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Public Service Commission

September 9, 1998

Mr. Leonard Jeter, General Manager
Bayside Utilities, Inc.
6325 Big Daddy Drive
Panama City Beach, Florida 32407

Re: Docket No. 971401-WS, Staff Assisted Rate Case for Bayside Utilities, Inc. In Bay County

Dear Mr. Jeter:

On September 1, 1997, the Commission voted on and approved staff's recommendation (dated August 20, 1998) for the current rate case. A Proposed Agency Action (PAA) Order is scheduled to be issued twenty days from the date of the Commission's vote. If no protests have been filed by the end of the protest period, which is 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued, the rates and charges approved by this Commission will become final. However, the utility must first submit a complete new tariff for staff's approval before the utility will be allowed to implement the rate changes. A model tariff with instructions is enclosed for your convenience. In order to expedite the tariff process, the utility should file all new tariff pages by October 1, 1998, in order to allow sufficient time for staff to verify the accuracy of the new tariff.

A customer notice informing the utility's customers of the Commission's approved increased rates and charges must be mailed to customers for their receipt prior to consumption at the increased rates. A copy of the customer notice must first be submitted to the Commission for staff's review and approval. Once the order is issued, I will notify you of the order number, date of issuance, and final effective date which needs to be filled in on the notice.

Please mail the new tariff and a copy of the proposed customer notice to:

Division of Water and Wastewater
Florida Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center, Gunter Building
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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I am also enclosing copies of accumulated plant, depreciation, contribution in aid of construction (CIAC), and amortization of CIAC schedules reflecting test year end balances at December 31, 1997. The Commission approved these balances for rate setting purposes in this rate case. Please reconcile your books with the Commission approved accumulated balances shown on the enclosed schedules.

If a substantially affected party files a timely protest, rates will not be effective until an approved form of security is filed with the Commission. The utility should be prepared to file this security in the event of a protest if it chooses to implement the new rates. Please refer to Issue No. 15 of staff's recommendation which describes the amount and different forms of security.

If you have any additional questions, please call me at (850) 413-6974.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Casey
Professional Accountant Specialist
Division of Water and Wastewater

/rjc (bayside\pstltr)

Enclosures (4)

cc: Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Water and Wastewater (Hill, Rendell, T. Davis)
Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis (Vandiver)
Division of Legal Services (Jaeger, Fleming)

NOTICE

TO CUSTOMERS OF BAYSIDE UTILITIES, INC. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO: 971401-WS

ORDER NO :

ISSUED :

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission approved an increase in water and wastewater rates for Bayside Utilities, Inc. by the above referenced order. The approved rates and charges will become final on _____ unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for formal proceeding pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. In the event of a protest, Bayside Utilities, Inc. is authorized to collect the rate approved herein on a temporary basis, subject to refund in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, Florida Administrative Code, provided that Bayside Utilities, Inc. has provided satisfactory security for any potential refund, and has satisfied tariff filing and customer notice requirements. A schedule of Commission approved rates are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY WATER RATES

<u>Type of Service</u>	Commission Approved Base Facility <u>Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 11.98
3/4"	17.96
1"	29.94
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 gallons	 \$ 1.90

GENERAL SERVICE MONTHLY WATER RATES

<u>Type of Service</u>	Commission Approved Base Facility <u>Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 11.98
3/4"	17.96
1"	29.94
1-1/2"	59.88
2"	95.80
3"	191.61
4"	299.39
6"	598.77
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 gallons	 \$ 1.90

RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

<u>Type of Service</u>	Commission Approved Base Facility <u>Charge</u>
All meter sizes	\$ 15.43
Gallonge Charge	
Per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.80
(6,000 gallon maximum per month)	

GENERAL SERVICE MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

<u>Type of Service</u>	Commission Approved Base Facility <u>Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 15.43
3/4"	23.14
1"	38.57
1-1/2"	77.14
2"	123.43
3"	246.85
4"	385.71
6"	771.42
Gallonge Charge	
Per 1,000 gallons (No Max)	\$ 4.56

The rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided the customers have received notice. The tariff sheets will be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision, that the customer notice is adequate, and that any required security has been provided. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice.

If the effective date of the new rates falls within a regular billing cycle, the initial bills at the new rate may be prorated. The old charge should be prorated based on the number of days in the billing cycle before the effective date of the new rates. The new charge should be prorated based on the number of days in the billing cycle on or after the effective date of the new rates.

In no event should the rates be effective for service rendered prior to the stamped approval date. If you have any questions about your bill, please call the utility at (850) 234-6668.