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Florida Public Service Commission  
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Deposit Fee Increase

To Whom It May Concern,

We at Highlands Utilities Corporation do respectfully request an increase in our current deposit for service. Our last increase to \$33.00 was implemented in 1989 and falls short of many customers 2 month average. Since our company bases our billing on water consumption with a base charge and is capped at 6,000 gallons the cap charge is \$30.81 at our current rate. Therefore, we would like to increase our sewer deposit fee to \$62.00

I have enclosed revised tariff sheet number 13.0 for your approval

I thank your in advance for your attention in this matter. If there is any further information needed for this approval please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Lorn Lammie  
Office Supervisor

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Name Of Company: Highlands Utilities Corporation

**21.0 Unauthorized Connections - Sewer** - Connections to the company's sewer system for any purpose whatsoever are to be made only by employees of the company. Unauthorized connections render the service subject to immediate discontinuance without notice and sewer service will not be restored until such unauthorized connections have been removed and unless settlement is made in full and for sewer service estimated by the company to have been used by reason of such unauthorized connection.

**22.0 Adjustment Of Bills** - When a customer has been overcharged or undercharged as a result of incorrect application of the rate schedule, or, if sewer service is measured by water consumption, a meter error is determined, the amount may be credited or billed to the customer, as the case may be.

**23.0 Customer Deposit - Establishment Of Credit** - Before rendering service, the company may require an applicant for service to satisfactorily establish credit, but such establishment of credit shall not relieve the customer from complying with the utilities rules for payment. Credit will be deemed so established if: (A) The applicant for service furnishes a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for the service requested. (B) The applicant pays a cash deposit. (C) The applicant for service furnishes an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or a surety bond. The amount of initial deposit shall be the following according to meter size.

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>General Service</u>
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 62.00	Equal to two
1"	N/A	Months
1 1/2"	N/A	of Service
2"	N/A	"
3"	N/A	"
4"	N/A	"
6"	N/A	"

The company may require, upon reasonable written notice of not less than 30 days, such request or notice being separate and apart from any bill for service, a new deposit, in order to secure payment of current bills, provided, however, that the total amount of the required deposit shall not exceed an amount equal to the average actual charge for water and/or sewer service for two monthly billing periods for the 12-months period immediately prior to the date of notice, in the event the customer has had service less than 12 months, then the utility shall base its new or additional deposit upon the average actual monthly billing available.

DIXON PUGH  
ISSUING OFFICER

PRESIDENT  
TITLE