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HAND DELIVERY

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

RE Docket No. ~~96-200~~-WS
Application of GULF UTILITY COMPANY for
an increase in Wastewater Rates, approval of a decrease in
Water Rates and approval of Service Availability Charges in Lee
County, Florida

Dear Ms Bayo

Enclosed for filing are an original and fifteen copies of the staff-approved Notice of Application, in reference to the above docket

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter and returning same to my attention.

Very truly yours,

B. Kenneth Gatlin

- BKG/met
- Enclosures
- cc Ms Maggie O'Sullivan, Division of Legal Services

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code, that Gulf Utility Company has applied to the Florida Public Service Commission for approval of an increase in Wastewater Rates, approval of a decrease in Water Rates and approval of changes in Service Availability Charges in Lee County.

The changes in rates and fees will permit the utility to recover the reasonable and prudent costs of providing service and an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return

The following is a comparison of the current and proposed rates. Any interim rate increase granted would be subject to refund, with interest, pending the final determination of the case

WASTEWATER RATES

<u>Class/Meter Size</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Interim Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Final Rates</u>
<u>Residential</u>			
All Meter Sized	\$ 14.48	\$ 15.82	\$ 16.48
Gallonage/MG	3.07	4.06	4.23
10,000 Maximum			
<u>Commercial</u>			
5/8"x3/4"	\$ 14.48	\$ 15.82	\$ 16.48
1"	36.20	40.23	41.19
1-1/2"	72.39	79.10	82.37
2"	115.85	126.58	131.81
3"	231.68	253.14	263.61
4"	362.01	395.54	411.89
6"	724.01	791.08	823.78
Gallonage/MG	3.68	4.88	5.08
No maximum			
<u>Master Meter Influent</u>			
5/8"x3/4"	\$ 14.48	\$ 15.82	\$ 16.48
1"	36.20	40.23	41.19
1-1/2"	72.39	79.10	82.37
2"	115.85	126.58	131.81
3"	231.68	253.14	263.61
4"	362.01	395.54	411.89
6"	724.01	791.08	823.78
Gallonage/MG	3.84	5.08	5.29
No maximum			

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WATER RATES

<u>Class/Meter Size</u>	<u>Present Rates & Proposed Interim Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Final Rates</u>
<u>Residential</u>		
5/8"x3/4"	\$ 8.45	\$ 7.88
3/4"	12.68	11.82
1"	21.13	19.70
1-1/2"	42.25	39.38
2"	67.61	63.02
Gallage/MG	2.16	2.01

<u>Commercial</u>		
5/8"x3/4"	\$ 8.45	\$ 7.88
3/4"	12.68	11.82
1"	21.13	19.70
1-1/2"	42.25	39.38
2"	67.61	63.02
3"	135.21	126.03
4"	211.27	196.92
6"	422.54	393.85
Gallage charge/MG	2.16	2.01

Fire Protection Service

1"	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.56
1-1/2"	14.08	13.12
2"	22.54	21.01
3"	45.07	42.01
4"	70.42	69.37
6"	140.85	131.29
8"	225.35	210.05
12"	605.64	564.52

Applicant has requested that it be allowed to increase wastewater capacity fees and decrease water capacity fees as shown below.

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
<u>Residential</u>		
Present	\$800/ERC	\$550/ERC
Proposed	\$550/ERC	\$800/ERC
<u>Commercial</u>		
Present	\$2.02/gal	\$2.20/gal
Proposed	\$1.39/gal	\$3.20/gal

CASE SCHEDULE

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case

1.	Agenda Conference on Interim Rates (Tallahassee)	10/8/96
2.	Order on Interim Rates	10/28/96
3.	Intervenor Testimony Due	12/20/96
4.	Staff Testimony Due	1/6/97
5.	Prehearing Statements Due	1/13/97
6.	Prehearing Conference (Tallahassee)	1/22/97
7.	Rebuttal Testimony Due	1/17/97
8.	Issuance of Prehearing Order	1/31/97
9.	Hearing	2/6-7/97
10.	Briefs Due	2/26/97
11.	Staff Recommendation on Final Rates	4/3/97
12.	Agenda Conference on Final Rates	4/15/97
13.	Commission Order on Final Rates	5/5/97

This schedule is tentative and subject to change by the Commission

A copy of the application, minimum filing requirements and synopsis are available for inspection at the Utility's office as follows:

Gulf Utility Company
19910 S. Tamiami Trail
Estero, Florida 33928
Telephone: (941) 498-1000
Business Hours: 8:30 a m - 5:00 p m
Monday through Friday

Written comments concerning the utility's service or the proposed rate increase should be addressed to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and should reference Docket No 960329-WS. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552

The Commission will be reviewing the utility's service availability charges in the pending rate case and may adjust those charges.

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