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RECORDS AND
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September 10, 1999

BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Room 110, Easley Building
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 990535-WU

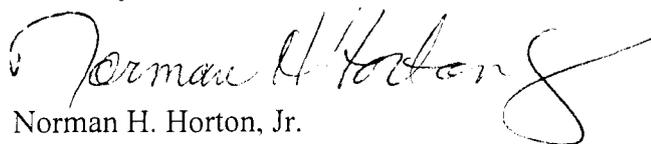
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the captioned docket is an original and fifteen copies of the initial Notice to Customers distributed as required by Rule 25-22.0407(c)(5), Florida Administrative Code, and the original and fifteen copies of the Affidavit of George Bachman that the Notice was mailed to customers.

By copy of this letter, a copy of the notice and affidavit is being provided to the Mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Nassau County and interested persons.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: The Honorable Ron Sapp
The Honorable Pete Cooper
Ralph Jaeger, Esq.
Ms. Trish Merchant
Matthew Fiel, Esq.
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Mr. George Bachman
Ms. Cheryl Martin

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CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code, that Florida Public Utilities Company has applied to the Florida Public Service Commission for a rate increase for its water service in Nassau County, Fernandina Beach Division, Docket No. 990535-WU. A Rate Increase is necessary to allow the utility to recover the reasonable and prudent costs of providing service and an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return.

The following is a comparison of the present and proposed rates:

WATER SERVICE

<u>Class/Meter Size</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Final Rates</u>
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Residential

Base Facility Charge (monthly per meter)

5/8"	\$ 8.20	\$ 10.45
1"	\$ 18.54	\$ 23.62
2"	\$ 56.51	\$ 72.00
3"	\$ 111.70	\$ 142.32
4"	\$ 208.33	\$ 265.43

Commodity Charge per hundred cubic feet (CCF)

All CCF's	\$ 0.84	
0-5 CCF's		\$ 0.62
6-20 CCF's		\$ 0.93
>20 CCF's		\$ 1.28

General Service (Commercial, Industrial, and Public Authority)

Base Facility Charge (monthly per meter)

5/8"	\$ 8.20	\$ 10.45
1"	\$ 18.54	\$ 23.62
2"	\$ 56.51	\$ 72.00
3"	\$ 111.70	\$ 142.32
4"	\$ 208.33	\$ 265.43

Commodity Charge per hundred cubic feet (CCF)

All CCF's	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.09
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Fire Hydrant Service

4"	\$ 70.29	\$ 89.56
5"	\$ 107.11	\$ 136.47
6"	\$ 145.07	\$ 184.83

Automatic Sprinkler System Service

2"	\$ 19.09	\$ 24.32
4"	\$ 70.29	\$ 89.56
6"	\$ 145.07	\$ 184.83
8"	\$ 185.32	\$ 236.12
10"	\$ 265.82	\$ 338.68

<u>Miscellaneous Service Charges</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Final Rates</u>
During Business Hours		
Initial Connection	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Normal Reconnection	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00
Violation Reconnection	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00
Premises Visit	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00
After Business Hours		
Initial Connection	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Normal Reconnection	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00
Violation Reconnection	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00

CASE SCHEDULE

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this case:

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| 1. | Customer Meeting | November 3, 1999 |
| 2. | Agenda Conference on Final Rates | January 4, 2000 |
| 3. | Proposed Agency Action Order on Final Rates | January 24, 2000 |
| 4. | Prehearing Conference if Proposed Agency Action Order is Protested | June 19, 2000 |
| 5. | Hearing if Proposed Agency Action Order is Protested | July 12 & 13, 2000 |

This schedule is tentative and subject to change by the Commission.

A copy of the application, minimum filing requirements and synopsis are available for inspection at the Utility's Office as follows:

Florida Public Utilities Company 911 South 8 th Street Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034	Business Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (904) 261-3663
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Written comments concerning the utility's service or the proposed rate increase should be addressed to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and should reference Docket No. 990535-WU. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

The Commission will be reviewing the utility's service availability charges in the pending rate case and may adjust those charges.

NOTICE issuance date: September 3, 1999

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Florida Public Utilities Company,
Fernandina Beach Division, for an Increase in Water
Rates in Nassau County, Florida

Docket No. 990535-WU

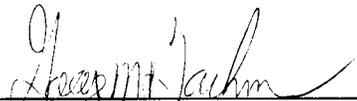
AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

NASSAU COUNTY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements, on this day personally appeared George M. Bachman, who, after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

- 1. That he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein:
- 2. That between September 3, 1999 and September 9, 1999, a copy of the Notice attached hereto was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of record within the service areas of Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Water Division and to all persons in the same service areas who have filed a written request for service within the 12 calendar months prior to and on August 6, 1999, the month the petition for rate increase was filed in this proceeding.



 George M. Bachman
 Controller and Assistant Treasurer
 Florida Public Utilities Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of September 1999 by George M. Bachman who is personally known to me.





 Notary Public
 State of Florida

SEAL:

My Commission expires: 8/26/03