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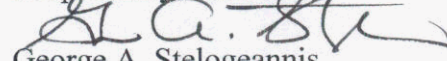
Re: Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.
Order No. PSC-99-0382-FOF-SU

Dear Sirs:

I hereby file a protest to the above captioned Order approving General Service Wastewater Flat Rates on a temporary basis to Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. I received a letter dated March 1, 1999 from Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. in an envelope post marked March 11, 1999. Accordingly, I did not receive any notice of this until March 15, 1999 in that I was in North Carolina March 9 through March 11 and did not see my mail at the office until March 15, 1999. Notice of what is going on was received and seen by me 20 days after the Order dated February 23, 1999. I protest what Tradewinds Utilities is doing for the following reasons:

1. Their rate structure for water and wastewater service is unconscionably high, unreasonable, discriminatory and unduly confiscatory. In my quad each unit is 710 square feet. The area is low end, economically depressed and the rents, when the units are occupied, are low.
2. Tradewinds will not allow individual meters, requires a 2" meter notwithstanding that the service from the meter is a 1" pipe. I have previously requested a 1" meter which has been refused by Tradewinds. Their refusal to allow a 1" meter is unconscionable in that a 1" meter is considerably lower in cost, is calculated to derive revenue to which they are not entitled and is unduly excessive, unreasonable and unconscionable.
3. Tradewinds has obtained Orders from the Commission without any notice to the parties concerned. I request notice to me and all property owners affected of all future conduct of Tradewinds in connection with the water and wastewater service they propose to offer. I respectfully request a complete review of this matter and further request a hearing on the issue of reasonableness of their rates, the meter connections, lack of notice, discriminatory tactics, refusal to provide billings and meters for each resident of my quad, the unnecessary use of larger than needed pipes and any other defense that I am entitled to under the law.

Respectfully submitted,


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