfair since they apply without regard to the wide variations in cost between multiple water system. Deltona's system was both and paid for with the initial sale of the lots of the subdivision by the Deltona Corporation. There is a enormous customer base that is consistently growing which provides the necessary financial incentive for the supplier.
2. It has been brought to my attention that a residential base rate for a 1" water meter will be raised from \$6.63 to \$12.00 an increase of approximately 100%. The gallonage increase of 25%. I believe the rate increase to be unjustified.
3. Lastly, several years ago the Volusia County government proposed to take over the Deltona water and sewer system, Souther States Utilities protested that it was being unfairly divested of its legitimate business and went to great lengths to prove to the satisfaction of all concerned that it was solely interested in being a conscientious and efficient manager of the system at the lowest possible cost. The economic status has not changed.



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For the above listed reasons, it is requested that the public service commission reconsider its initial decision. In fairness to the water system customer who paid for the facilities years ago, the Deltona water and sewer system should be considered separately and in the light of the facts described above.

Sincerely,



Phil Giorno
Volusia County Council Member At-Large

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