

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

GULF UTILITY COMPANY

THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 960329-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN RATES AND SERVICE
AVAILABILITY CHARGES IN LEE COUNTY
BY GULF UTILITY COMPANY

AND

DOCKET NO. 960234-WS ✓

INVESTIGATION OF RATES OF GULF UTILITY COMPANY
IN LEE COUNTY FOR POSSIBLE OVEREARNINGS

ISSUED: February 17, 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application of Gulf Utility Company for decreased water rates, increased wastewater rates, and service availability charges, at the following time and place:

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 1997
Elks Club of Bonita Springs
3231 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, Florida

Thursday, March 6, 1997, has also been reserved for continuation of the hearing. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

Customers will be given the opportunity to present testimony at the beginning of the morning session on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. Additionally, an evening session will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 1997 for the purpose of hearing testimony from customers who were unable to attend the morning session.

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All customers wishing to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the sessions, since the sessions may be adjourned early if no customers are present. By providing customer testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the application of Gulf Utility Company for decreased water rates, increased wastewater rates, and service availability 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 February 17, 1997. 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, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

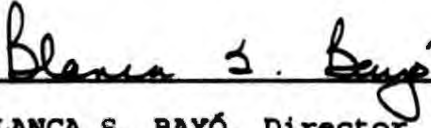
This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapters 25-9, 25-22 and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

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
17th day of February, 1997.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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