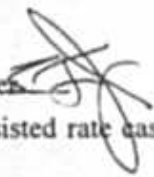




Public Service Commission

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DATE: January 8, 1998
 TO: Chairman Julia L. Johnson
 FROM: Commissioner E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., Prehearing Officer 
 RE: Docket No. 971401-WS - Application for a staff assisted rate case in Bay County by Bayside Utilities, Inc.

The original utility application for a staff assisted rate case in the above docket was denied because the utility owed past-due regulatory assessment fees from 1996. Your December 3, 1997 letter explained that the utility would not be eligible for staff assistance until such time as the utility paid the past-due fees. The utility was told as soon as the past-due fees were paid, the utility could resubmit their application for consideration.

The docket was kept open 30 days for any protest of your December 3, 1997 letter. During that time, the utility paid the fees and requested its application be reconsidered. Eligibility requirements have now been met by the utility and staff is preparing a revised case assignment and scheduling record (CASR).

Because of the delay in establishing an official filing date, the original prehearing and hearing dates need to be revised. In order to accommodate the new SARC timeframe, please:

- 1) Reschedule the Prehearing Conference from September 24, 1998 to November 2, 1998; and;
- 2) Reschedule the Formal Hearing from October 15-16, 1998 to December 3-4, 1998.

ACK _____ Please advise staff if these date changes are approved. If so, staff will incorporate them
 AFA _____ in the revised CASR.

APP _____
 CAF _____ Thank You.

CMU _____
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 EAG _____ cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Hill, Willis, Rendell, Crouch, Casey, Ted Davis)
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