BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC.

MARCO ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

SUGARMILL WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LEHIGH ACRES

EAST COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

HARBOR WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

AMELIA ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, ET AL

THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: 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.

ISSUED: April 15, 1996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application of Southern States Utilities, Inc., for increased water and wastewater rates and charges, at the following time and place:

9:00 a.m, Monday, April 29, 1996 The following dates have been reserved for continuation of the hearing: May 1-4, 6, 8-11, 1996 Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

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Customer testimony from service hearings is part of the evidentiary record in this docket. However, the Commission will take testimony from any customers who did not provide testimony at a customer service hearing at the beginning of the morning session on April 29, 1996. All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the session, as the session will be adjourned, and the technical hearing will begin if no customers are present.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the application of Southern States Utilities, Inc., for increased water and wastewater rates and charges and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on April 19, 1996. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any person 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. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapters 25-9, 25-22 and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 367.081, 367.0816, 367.101, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-9, 25-22 and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

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By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this $\underline{15th}$ day of \underline{April} , $\underline{1996}$.

BLANCA S. BAYO, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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