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Public Service Commission

January 7, 2000

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Re: Docket No. 991437-WU, Application For Increased Water Rates by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. in Orange County, Florida

Dear Mr. Girtman:

We have reviewed the additional explanations, schedules and data submitted by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. (utility) on December 8, 1999, to satisfy the minimum filing requirements (MFRs). However, after reviewing this information, we still find the minimum filing requirements to be deficient. The specific deficiencies are identified as follows:

1. Schedule E-14, Billing Analysis Schedules

The explanation in Schedule E-14 clearly requires the utility to provide a billing analysis for each class of service by meter size or number of bills categorized by the number of units. The consumptions are to be rounded to nearest 1,000 gallons beginning at zero. The utility's schedules show that the level of consumption between 40,000 gallons and 120,000 gallons are categorized as 40,000 +gallons. By doing so, the utility did not comply with the requirements of this schedule. Please make the necessary adjustment on the schedule as requested.

Also, pages 3-6 of this schedule show that the year ended used was December 31, 1998 instead of the approved test year end of June 30, 1999. Please make the necessary corrections.

The utility in its response to our deficiency letter of November 29, 1999, stated that the 1998 Distribution of Expenses Book provided in the filing is the most recent allocation completed which matches to Schedule B-12. Pursuant to the Chairman's letter dated October 19, 1999, the approved test year for interim and final rates is the historical year ending June 30, 1999. The MFR Form PSC/WAW 20 for Class B utilities, adopted per Rule 25-30.437, Florida Administrative Code, states on schedules requiring test year data, that if no designation is shown of historical or projected on a schedule, information is to be submitted for the test year only. Therefore, any information on test year schedules containing any combination

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of data from periods other than the approved test year ending June 30, 1999 is not acceptable. Upon review of the information submitted by the utility, it appears that the information contains data from periods other than the approved test year. Please review all information submitted to ensure that it complies with the approved test year.

3. Additional Engineering Information Required of Class A and B Water and Wastewater Utilities in an Application for Rate Increase as provided for in Rule 25-30.440, Florida Administrative Code:
 - a) The map submitted by the utility does not show the location and respective classification such as residential, general service, etc. of the applicants' customers. Please include in the map the size of meters on the lots currently being served. Rule 25-30.440(1), Florida Administrative Code.
 - b) The utility failed to submit the list of chemicals used for water treatment by type, dosage rate, quantity purchased, unit price and total dollar amount for the test period July 01, 1998 through June 30, 1999. Rule 25-30.440(2), Florida Administrative Code.
 - c) The utility failed to submit the water plant monthly operating reports for the period of July, 1997 through June, 1999. Please omit wastewater data in your schedule since this is a water only rate case. Rule 25-30.440(4), Florida Administrative Code.
 - d) The utility failed to include in the list of all field employees, the certificates held by these employees and an explanation of each employees' salary allocation method to the utility's capital or expense accounts. Rule 25-30.440(8), Florida Administrative Code.

Your petition will not be deemed filed until you have complied with the minimum filing requirements. These deficiencies should be submitted no later than February 7, 2000.

Sincerely,



Dan Hoppe
Director

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