

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application by United Water Florida, Inc. for tariff revision and petition for waiver of or variance from rule 25-30.320(2)(g), F.A.C., in Duval County.

DOCKET NO. 980112-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-98-0448-PCO-WS
ISSUED: March 30, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEACON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

United Water Florida, Inc. (UWF or utility) is a Class A utility providing water and wastewater service to approximately 29,000 customers in Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties. According to its 1996 annual report, the utility's operating revenues were \$7,274,333 for its water service and \$14,584,266 for its wastewater service. The utility serves an area that has been designated by the St. Johns River Water Management District as a critical use area. The utility's current rate was approved pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-0618-FOF-WS, issued May 30, 1997, in Docket No. 960451-WS.

On January 23, 1998, the utility filed an application for tariff revision, petition for waiver or variance from Rule 25-30.320(2)(g), Florida Administrative Code, and request for Commission approval of a proposed agreement between the utility and the City of Jacksonville whereby each entity would discontinue water service to customers who are delinquent in payment for wastewater service provided by the other entity. The utility seeks to revise its tariff to include the proposed agreement. Pursuant to Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes, the tariff sheets proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty days after

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filing, unless the Commission votes to withhold consent to implementation of the request.

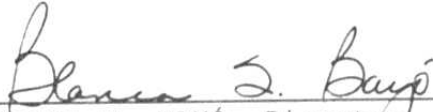
We have reviewed the utility's application and the proposed agreement between the utility and the City of Jacksonville. Upon consideration, we believe it is reasonable and necessary to require further amplification, explanation and corroboration of the utility's application to revise its tariff. We, therefore, find it appropriate to suspend the proposed tariff revision to discontinue service for nonpayment of bills.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff revision to discontinue service for nonpayment of bills filed by United Water Florida, Inc., is hereby suspended in accordance with Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 30th day of March, 1998.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: 1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.