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11/28/95

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 950495-WS

Supplemental Notice to Customers of Application

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, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia, and Washington Counties.

DATED: December, 1995

By notice dated September 12, 1995, Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSU or utility) provided a notice to its customers pursuant to Commission rules which set forth the purpose of its rate increase application, an initial schedule for customer service hearings, locations for public inspection of the utility's petition and rate case synopsis, a case schedule and an outline of the utility's current and requested rates. Concerns have been raised regarding whether or not the notice adequately outlined the impact to the customers if a rate structure other than the one requested by the utility is adopted by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has instructed the utility to provide this supplemental notice for the purpose of illustrating the potential impact of other rate structures on the customers.

Customers should be aware that the Commission is not bound by the utility's proposals and will give consideration to applying revenue increases, if any are authorized, in the manner the Commission deems just, fair, and reasonable. Customers should also be aware that this notice is for illustrative purposes only. The notice cannot provide the customers with the exact rate at this time because a decision on SSU's application has not yet been made. A decision on the final rates is dependent upon the amount of revenue the Commission grants to the utility and the rate structure chosen. Finally, customers should be aware that the final rates could be higher or lower than those shown on the rate schedule herein.

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Summary of September 12, 1995 Notice

On June 28, 1995, SSU filed an application for increased water and wastewater rates with the Commission. After deficiencies were met, the official date of filing was established as August 2, 1995. In its application, the utility has requested additional revenues of \$11,791,242 for their water operations and \$6,346,260 for their wastewater operations. These requested increases result in total company consolidated revenues of \$37,950,163 for water and \$27,352,361 for wastewater. This equates to an increase in water revenue of 45.08% and an increase in wastewater revenue of 30.21%.

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The utility has requested that the Commission approve uniform rates for all water service areas which receive service from conventional treatment facilities. Two of SSU's service areas, Marco Island and Burnt Store, receive service using an advanced treatment technology known as reverse osmosis. SSU has proposed that these two service areas constitute a separate rate classification. Therefore, SSU proposes that these two service areas have their own uniform reverse osmosis water rates. SSU proposes that their wastewater customers be charged a uniform rate. SSU also proposes that the Commission authorize the utility to implement a monthly weather normalization clause adjustment. This mechanism provides for monthly adjustments to the gallonage charge, up or down, to reflect variations in customer consumption.

Interim Rates

The utility also proposed interim rates to be collected while its request for final rates was pending. The Commission, on October 6, 1995, denied the utility's request for interim rates. On November 13, 1995, the utility filed a new interim request. The Commission has not yet ruled on this request for interim. Pursuant to Section 367.082, Florida Statutes, the Commission must rule on the utility's request for interim rates within 60 days of the date the request is filed. If approved, interim rates would become effective on the date revised tariff sheets are stamped and approved by the Commission. Interim rates are collected subject to refund with interest. The proposed interim rates are outlined in the schedule included herein.

Docket No. 920199-WS

By Order No. PSC-93-0423-FOF-WS, issued March 22, 1993, in Docket No. 920199-WS, the Commission granted increased rates for 127 of SSU's service areas, included in this docket, based on a uniform rate structure. That Order was appealed to the First District Court of Appeal. On April 6, 1995, the Commission's decision regarding the uniform rate structure in Order No. PSC-93-0423-FOF-WS was reversed and remanded by the First District Court of Appeal. A mandate was issued by the First District Court of Appeal on July 13, 1995.

In complying with the mandate, the Commission voted to approve a different rate structure for SSU. In doing that, the Commission had to choose a rate structure supported by the evidence presented in Docket No. 920199-WS that was consistent with the Court's opinion. By Order No. PSC-95-1292-FOF-WS, issued October 19, 1995, the Commission approved a modified stand alone rate structure. On a going-forward basis, the new rate structure may result in higher rates for some of SSU's customers. The modified stand alone rate structure has not yet been implemented because SSU has requested reconsideration of the Commission's decision and if reconsideration is denied, SSU may appeal the order to the First District Court of Appeal. If you are a customer affected by Docket No. 920199-WS, you are still paying the previously approved uniform rate. The potential impact of the utility's requested revenue increase using the modified stand alone rate structure is shown on the schedule included herein.

Rate Schedule

The schedule included in this supplemental notice lists the utility's current rates, the utility's second interim requested rates, potential impact of a stand alone rate, potential impact of a modified stand alone rate, and the utility's proposed uniform rate.

Modification to Hearing Schedule

As a result of the concerns regarding notice already mentioned, the Commission voted at the November 21, 1995 Agenda Conference to hold additional customer service hearings for those already held. In addition, the Commission also voted to postpone the evidentiary hearing to a later date. The new dates and the locations of all hearings will be provided to the customers at a later date through a separate notice.

For those customers who have previously appeared and testified at an earlier customer service hearing, it is important to note that the testimony will still be part of the evidentiary record in this docket. It is not necessary for customers who have previously provided testimony to repeat that testimony at the additional service hearings, however, new or additional testimony is encouraged and will be received.

How to Contact the Commission

For your convenience, a customer comment sheet has been attached to this supplemental notice. Your written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to the following address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 950495-WS: Application by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for rate increase and increase in service availability charges."

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff and approved by the Commission for distribution by the utility to its customers.

How to Contact the Office of Public Counsel

Chapter 350, Florida Statutes, provides that it is the duty of the Public Counsel to provide legal representation for the people of the state in proceedings before the Commission. Any utility customer that wishes to contact the Florida Office of Public Counsel for assistance may do so at 1-800-342-0222.

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PLANT # 2901
CUST # 12348

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.
 NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF APPLICATION - DOCKET NO. 950495-WS
 LEHIGH SERVICE AREA
 LEE COUNTY
 RATE SCHEDULE - MONTHLY RATES

Plant 2901

CLASS/ METER SIZE	PRESENT RATES	PROPOSED INTERIM RATES	POTENTIAL FINAL RATES		
			STAND ALONE RATES	MODIFIED STAND ALONE	PROPOSED UTILITY (UNIFORM)
WASTEWATER					
<i>Residential Service</i>					
Base Facility Charge:					
All meter sizes	\$15.45	\$19.76	\$14.18	\$14.82	\$17.59
Usage Charge (per 1,000 gals):	\$3.86	\$4.94	\$6.58	\$6.88	\$4.74
Sewer Cap (gallons)	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
All Excess Gallons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Residential Wastewater Only</i>					
All meter sizes	\$27.81	\$35.57	\$31.94	\$33.39	\$44.27
<i>General and Multi-Family Service</i>					
Base Facility Charge:					
5/8" x 3/4" meters	\$15.45	\$19.76	\$14.18	\$14.82	\$17.59
3/4" meters	23.18	29.65	21.27	22.23	26.39
1" meters	38.64	49.42	35.45	37.05	43.98
1-1/2" meters	77.27	98.83	70.90	74.10	87.95
2" meters	123.63	158.13	113.44	118.56	140.72
3" meters	247.27	316.27	226.88	237.12	281.44
4" meters	386.35	494.16	354.50	370.50	439.75
6" meters	772.71	988.33	709.00	741.00	879.50
8" meters	1,236.34	1,581.33	1,134.40	1,185.60	1,407.20
10" meters	1,777.23	2,273.15	1,630.70	1,704.30	2,022.85
Usage Charge (per 1,000 gals):	\$4.63	\$5.92	\$7.90	\$8.26	\$5.69
<i>Effluent</i>					
Usage Charge (per 1,000 gals):	\$0.11	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.18

NOTE: The rates set forth above have been calculated by the utility.

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			STAND ALONE RATES	MODIFIED STAND ALONE	PROPOSED UTILITY (UNIFORM)
<u>WATER</u>					
<i>Residential, Multi-Family, and General Service</i>					
Base Facility Charge:					
5/8" x 3/4" meters	\$9.03	\$11.82	\$9.70	\$8.87	\$9.17
3/4" meters	13.55	17.73	14.55	13.31	13.76
1" meters	22.57	29.54	24.25	22.18	22.93
1-1/2" meters	45.13	59.06	48.50	44.35	45.85
2" meters	72.22	94.52	77.60	70.96	73.36
3" meters	144.43	189.02	155.20	141.92	146.72
4" meters	225.68	295.36	242.50	221.75	229.25
6" meters	451.35	590.70	485.00	443.50	458.50
8" meters	722.16	945.13	776.00	709.60	733.60
10" meters	1,038.10	1,358.61	1,115.50	1,020.05	1,054.55
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gals):	\$2.40	\$3.14	\$4.72	\$4.31	\$2.16
 <i>Private Fire Protection</i>					
Base Facility Charge:					
2" line	N/A	N/A	\$6.47	\$5.91	\$6.11
3" line	N/A	N/A	12.93	11.83	12.23
4" line	75.23	98.46	20.21	18.48	19.10
6" line	150.45	196.90	40.42	36.96	38.21
8" line	240.72	315.04	64.67	59.13	61.13
10" line	346.04	452.88	92.96	85.00	87.88
Gallage Charge (per 1,000 gals):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Name _____

Address _____

If you want to let the Public Service Commission know how you feel about this case, please fill out this comment form and return it by mail. It will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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