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Public Service Commission

May 13, 1998

Mrs. E. Scherrer  
4623 Gulf Avenue  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Re: Docket No. 971663-WS - Petition of Florida Cities Water Company (FCWC) for a limited proceeding to recover environmental litigation costs for its North and South Ft. Myers Division in Lee County and Barefoot Bay Divisions in Brevard County.

Dear Mrs. Scherrer:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 21, 1998, concerning FCWC's request to recover litigation costs. The Commission is bound by law to consider every rate request made by utilities under its jurisdiction. I can assure you that FCWC's request will receive the full attention of the staff and the Commission.

The Commission has scheduled a customer service hearing for July 15, 1998 in Fort Myers. This customer service hearing will permit customers to provide testimony to the Commission, which will become part of the official record for this case. The Commission will benefit from the testimony and evidence offered by the customers at this service hearing. FCWC will send its customers another notice, which will include the location and time of this customer service hearing. This notice will be sent at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date, but no more 30 days prior to the scheduled date.

In addition to the customer service hearing, the Commission will hold a technical hearing in Tallahassee for the purpose of hearing testimony and evidence from various expert witnesses sponsored by the parties to this proceeding, including the Office of Public Counsel who has intervened on behalf of the citizens. The technical hearing is scheduled for August 12 through 14, 1998. The Commission's technical hearing will also be open to the public.

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Lastly, your letter has been placed on the correspondence side of the docket file where it will be available for review. Thank you again for communicating your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Hill", written in a cursive style.

Charles H. Hill  
Director

CHH:sbf

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Fletcher)  
Division of Records and Reporting

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DOCKET # 971663-WS  
To Director, Division of Records

In reference to the Petition for  
increase for Florida Cities Water Company.

We do not need an increase. If you  
look back about 3 or 4 years you know  
we took a big hit for rate increases.  
I believe we pay the highest Water  
bill in the State of Florida. If  
Florida Cities Water Company needs  
money, get it from the lawyers  
who get all our money.

Our Docket # 971663-WS  
is a no no no.

Please don't waste our time

again with meetings and hearing  
and tapping money on an increase  
not even deserved. Sincerely  
Mr. E. Scherer. 4023 Guil Ave

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