

Case Assignment and Scheduling Record

Section 1 - Division of Records and Reporting (RAR) Completes

Docket No. 980005-WR Date Docketed: 01/02/1998 Title: Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.  
 Company: Water and Wastewater Utilities

Official Filing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_ ADH \_\_\_\_\_ AFA \_\_\_\_\_ APP \_\_\_\_\_ CAF \_\_\_\_\_ CRJ \_\_\_\_\_ EAG \_\_\_\_\_ GCL \_\_\_\_\_ LEG \_\_\_\_\_ RAR \_\_\_\_\_ RRR \_\_\_\_\_ (WAW) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 2 - OPR Completes and returns to RAR in 10 workdays.

Time Schedule

Program/Module A2

Staff Assignments

OPR Staff T Davis, B Casey, J Chase,  
T Rendell

Staff Counsel H Ottinot

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Recommended assignments for hearing and/or deciding this case:

Full Commission X Commission Panel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hearing Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed with RAR: 01/05/1998

Initials: OPR \_\_\_\_\_  
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Due Dates

Previous Current

1. Staff Recommendation	NONE	01/08/1998
2. Agenda - Regular	NONE	01/20/1998
3. PAA Order - Automatic Closing	NONE	02/09/1998
4. FAW Notice Filed	NONE	02/17/1998
5. Hearing, if Necessary	NONE	03/06/1998
6. Staff Recommendation, if Necessary	NONE	03/12/1998
7. Agenda, if Necessary	NONE	03/24/1998
8. Standard Order - Close Docket	NONE	03/31/1998
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Section 3 - Chairman Completes

Assignments are as follows:

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- Hearing Officer(s)

Commissioners						Hrg. Exam.	Staff
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- Prehearing Officer

Commissioners					ADM
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 01/05/1998

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**Case Scheduling/Rescheduling Advice**

02/25/1998

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From: Office of Chairman Julia L. Johnson

Docket No. 980005-WS

Title: Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section

**1. Schedule Information**

Event	Former Date	New Date	Location	Time
Hearing	03/06/1998	Cancel	Tallahassee, 152	09:30-13:00

Remarks: Docket(s): 980005  
No request for hearing

**2. Hearing/Prehearing Assignment Information:**

**Former Assignments**

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Prehearing Officer

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02/25/1998

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J. TERRY DEASON  
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JOE GARCIA  
LEON JACOBS, JR.



DIVISION OF WATER &  
WASTEWATER  
CHARLES HILL  
DIRECTOR  
(850) 413-6900

## Public Service Commission

February 24, 1998

To All Florida Public Service  
Commission Regulated Water  
And Wastewater Utilities

Re: Docket No. 980005-WS - 1998 Price Index

Dear Utility Owner:

Since March 31, 1981, pursuant to the guidelines established by Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission has been required to establish a price index increase or decrease for major categories of operating costs. The intent of this rule is to insure that inflationary pressures are not detrimental to utility owners, and that any possible deflationary pressures are not adverse to rate payers. By keeping up with index and pass-through adjustments, utility operations can be maintained at a level sufficient to insure quality of service for the rate payers.

It is the practice of Commission staff that all operation and maintenance expenses should be indexed with the exception of:

- a) Pass-through items pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b);
- b) Any amortization of rate case expense; and
- c) Disallowances or adjustments made in an applicant's most recent rate proceeding.

Upon the filing of a request for an index and or pass through increase, staff will review the application and modify existing rates accordingly. If for no other reason than to keep up with escalating costs, utilities throughout the State should file for this rate relief on an annual basis. Staff designed a package to be attached to the final order and mailed to every regulated water and wastewater utility. This package will answer questions regarding what the index and pass-through rate adjustments are, how to apply for an adjustment, and what needs to be filed in order to meet the filing requirements. While this increase for any given year may be minor (see chart on following page), the long run effect of keeping current with rising costs can be substantial.

All Regulated Utilities  
February 24, 1998  
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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ANNUAL COMMISSION APPROVED INDEX</u>
1981	8.99%
1982	9.02%
1983	5.99%
1984	4.25%
1985	3.76%
1986	3.33%
1987	2.69%
1988	2.89%
1989	4.35%

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1990	4.12%
1991	4.12%
1992	3.63%
1993	3.33%
1994	2.56%
1995	1.95%
1996	2.49%
1997	2.13%
1998	2.10%

Our staff is available should you need assistance with your filing (850-413-6900). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,



Charles H. Hill  
Director

Enclosures

STATE OF FLORIDA

Commissioners:  
JULIA L. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN  
J. TERRY DEASON  
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February 6, 1998

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B. Kenneth Gatlin, Esquire  
Gatlin, Schiefelbein & Cowdery, P.A.  
3301 Thomasville Rd., Suite 300  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

RE: Docket No. 980005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

Please find enclosed a Notice of Proposed Agency Action Order Establishing 1998 Price Index for Water and Wastewater Utilities, in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorothy E. Roberts".

Dorothy E. Roberts  
Secretary for Hans Ottinot, Esquire

DR/dr

cc: Division of Records and Reporting ✓  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Davis, Casey, Chase, Rendell)

LORNE W. HUNSBERGER, P.A.  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

January 5, 1998

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo  
Director of Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Re: Docket 970005WS

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Please put my name on the list to receive all correspondence relating to Docket ~~970005WS~~ <sup>980005</sup>.

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Sincerely,

LORNE W. HUNSBERGER, P.A.



Lorne W. Hunsberger



LORNE W. HUNSBERGER, P.A.  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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January 5, 1998

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo  
Director of Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Re: Docket 970006WS

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Please put my name on the list to receive all correspondence relating to Docket ~~970006WS~~ **970006**

Thanks.

Sincerely,

LORNE W. HUNSBERGER, P.A.



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18014 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.  
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### FAX Cover Sheet

Date 1/2/98

To: BLANCA BAYO (FAX = 850-413-7119)

From: STEVE PRESENT

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**LEDGERPLUS**Suite 101  
18014 N. Dale Mabrey Hwy.  
Tampa, Florida 33618Phone (813) 961-7711  
Fax (813) 961-7711

January 2, 1998

Blanca Bayo  
Florida Public Service  
Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Pkwy.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0873Re: 1998 Price Index Order  
Document No. 980000

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please include my name on the mailing list for the 1998 Price Index Order. Please include all appendixes and attachments.

Your attention to our request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
LEDGERPLUS  
Steve Present

Helping America's Small Businesses Succeed Financially.

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated