

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for a New ) DOCKET NO. 931073-SU  
Class of Service for the Apache ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0032-FOF-SU  
Shores Wastewater System in ) ISSUED: January 11, 1994  
Citrus County by SOUTHERN STATES )  
UTILITIES, INC. )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING NEW CLASS OF SERVICE  
FOR APACHE SHORES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSU or utility) owns and operates the Apache Shores (Apache Shores or the system) wastewater system in Citrus County. As of the end of 1992, the system provided service to approximately 114 customers. According to the utility's 1992 annual report, the system had a net operating loss of \$7,569. This system, however, was included in Docket No. 920199-WS, and recently received an increase in wastewater revenues to \$10,188,775.

On October 25, 1993, SSU submitted a request for approval of a new class of service to provide residential wastewater service only, at a flat rate, to eight customers who are now connected to the wastewater system. These customers receive water service from their own wells, therefore the quantity of wastewater treated can not be determined.

SSU's October 25, 1993, filing was based on the then currently approved residential wastewater base facility and gallonage charges. On December 9, 1993, SSU filed a revision requesting that the new class of service comport with the approved price index rate increase for its currently authorized services which was to become effective December 12, 1993.

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The rates that became effective on December 12, 1993 for residential wastewater customers are \$12.20 for the base facility charge and \$3.46 per 1,000 gallons. These rates are the uniform rates approved for SSU. We determined consumption by using the average consumption by residential customers for Apache Shores and then made an adjustment based on anticipated consumption for these particular customers. Consumption is expected to be low because the customers are seasonal and live in mobile homes and small houses. SSU believes that the residential wastewater only customers will require treatment of an average of 1,257 gallons per month. Therefore, SSU believes that a flat rate of \$16.55 per month should be collected. We have reviewed the requested charge and believe that it is reasonable. Therefore, based on the foregoing, we approve a flat wastewater service charge of \$16.55 per month for Apache Shores.

The approved flat wastewater charge for Apache Shores shall become effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets and upon verification by staff that the revised tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision. This charge is interim in nature and will become final unless a substantially affected person files a petition for a formal proceeding within 21 days of the date of issuance of this Order.

If a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern States Utilities, Inc.'s request for approval of a new class of service is approved to the extent set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that a flat wastewater service charge of \$16.55 per month for the Apache Shores system is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff revision approved herein is effective, but interim in nature and shall become final unless a substantially affected person file a petition for a formal proceeding which is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, by the

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date set forth in the Notice of Further Proceedings set forth below. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that in the event no petition for formal proceeding is timely received, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 11th day of January, 1994.



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.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on February 1, 1994.

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In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater 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 of the date this Order becomes final, 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.