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IN RE: Application and Notice of Initial Customer Meeting to Customers of Lake Utility Services, Inc. In Lake County and All Other Interested Persons) Docket No. 960444-WU)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgments, on this day personally appeared Mark Kramer, who, after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

- 1. That the Affiant is the Manager Regulatory Accounting of Lake Utility Services, Inc.
2. That on August 8, 1996, Lake Utility Services, Inc. mailed the notice of initial customer meeting attached hereto to all customers within the Lake County service area.

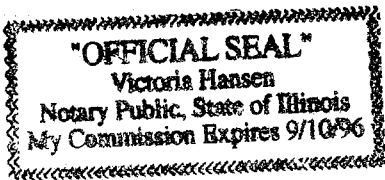
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

[Signature of Mark F. Kramer]
AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE me on this 13th day of August, 1996 by Mark F. Kramer, who is personally known to me.

Seal:

[Signature of Victoria Hansen]
Notary Public
State of Illinois



My Commission Expires: 9/10/96

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF INITIAL CUSTOMER MEETING TO THE
CUSTOMERS OF LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC. IN LAKE COUNTY AND ALL OTHER
INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 960444-WU

APPLICATION OF LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.
FOR A RATE INCREASE IN LAKE COUNTY

Dated: August 12, 1996

Notice is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the above application of Lake Utility Services, Inc. for a water and wastewater increase in Lake County.

Date:	Thursday, September 5, 1996
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Location:	Jenkins Auditorium 691 Montrose Street Clermont, FL 34711

All persons who wish to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer sworn testimony to the Commission staff regarding the quality of service provided by the utility and to ask questions or offer comments on the utility's proposed rates included with this notice, as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize the preliminary work accomplished and answer questions. A representative from the utility will also be present.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Staff may do so at the meeting, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting 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 meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by using the following numbers: 1-800-955-8700 (VOICE) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Background

Lake Utility Services, Inc. provides water in Lake County. Applicant is seeking an increase in its water rates because the existing rates are insufficient to provide a fair return on the utility's investment in property used and useful in the public service. Lake Utility Services, Inc. has never had a general rate increase since its inception in 1987. The utility completed the minimum filing requirements (MFRs) for a rate increase, and July 9, 1996, was established as the official filing date for the application. The utility also requested a change in its service availability charges.

Public Inspection

For further information, the MFR's, together with a synopsis of the rate increase, are available for public inspection at the addresses listed below.

Lake Utility Services, Inc.
200 Weathersfield Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
(407) 869-1919
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

Cooper Memorial Library
620 Montrose Street
Clermont, FL 34712

Case Schedule

The following tentative time schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s rate case. The schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Staff recommendation on interim rates	8/22/96
Agenda conference on interim rates	9/03/96
Customer meeting	9/05/96
Order on interim rates	9/23/96
Audit report due	10/14/96
Recommendation due on proposed agency action	11/21/96
Agenda conference	12/03/96
PAA Order	12/23/96
Protest filed or docket closed	1/31/97
Prehearing conference (if protested)	4/30/97
Hearing (if protested)	5/22/97

Current and Proposed Rates

The utility's current rates and charges and the proposed new rates and charges are as follows:

Crescent Bay, Lake Saunders Acres, Preston Cove, and South Clermont Region Subdivisions:

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Requested Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$16.52	\$16.00	\$18.00
1" Meter		24.00	27.00
1-1/2" Meter		40.00	45.00
2" Meter		80.00	90.00
3" Meter		128.00	144.00
4" Meter		256.00	288.00
6" Meter		400.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	1.86	0.908	2.195
<u>General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$16.52	\$16.00	\$18.00
1" Meter	24.74	24.00	27.00
1-1/2" Meter	41.24	40.00	45.00
2" Meter	82.49	80.00	90.00
3" Meter	131.97	128.00	144.00
4" Meter	263.94	256.00	288.00
6" Meter	412.41	400.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	1.86	0.908	2.195
These rates are shown on a monthly basis.			
<u>Meter Installation Charge</u>			
5/8" Meter	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
1" Meter	143.00	143.00	250.00
1-1/2" Meter	290.00	290.00	450.00
2" Meter	400.00	400.00	650.00
All other sizes	actual cost	actual cost	actual cost
Plant Capacity Charge per ERC	\$569.00	\$569.00	\$600.00
Meter Installation Charge per ERC	506.00	506.00	600.00

Clermont I, Clermont II, Amber Hill, Highland Point, The Oranges, Lake Ridge Club, The Vistas I & II, Crescent West, Lake Crescent Hills Subdivisions

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Requested Final Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$7.035 (a)	\$16.00	\$18.00
1" Meter		24.00	27.00
1-1/2" Meter		40.00	45.00
2" Meter		80.00	90.00
3" Meter		128.00	144.00
4" Meter		256.00	288.00
6" Meter		400.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	0.69	0.908	2.195
General Service			
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$7.035 (a)	\$16.00	\$18.00
1" Meter	7.035 (a)	24.00	27.00
1-1/2" Meter	7.035 (a)	40.00	45.00
2" Meter	7.035 (a)	80.00	90.00
3" Meter	7.035 (a)	128.00	144.00
4" Meter	7.035 (a)	256.00	288.00
6" Meter	7.035 (a)	400.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	0.69	0.908	2.195
(a) Includes 5,000 gallons per month.			
These rates are shown on a monthly basis.			
<u>Meter Installation Charge</u>			
5/8" Meter	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
1" Meter	250.00	250.00	250.00
1-1/2" Meter	450.00	450.00	450.00
2" Meter	650.00	650.00	650.00
All other sizes	actual cost	actual cost	actual cost
Plant Capacity Charge per ERC	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
Meter Installation Charge per ERC	0.00	0.00	600.00

Harbor Oaks and Four Lakes Subdivisions

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Requested Interim Rates</u>	<u>Requested Final Rates</u>
<u>Residential</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$5.54 (a)	\$7.00	\$18.00
1" Meter		10.50	27.00
1-1/2" Meter		17.50	45.00
2" Meter		35.00	90.00
3" Meter		56.00	144.00
4" Meter		112.00	288.00
6" Meter		175.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	0.81	0.85	2.195
<u>General Service</u>			
Base Facility Charge:			
5/8" Meter	\$5.54 (a)	\$7.00	\$18.00
1" Meter		10.50	27.00
1-1/2" Meter		17.50	45.00
2" Meter		35.00	90.00
3" Meter		56.00	144.00
4" Meter		112.00	288.00
6" Meter		175.00	450.00
Gallage Charge per 1,000 Gals.	0.81	0.85	2.195
(a) Includes 3,000 gallons per month.			
These rates are shown on a monthly basis.			
<u>Meter Installation Charge</u>			
5/8" Meter	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
1" Meter	125.00	125.00	250.00
1-1/2" Meter	125.00	125.00	450.00
2" Meter	125.00	125.00	650.00
All other sizes	actual cost	actual cost	actual cost
Plant Capacity Charge per ERC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Meter Installation Charge per ERC	0.00	0.00	600.00

How to Contact the Commission

Written comments regarding Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s service or the proposed rates and charges may be sent to the Commission at the following address and should refer to Docket No. 960444-WU which is the docket number assigned to this proceeding, with a copy mailed to Lake Utility Services, Inc.

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

Lake Utility Services, Inc.
200 Weathersfield Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Complaints regarding Lake Utility Services, Inc.'s service may be made to the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by the utility at the direction and with the approval of the Commission staff for distribution to the utility's customers.