

MEMORANDUM

September 30, 1996

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING  
FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (REYES) *DR*  
RE: DOCKET NO. 960561-WS - Application of Indian Springs  
Utilities, Inc. for a staff-assisted rate case in Citrus  
County.

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Please file the attached letter in the above referenced docket.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Okome, Rieger)

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Indian Springs Utilities, Inc.

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Crystal River, Florida 34429

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September 26, 1996

Bobbie L. Reyes  
Staff Counsel  
State of Florida  
Public Service Commission  
Capital Circle Office Center  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 960561.SU - Application of Indian Springs Utilities, Inc.  
for a staff-assisted rate case in Citrus County.

Dear Ms. Reyes:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Notice of Customer Meeting" that we mailed on September 23, 1996.  
If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at 352-795-6986.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Schrade,  
President

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
INDIAN SPRINGS UTILITIES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 960561-SU

APPLICATION FOR STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN  
CITRUS COUNTY BY INDIAN SPRINGS UTILITIES, INC.

DATED:

09/23/96

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Indian Springs Utilities, Inc. for a staff-assisted rate case in Citrus County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 1996  
The City Hall  
123 Northwest Hwy. 19  
Crystal River, Florida

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.

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).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer sworn testimony regarding the quality of service the utility provides and to ask questions and comment on Staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

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.

BACKGROUND

Indian Springs Utilities, Inc., is a Class C wastewater utility located in Citrus County. It provides service to 55 single family residences, 74 condominiums, a 36 unit apartment complex and a 106 room motel that includes a recently opened family restaurant.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average twelve month period ended June 30, 1996. According to the Staff audit and preliminary analysis, the utility's test year revenues were \$34,099. Test year operating expenses were \$47,408. This results in a net income of \$13,309.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners. The utility's current and Staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL SERVICE

<u>Monthly Flat Charge</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>
Residential	\$ 14.30
Multi-Residential	14.30
Motel	757.79

  

<u>Base Facility Charge</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Meter Sizes:</u>	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 12.69
1"	31.72
1 1/2"	63.44
2"	101.50

3"	
4"	203.00
6"	317.19
	634.39

Gallonage Charge  
(Per 1,000 gallons)

Residential Service  
General Service

\$ 2.44  
2.92

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

No change has been recommended for the utility's existing miscellaneous service charges. The miscellaneous service charges are as follows:

Initial Connection	\$15.00
Normal Reconnection	15.00
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	10.00

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The utility's tariff calls for a \$100 service availability charge. Staff's preliminary recommendation is that this issue is still under consideration. Staff's final determination will be addressed in the final recommendation.

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of Staff's preliminary investigation are contained in an accounting report dated September 13, 1996, and in an engineering report dated August 5, 1996. Copies of the reports may be examined by interested members of the public from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 7655 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy. 14, Crystal River, Florida.

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the meeting, Staff will prepare and submit a recommendation to the Commission. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action order containing rates which may be

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different from those contained in Staff's final recommendation. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order may so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers and interested persons. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so by writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

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 this address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 960561-SU - Application of Indian Springs Utilities, Inc. for staff-assisted rate case in Citrus County."

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 the Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.