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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
Director, Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Mid-County Services, Inc.
Docket No. 971065-SU

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Mid-County Services, Inc.
are the original of the following affidavits regarding customer
notice:

- 1) Affidavit re notice of application for a rate increase.
- 2) Affidavit re notice of customer meeting.
- 3) Affidavit re notice of interim rates.

By copy of this letter, a copy of these affidavits is being
provided to the staff counsel assigned to this docket.

Very truly yours,
Richard D. Melson
Richard D. Melson

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cc: Jennifer Brubaker (by hand)
Frank Garcia

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application of Mid-County Services, Inc.)
for a Rate increase in Pinellas County.)

Docket No. 971065-SU

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgments, on this day personally appeared Frank P. Garcia, who, after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

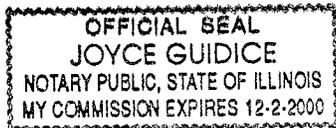
1. That the Affiant is the Regulatory Analyst of Mid-County Services, Inc.
2. That on December 23, 1997 Mid-County Services, Inc. mailed the notice of interim rates attached hereto to all customers within the Pinellas County service area.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Frank P. Garcia
AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE me on this 23rd day of December, 1997 by Frank P. Garcia, who is personally known to me.

Seal:



Joyce Guidice
Notary Public
State of Illinois

My Commission Expires: 12/2/2000

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

The wastewater rates for Mid-County Services, Inc. will change on or before January 6, 1998. The change in rates is a combination of (1) a rate decrease to remove rate case expense previously included in rates, and (2) an interim rate increase granted by the Florida Public Service Commission on December 2, 1997.

Effective October 1, 1989, Section 367.0816, Florida Statutes, requires that rate case expense be recovered over a period of four years. The statute further requires that the rates of the utility be reduced immediately at the conclusion of the four years by the amount of rate case expense previously included in the rates. This statute applies to all rate cases filed on or after October 1, 1989.

Mid-County Services, Inc. was granted a rate increase by the Florida Public Service Commission in Order No. PSC-93-1713-FOF-SU issued on November 30, 1993 in Docket No. 921293-SU. The four year recovery period for rate case expense will expire on January 6, 1998. The rate case expense associated with this rate case will be removed from the utility's rates at that time.

At the same time, the utility will begin collecting the interim rate increase approved by the Commission on December 2, 1997. The interim rates will be collected subject to refund pending the Florida Public Service Commission's decision regarding final rates. If a refund is ordered, it will include interest based on Commission determined factors.

The effect of these two simultaneous rate changes is shown below:

Wastewater Rates Bi-Monthly

	Current	Utility Requested	Statutory	Approved
	Rates	Final Rates	Four-year Reduction	Interim Rates
<u>Residential</u>				
Base Facility Charge	\$28.80	\$38.66	\$ 28.68	\$36.98
Gallage charge per 1,000 gallons (20,000 maximum)	\$ 1.51	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.93
<u>General Service</u>				
Base Facility Charge				
Meter Size:				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$28.80	\$38.66	\$28.68	\$36.98
1"	\$72.01	\$96.65	\$71.69	\$92.44
1-1/2"	\$144.02	\$193.30	\$143.38	\$184.87
2"	\$230.44	\$309.29	\$229.40	\$295.79
3"	\$460.89	\$618.57	\$458.80	\$591.59
4"	\$720.13	\$966.5	\$716.71	\$924.13
6"	\$1440.28	\$1933.03	\$1433.80	\$1848.74
Gallage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$1.81	\$2.43	\$1.80	\$2.32
<u>Flat Rates</u>				
	\$50.67	\$68.01	\$50.44	\$65.04
	\$1595.45	\$2141.57	\$1588.27	\$2047.92

The approved interim rates will be effective for meter readings on or after the Commission's stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The changes in rates will be reflected on your next bill.

Written comments regarding the utility's service or the requested final rate increase may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
 Florida Public Service Commission
 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

All comments should refer to Docket No. 971065-SU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case.

If you have any questions, please call the utility office at 1-800-272-1919. Be sure to have your account number on hand for quick reference.