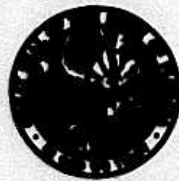


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Public Service Commission

April 29, 1997

Mr. Philip D. Woods
A. P. Utilities, Inc.
3925 Southeast 45th Court, Suite E
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
NO. P 263 572 509

Re: Docket No. 961141-WU - In Re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against A.P. Utilities, Inc. For violation of Rule 25-30.110(3), F.A.C., Annual Reports, and Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees.

Dear Mr. Woods:

On March 13, 1997, the Florida Public Service Commission issued Order No. PSC-97-0286-FOF-WU. By that Order, the Commission ordered A. P. Utilities, Inc. (APU or utility) to show cause, in writing, why it should not be fined a penalty of \$24, 232.50 for failing to file its 1994 and 1995 annual reports, and for failing to correct deficiencies in its 1993 annual report. The Order also ordered APU to show cause why it should not be fined \$25,934.89, consisting of a penalty of \$11,039.83, plus interest of \$14, 895.06, for failure to pay regulatory assessment fees for each of the years 1991 through 1995.

APU's response to the Order to Show Cause should have been submitted by April 2, 1997. Because the utility did not file a timely response to the Order to Show Cause, a total penalty of \$35,272.33 and interest of \$14,895.06 are deemed levied in accordance with Order No. PSC-97-0286-FOF-WU. In addition to these amounts, the Order directed \$44,159.36 in delinquent regulatory assessment fees to the Department of Banking and Finance, Comptroller's Office, for collection.

Please submit payment of these amounts by check made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission. The check should be mailed with a copy of this letter to the Division of Administration, Bureau of Fiscal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, Attention: Evelyn Sewell.

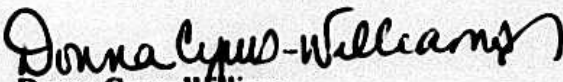
Payment is due by May 12, 1997. If you do not remit payment on or before this date, the fine will be deemed uncollectible by the Commission and referred to the Comptroller's Office for collection.

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Do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 413-6185 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Donna Cyrus-Williams
Staff Counsel

DCW:dp

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Division of Water and Wastewater (Mann, Gilchrist)
Division of Records and Reporting