

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET
(PLEASE TYPE)

Date 04/27/98

Docket No. 980575-WU

1. Division Name/Staff Name Water and Wastewater/Kyle *JK*
2. OPR WAW (Kyle)
3. OCR LEG (Brubaker)
4. Suggested Docket Title Implementation of security deposits on rented hydrant meters by Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. in Escambia County.

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)

- A. Provide NAMES ONLY for regulated companies or ACRONYMS ONLY regulated industries, as shown in Rule 25-22.104, F.A.C.
- B. Provide COMPLETE name and address for all others. (Match representatives to clients.)

1. Parties and their representatives (if any)

Mr. Jim Ogle, Assistant to Manager
Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc.
Post Office Box 4815
Pensacola, Florida 32507-0815

2. Interested Persons and their representatives (if any)

Office of Public Counsel

6. Check one:

- Documentation is attached.
 Documentation will be provided with recommendation.



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Water Utility Regulation
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Water and Wastewater

Ref: Fire Hydrant Meter Deposits

Peoples Water Service Company Of Florida Inc. respectfully petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to review the following petition to modify our tariff's rules to allow our company the ability to charge a deposit for hydrant meter use. We will begin by giving a short synopsis of the use of a hydrant meter and the type of requests that we receive for hydrant meters. We will then explain why we feel it necessary to seek the approval of the FPSC regarding this matter.

Hydrant meters are commonly requested by road contractors, home builders and landscaping businesses for high volume water usage. When a request for a hydrant meter is received, we provide the hydrant meter with an approved backflow device. The customer will connect to the hydrant meter with their choice of piping or hose size to fit the purpose of the job. In the past, we have not required any kind of security deposit nor charged a service fee for delivery and hookup . There is no language in our tariff that we can find that allows us the ability to charge a deposit for a hydrant meter.

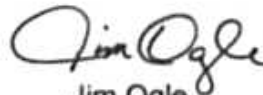
The cost of purchasing a hydrant meter is around \$1,000.00. In the last year alone, we have lost one hydrant meter from theft and our revenue loss for consumption is around \$7,000.00. We now seek permission from the FPSC to allow us the ability to request a minimum of \$1,000.00 as deposit on the hydrant meter, plus a service charge each time we deliver or move the hydrant meter for the same customer and job. To substantiate our request, we are including two typical bills for consumption from current contractors using hydrant meters. This will indicate the approximate monetary value risk exposure in which we find ourselves subject to losing revenue from when a customer does not pay the bill. This usually happens during the last month or so of the job and routinely we find it more prevalent with out of town contractors. This type of service is different from providing normal water service to residential and commercial users. The

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volume of building in our area is tremendous and will increase even greater in the coming years. We anticipate a greater amount of hydrant meter requests and we wish to have a solid policy that is protective of our equipment, revenue and our good customers.

Please examine this request and render a decision on this petition to charge this deposit. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted
Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc.



Jim Ogle
Assistant To Manager

cc: Sherlock S. Gillet Jr., V.P.
File

Field #

Account Number-(hhbffff.t).(0) 28180092.0
 Customer Name (Last, First).(1) CHADBOURNE, INC
 Mailing Address: Line 1....(2) 4375 MOODY DR
 Line 2....(3)
 City.....(4) PENSACOLA
 State.....(5) FL
 Zip Code..(6) 32507
 Carrier... (7)
 Service Address.....(8) HYDRANT METER (WEIS LANE)
 Penalty Code (Y/N).....(9) N
 Create Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(10) 04-09-97
 Read Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(11) 03-11-98
 Billed Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(12) 03-19-98
 Due Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(13) 04-09-98
 Prev. Read Date.(MM/DD/YY).(14) 02-12-98
 Elapsed Days.....(15) 27

ACCT. #: 28180092.0 NAME: CHADBOURNE, INC
 Last Payment Date (MM/DD/YY).....(16) 04-03-98
 Last Amount Paid.....(17) -9.07
 Gross Amount Due.....(18) 0.00
 Net Amount Due.....(19) 0.00
 Penalty Amount Due.....(20) 0.00
 Unpaid Amounts: SVC -(21) 0.00
 MC1 - MISC ... (22) 0.00
 MC2 - CR INT ... (23) 0.00
 MC3 - DEP REF... (24) 0.00
 MC4 -(25) 0.00
 MC5 - BACKFLD... (26) 0.00
 Tax -(27) 0.00
 Penalty.....(28) 0.00
 Arrears: 0 - 30 Days.....(29) 0.00
 31 - 60 Days.....(30) 0.00
 61 - 90 Days.....(31) 0.00
 91 and Over.....(32) 0.00
 Total Amount Due.....(33) 0.00

AUG/Monthly (1 mo)
 \$ 255.50
 x 25
 \$ 638.75

ACCT. #: 28180092.0 NAME: CHADBOURNE, INC
 Arrears: Service.....(34) 0.00
 MC1 - MISC(35) 0.00
 MC2 - CR INT(36) 0.00
 MC3 - DEP REF.....(37) 0.00
 MC4 -(38) 0.00
 MC5 - BACKFLD.....(39) 0.00
 Tax -(40) 0.00
 Penalty -(41) 0.00
 Misc. Charges: MC1 - MISC(42) 0.00
 MC2 - CR INT(43) 0.00
 MC3 - DEP REF.....(44) 0.00
 MC4 -(45) 0.00
 MC5 - BACKFLD.....(46) 0.00
 Recurring or Non-Recurring Flag Misc..(47)

AD.T. #: 28180092.0 NAME: CHADWORTH, INC

Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--WATER	.....(48)	04-09-97
Amount--WATER	.....(49)	30.00
Receipt No. WATER	.....(50)	46479
Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--	.....(51)	00/00/00
Amount--	.....(52)	0.00
Receipt No.	.....(53)	0
Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--	.....(54)	00/00/00
Amount--	.....(55)	0.00
Receipt No.	.....(56)	0
Deposit Refund Date.....	(57)	00/00/00
Refund Amount.....	(58)	0.00
Refund Check No.....	(59)	0
Interest Last Paid Date (MM/DD/YY)...	(60)	12-31-97
Last Paid Amount.....	(61)	0.00
Accrued Interest Amount.....	(62)	0.59

AD.T. #: 28180092.0 NAME: CHADWORTH, INC

	WATER	.....	.....
Service Code.....(63)	20 (79)	0 (95)	0
Status.....(64)	A (80)	(96)	
Install Date (MM/DD/YY).(65)	04-09-97 (81)	00/00/00 (97)	00/00/00
Turn-On Date (MM/DD/YY).(66)	04-09-97 (82)	00/00/00 (98)	00/00/00
Meter Location.....(67)	(83)	(99)	
Meter Number.....(68)	96080929 (84)	0 (100)	0
Meter Mfg.....(69)	1 (85)	0 (101)	0
Number of Dials.....(70)	5 (86)	0 (102)	0
Multiplier.....(71)	100 (87)	0 (103)	0
Pressure Factor.....(72)	0 (88)	0 (104)	0
Current Demand Reading..(73)	0 (89)	0 (105)	0
Number of Minimaus.....(74)	1 (90)	0 (106)	0
Current Reading.....(75)	009063 (91)	0 (107)	0
Previous Reading.....(76)	009063 (92)	0 (108)	0
Current Consumption.....(77)	0 (93)	0 (109)	0
Unpaid Amount.....(78)	0 (94)	0 (110)	0
User Defined Field 1... (111)	N		
Delete.....Y = Delete.(115)			

ACCT. NO: 28180092.0

NAME: CHADBOURNE, INC

TRANS.	TYPE	DATE	CONSUMPTION	AMOUNT	DESC.
PMT.	SERVICE 1	04-03-98	0	-9.07	WATER
	PMT - TOTAL			-9.07	
BILL	SERVICE 1	03-19-98	0	9.07	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			9.07	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	03-10-98	0	-9.07	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-9.07	
BILL	SERVICE 1	02-18-98	0	9.07	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			9.07	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	02-05-98	0	-100.70	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-100.70	
BILL	SERVICE 1	01-20-98	31700	100.70	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			100.70	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	01-02-98	0	-9.07	WATER
PMT.	MISC. 2	01-02-98	0	1.31	CR INT
	PMT. - TOTAL			-7.76	
BILL	SERVICE 1	12-18-97	0	9.07	WATER
BILL	MISC. 2	12-18-97	0	-1.31	CR INT
	BILL - TOTAL			7.76	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	12-11-97	0	-304.92	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-304.92	
BILL	SERVICE 1	11-24-97	99100	304.92	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			304.92	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	11-13-97	0	-543.69	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-543.69	
BILL	SERVICE 1	10-23-97	177900	543.69	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			543.69	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	10-10-97	0	-85.25	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-85.25	
BILL	SERVICE 1	09-24-97	26600	85.25	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			85.25	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	09-09-97	0	-207.05	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-207.05	
BILL	SERVICE 1	08-25-97	66800	207.05	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			207.05	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	08-11-97	0	-160.09	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-160.09	
BILL	SERVICE 1	07-23-97	51300	160.09	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			160.09	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	07-10-97	0	-92.52	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-92.52	
BILL	SERVICE 1	06-25-97	29000	92.52	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			92.52	
PMT.	SERVICE 1	06-06-97	0	-1289.07	WATER
	PMT. - TOTAL			-1289.07	
BILL	SERVICE 1	05-22-97	423900	1289.07	WATER
	BILL - TOTAL			1289.07	

END OF HISTORY FOR ACCOUNT NUMBER: 28180092.0

Field #

Account Number-(bbfffff.t).(0) 28180091.0
 Customer Name (last, First).(1) STEIN, STEVE
 Mailing Address: Line 1....(2) CRYSTAL CONSTRUCTION
 Line 2....(3) PO BOX 11753
 City.....(4) PENSACOLA
 State.....(5) FL
 Zip Code..(6) 32524
 Carrier...(7)
 Service Address.....(8) WILYARD PLACE
 Penalty Code (Y/N).....(9) N
 Create Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(10) 04-02-97
 Read Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(11) 09-04-97
 Billed Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(12) 10-23-97
 Due Date.....(MM/DD/YY).(13) 11-12-97
 Prev. Read Date.(MM/DD/YY).(14) 09-04-97
 Elapsed Days.....(15) 0

ACCT. #: 28180091.0 NAME: STEIN, STEVE
 Last Payment Date (MM/DD/YY).....(16) 11-12-97
 Last Amount Paid.....(17) -71.91
 Gross Amount Due.....(18) 0.00
 Net Amount Due.....(19) 0.00
 Penalty Amount Due.....(20) 0.00
 Unpaid Amounts: SVC -(21) 0.00
 MC1 - MISC ... (22) 0.00
 MC2 - CR INT ... (23) 0.00
 MC3 - DEP REF... (24) 0.00
 MC4 - (25) 0.00
 MC5 - BACKFLD... (26) 0.00
 Tax - (27) 0.00
 Penalty..... (28) 0.00
 Arrears: 0 - 30 Days..... (29) 0.00
 31 - 60 Days..... (30) 0.00
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 91 and Over..... (32) 0.00
 Total Amount Due..... (33) 0.00

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 Arrears: Service..... (34) 0.00
 MC1 - MISC (35) 0.00
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 Recurring or Non-Recurring Flag Misc.. (47)

ACCT. #: 28180091.0 NAME: STEIN, STEVE

Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--WATER(48)	04-02-97
Amount--WATER	.....(49)	0.00
Receipt No. WATER	.....(50)	0
Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--	.....(51)	00/00/00
Amount--	.....(52)	0.00
Receipt No.	.....(53)	0
Deposit Date (MM/DD/YY)--	.....(54)	00/00/00
Amount--	.....(55)	0.00
Receipt No.	.....(56)	0
Deposit Refund Date.....	(57)	09-25-97
Refund Amount.....	(58)	0.00
Refund Check No.....	(59)	0
Interest Last Paid Date (MM/DD/YY)...	(60)	09-25-97
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	WATER
Service Code.....(63)	20 (79)	0 (95)	0
Status.....(64)	0 (80)	0 (96)	0
Install Date (MM/DD/YY).....(65)	04-02-97 (81)	00/00/00 (97)	00/00/00
Turn-On Date (MM/DD/YY).....(66)	04-02-97 (82)	00/00/00 (98)	00/00/00
Meter Location.....(67)	(83)	(99)	
Meter Number.....(68)	90850463 (84)	0 (100)	0
Meter Mfg.....(69)	1 (85)	0 (101)	0
Number of Dials.....(70)	5 (86)	0 (102)	0
Multiplier.....(71)	100 (87)	0 (103)	0
Pressure Factor.....(72)	0 (88)	0 (104)	0
Current Demand Reading.....(73)	0 (89)	0 (105)	0
Number of Minimums.....(74)	1 (90)	0 (106)	0
Current Reading.....(75)	012489 (91)	0 (107)	0
Previous Reading.....(76)	012489 (92)	0 (108)	0
Current Consumption.....(77)	0 (93)	0 (109)	0
Unpaid Amount.....(78)	0 (94)	0 (110)	0
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ACCT. NO: 28180091.0		NAME: STEIN, STEVE		
NAME, TYPE	DATE	CONSUMPTION	AMOUNT	DESC.
PMT. - SERVICE 1	11-12-97	0	-71.91	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-71.91	
DEP. - SERVICE 1	09-25-97	0	-30.00	WATER
DEP. - TOTAL			-30.00	
BILL - SERVICE 1	09-24-97	32100	101.91	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			101.91	
PMT. - SERVICE 1	09-11-97	0	-140.70	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-140.70	
BILL - SERVICE 1	08-25-97	44900	140.70	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			140.70	
PMT. - SERVICE 1	08-11-97	0	-290.00	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-290.00	
BILL - SERVICE 1	07-23-97	94200	290.00	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			290.00	
PMT. - SERVICE 1	07-11-97	0	-377.95	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-377.95	
BILL - SERVICE 1	06-25-97	123200	377.95	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			377.95	
PMT. - SERVICE 1	06-23-97	0	-337.34	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-337.34	
PMT. - SERVICE 1	06-02-97	0	-253.72	WATER
PMT. - TOTAL			-253.72	
BILL - SERVICE 1	05-22-97	109000	337.34	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			337.34	
BILL - SERVICE 1	04-23-97	82200	253.72	WATER
BILL - TOTAL			253.72	

END OF HISTORY FOR ACCOUNT NUMBER: 28180091.0

AUG / Monthly (6mo)

\$ 250.29

\$ 625.73