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**DATE:** JANUARY 7, 1999

**TO:** DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

**FROM:** DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (BUTTS)  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (FERGUSON)

**RE:** DOCKET NO. 981744-WU - TARIFF FILING BY PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC. REQUESTING ALLOWANCE TO COLLECT DEPOSITS ON RENTAL PROPERTY IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY.  
COUNTY: HIGHLANDS

**AGENDA:** 01/19/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - DECISION ON SUSPENSION OF CHARGES - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

**CRITICAL DATES:** 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: JANUARY 29, 1999

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** NONE

**FILE NAME AND LOCATION:** S:\PSC\WAW\WP\981744.RCM

### CASE BACKGROUND

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Placid Lakes or utility) is a Class B water-only utility, providing service to approximately 1,318 water customers in Highlands County. The utility is fully owned by the Lake Placid Holding Company (LPHC). According to its 1997 Annual Report for the twelve months ending December 31, 1997, the utility recorded revenues of \$218,961 and expenses of \$199,153. The utility's service area is located in a water use caution area in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

On November 25, 1998, Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. filed the present application requesting approval to collect deposits on rental property.

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**DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

**ISSUE 1:** Should the utility's proposed tariff to collect deposits on rental property be suspended?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, the utility's proposed tariff to collect deposits on rental property should be suspended pending further investigation by staff. (BUTTS, FERGUSON)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Pursuant to Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes, the tariff sheets proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty (60) days after filing, unless the Commission votes to withhold consent to the operation of any or all portions of the new rate schedules, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding its consent.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, states that the utility rates, charges, and customer service polices must be contained in a tariff approved by and on file with the commission.

Staff has reviewed the filing and has considered the utility's proposed changes. However, staff believes it is reasonable and necessary to require further amplification and explanation of the proposals and to require production of corroborative information, if necessary. Therefore, staff is recommending that the proposed tariff to collect deposits on rental property for Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. should be suspended.