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**Public Service Commission**

July 19, 1995

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Re: Docket No. 950495-WS -- Application by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for rate increase and increase in service availability charges for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc., in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia and Washington Counties.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for filing the proposed notices pursuant to Order No. PSC-95-0829-FOF-WS. Staff has reviewed the notices and has the following revisions which should be made to each one:

1. The docket title has been changed since the filing of the rate case. The appropriate title is listed above.
2. On line 1 of the "Purpose" paragraph, the words "and any substantially affected person" should be inserted after the word "customer". This addition is necessary to include those individuals who are not currently customers but may be affected by the utility's request for increased service availability charges, and who have been provided notice of the application. Those individuals should also receive the appropriate notice of the service hearing.
3. The purpose section must include a reference to and a brief explanation of the utility's proposed increase in service availability charges.

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Enclosed is a copy of the notices with comments regarding these revisions. Please contact me if you have any questions about these revisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret O'Sullivan".

Margaret O'Sullivan  
Staff Counsel

cc: Division of Legal Services (Jaber)  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis)  
Division of Records and Reporting

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF SERVICE HEARING  
DOCKET NO. 950495-WS**

Application for Rate Increase for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay Collier, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc.

①  
← Docket  
Title

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a service hearing to discuss the above application for a water and wastewater rate increase and changes to service availability charges. The service hearing for the utility's customers in \_\_\_\_\_ Counties will be held at the following time and place:

Date  
Time  
Place

All persons who wish to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the service hearing as the hearing may be adjourned early if no customers are present. Any persons requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by using the following numbers: 1-800-955-8770 (VOICE) OR 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

**PURPOSE**

substantially  
on my affected  
person ②

The purpose of the service hearing is to allow customers an opportunity to present comments and information to the Commission about the utility's quality of service, the proposed rate increase, or other matters related to the rate case or the utility. The utility is requesting that customers served water under conventional treatment methods be classified as a separate and distinct service classification from customers receiving water service from reverse osmosis facilities. Under the utility's proposal, customers falling in either of these service classifications would be charged a uniform base facility and gallonage charge. All wastewater customers are included in one service classification and would be charged the same base facility and gallonage charges. The utility's application indicates that the utility has or will have placed nearly \$100 million of additional water and wastewater plant into service since 1992 and through the period ending December 31, 1996. The application also indicates that the majority of these plant additions were required by environmental laws, rules or regulations.

③ \*  
explanation  
of service availability charges

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
DOCKET NO. 950495-WS  
NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF SERVICE HEARINGS

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① Needs to be changed to new case title.

APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE FOR ORANGE-OSCEOLA UTILITIES, INC. IN OSCEOLA COUNTY, AND IN BRADFORD, BREVARD, CHARLOTTE, CITRUS, CLAY COLLIER, DUVAL, HIGHLANDS, LAKE, LEE, MARION, MARTIN, NASSAU, ORANGE, OSCEOLA, PASCO, PUTNAM, SEMINOLE, ST. JOHNS, ST. LUCIE, VOLUSIA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES BY SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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PURPOSE

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③ explanation of service availability charges

Docket No. 950495-WS  
July 20, 1995

ISSUE 2: What is the appropriate official filing date?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: If the Commission approves Issue 1, the official filing date should be the date that all of the information is submitted and deemed by Staff to be complete. If the Commission denies Staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the official filing date should be July 17, 1995. (O'SULLIVAN, WILLIS)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves Issue 1, the official filing date would therefore be established as the date that this information is completed.

If the Commission finds that SSU does not need to request rate relief for Hernando, Hillsborough, and Polk Counties in its filing for uniform rates, then the official filing date should be established as July 17, 1995. However, SSU should, as it has proposed to do, provide the Commission with the information regarding those counties which may be necessary to the rate proceeding.