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**Public Service Commission**

June 4, 1997

Vicki Gordon Kaufman, Esquire  
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117 South Gadsden Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Docket No. 970521-WS - Application for limited proceeding to increase base facility charges and gallonage rates for water service by Betmar Utilities, Inc. In Pasco County.

Dear Ms. Kaufman:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 6:30 p.m. on June 26, 1997. The location of the meeting will be Zephyrhills City Council Chamber, City Hall, Zephyrhills, 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.

The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note that the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers must have at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is 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.

Please ensure that a copy of your Applications for Limited Proceeding is available for review by all interested persons at Betmar Utilities, Inc., 9828 Highway 19, Port Richey, Florida during its regular hours.

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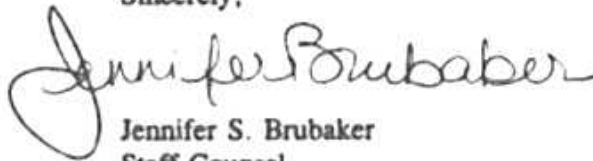
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Jennifer S. Brubaker

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Staff Counsel

JSB/dp

cc: Office of Public Counsel  
Division of Consumer Affairs (Cunningham)  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Johnson)  
Court Reporter

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF LIMITED PROCEEDING AND  
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

BETMAR UTILITIES, INC.

RE: DOCKET NO. 970521-WS

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE is hereby given that Betmar Utilities, Inc. has filed a request for a limited proceeding with the Florida Public Service Commission under Section 367.0822, Florida Statutes, to allow the Utility to recover the costs associated with the installation of certain equipment and an increase in the operations time of the water treatment plant operator.

CUSTOMER MEETING

The Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the above application at the following place and time:

6:30 p.m., June 26, 1997  
Zephyrhills City Council Chambers, City Hall  
5335 8th Street  
Zephyrhills, Florida

All persons who wish to comment 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 an opportunity to offer comments to the Commission Staff regarding the quality of service provided by the Utility and to ask questions or to offer comments on the Utility's proposed rates included with this notice, as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize

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the preliminary work accomplished and answer questions. A representative from the Utility will also be present.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates 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 proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>WATER</u>	
	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
	<u>RATES</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
		<u>RATES</u>
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		
<u>BASE FACILITY CHARGE</u>		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$ 5.93	\$ 7.03
<u>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</u>	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.31
Per Thousand Gallons		
<u>GENERAL SERVICE</u>		
<u>BASE FACILITY CHARGE</u>		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$ 5.93	\$ 7.03
1" Meter	\$14.81	\$17.58
1 1/2" Meter	\$29.63	\$35.15
2" Meter	\$47.40	\$56.24
<u>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</u>		
Per Thousand Gallons	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.31

	<u>WASTEWATER</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
	<u>RATES</u>	<u>RATES</u>
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		
<u>BASE FACILITY CHARGE</u>		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$ 8.81	\$ 9.56
<u>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</u>	\$ 4.74	\$ 4.70
Per Thousand Gallons (10,000 Cap)		
<u>GENERAL SERVICE</u>		
<u>BASE FACILITY CHARGE</u>		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$ 8.81	\$ 9.56
1" Meter	\$22.03	\$23.90
1 1/2" Meter	\$44.06	\$47.80
2" Meter	\$70.50	\$76.48
<u>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</u>		
Per Thousand Gallons	\$ 5.74	\$ 5.70

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the meeting, Staff will prepare a recommendation which will then be submitted to the Commission on September 25, 1997. The Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its October 7, 1997, Agenda Conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action order containing those final rates. 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 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 970521-WS," which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, you may contact the Utility at (613) 868-8003.

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.