

VOTE SHEET

DATE: March 4, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 970083-WS - Application of Section 367.0816, F.S., Recovery of Rate Case Expense, to Southern States Utilities, Inc. (Lehigh Utilities, Inc.) in Lee County.

Issue 1: Recommendation that the rate case expense should be removed from the water and wastewater rates for Lehigh and all other facilities which are included in a capband with Lehigh. Thus, the capband that includes Lehigh, Chuluota, Interlachen Lake Est./Park Manor, Tropical Park, River Grove, Samira Villas, and Windsong should have its water rates reduced, as shown in Schedule 1-A attached to staff's February 20, 1997 memorandum. The capband that includes Lehigh, Buenaventura Lakes, Palm Terrace, Salt Springs, and Leilani Heights should have its wastewater rates reduced, as shown in Schedule 1-B attached to staff's memorandum. Since the effective date of the rate reduction is March 31, 1997, the utility should be required to file tariff sheets no later than 15 days from the Commission's decision at the Conference on March 4, 1997. In addition, the utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice setting forth the lower rates and the reason for the reduction. If the Commission approves the methodology recommended, staff should be authorized to administratively process the rate case expense reduction in the same manner for Docket No. 920199-WS and for the facilities which were included in the capband with Marco Island for Docket No. 920655-WS.

Marco Island,

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Approved as modified.

Commissioner Deason dissented.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Recommendation that this docket be closed upon staff's approval of the revised tariff sheets and the proposed customer notice.

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*order will be issued as
PAA rather than final.*

Commissioner Kieseling dissented.