

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

NOVEMBER 30, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 990913-EI - Complaint by Regina Walsh against Florida Power Corporation regarding backbilling.

Issue 1: Should the Commission find that meter tampering occurred at 11611 Scallop Drive, Port Richey, Florida 34668?

Recommendation: Yes. FPC's report provides prima facie evidence of meter tampering at 11611 Scallop Drive, Port Richey, Florida 34668.

**DEFERRED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*Staff to advise*

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Issue 2: Should the Commission find that Ms. Walsh is responsible for the backbilling totaling \$2,255.06?

Recommendation: Yes. Ms. Walsh was the last customer of record and present at the residence when the rigged meter was discovered. She is the owner of the property, claimed a homestead exemption for this residence, and maintained water service in her name during the entire period in question. Therefore, she is responsible for the backbilling.

Issue 3: Is the backbilling amount reasonable?

Recommendation: Yes. The backbilling amount of \$2,255.06, which includes \$64.13 investigative costs, was calculated by using the average daily usage method.

Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes.