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Public Service Commission

March 19, 1997

Mr. Kirby D. Morgan
Kirby D. Morgan, Inc.
P. O. Drawer 2939
Lake City, FL 32056

Re: Docket No. 961332-SU - Application for a staff-assisted rate case in Columbia County by Kirby D. Morgan, Inc.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 1997. The location of the meeting will be at the Eastside Village Clubhouse, Claudia Street, Lake City, Florida. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

ACK _____ The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note that the date has been left
AFA _____ blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers
APP _____ must have at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive
CAF _____ the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is
CMU _____ distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which
_____ the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

CTR _____ Two copies of the engineering report dated February 3, 1997, and the accounting report
EAG _____ dated March 17, 1997, are enclosed. Please ensure that a copy of the complete Application for
LEG _____ Staff Assistance and the reports are available for review by all interested persons at Kirby D.
LIN _____ Morgan, Inc., Lot 1, Pearl Street, Lake City, Florida, during its regular hours (8:30 a.m. to
_____ 5:00 p.m.).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Kathleen M. Johnson
Staff Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
Division of Consumer Affairs (Cunningham)
Division of Records and Reporting ✓
Division of Water and Wastewater (Okome, Edwards)
Court Reporter

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF

KIRBY D. MORGAN, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 961332-SU

APPLICATION FOR STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE
IN COLUMBIA COUNTY BY KIRBY D. MORGAN, INC.

DATED: _____

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

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 1997
Eastside Village Clubhouse
Claudia Street
Lake City, 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 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. 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).

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. Commission staff will provide copies of a comparison of rates and charges and

the proposed new rates and charges at the customer meeting. 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

Kirby D. Morgan, Inc. is a Class C utility located in Columbia County. It provides service to 140 residential customers.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average twelve month period ended December 31, 1996. According to the Staff audit and preliminary analysis, the utility's test year revenues were \$20,592. Test year operating expenses were \$36,312. The resulting net loss is \$15,720.

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 the information gathered at the customer meeting, further Staff review, and the final decision of the Commissioners. The utility's current and Staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

Residential and Multi-Residential Service

Monthly Flat Rates:

Current Rates

Residential:

\$13.00

Monthly Flat Rates:

Staff's Preliminary Rates

Residential:

\$28.74

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The utility has the most current miscellaneous service charges. Staff does not recommend a change to the current charges. The miscellaneous service charges are as follows:

Initial Connection	\$15.00
Normal Reconnection	\$15.00
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost
Premises Visit	\$10.00

SERVICE AVAILABILITY FEE

The utility's existing tariff does not have a service availability charge. Staff will address service availability charges in the final recommendation.

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of Staff's preliminary investigation are contained in an accounting report dated March 17, 1997, and an engineering report dated February 3, 1997. Copies of the reports may be examined by interested members of the public from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Kirby D. Morgan, Inc., Lot 1, Pearl Street, Lake City, 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 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.

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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 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 961332-SU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Columbia County by Kirby D. Morgan, Inc."

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 Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.