FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

APRIL 4, 2000

RE: DOCKET NO. 000165-PU - Petition by Florida Public Utilities Company for approval of revisions to service charge tariffs, Schedules No. 22.1 (Electric), No. 22 (Gas), and No. 17.1 (Water), which would provide for late payment charge.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should the Commission approve FPUC's proposed revised electric tariff sheet (Seventh Revised Sheet No. 22.1) containing the late payment charge?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve FPUC's petition for a revision to its electric tariff sheet to include a provision for a late payment charge. Prior to implementation, FPUC should provide a thirty-day advance notice to its customers. A sample of the notice should be submitted to the Commission's Division of Electric and Gas for staff approval prior to implementation.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

MAJORITY DISSENTING Susan J Clark . John Jones

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

REMARKS/DISSENTUNG COMMENTS:

Commissioner Clark participated in the conference via telephone. She agree with DCUMENT NUMBER-DATE discontrol from the majority vote and will sign the vote sheet upon return to Tallahassee.

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve FPUC's proposed revised gas service charge tariff (Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 22 and First Revised Sheet No. 22.1), which would provide for a late payment charge?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve FPUC's petition for approval of revisions to its gas tariff to provide a provision for a late payment charge. Prior to implementation, FPUC should provide a thirty-day advance notice to its customers. A sample of the notice should be submitted to the Commission's Division of Electric and Gas for staff approval prior to implementation.

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<u>Issue 3</u>: Should the Commission approve the petition of FPUC for revision of its water tariff (Third Revised Sheet No. 17.1) to include a provision for a late payment charge?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve FPUC's petition for a revision to its water tariff to include a provision for a late payment charge. Prior to implementation, FPUC should provide a thirty-day advance notice to its customers. A sample of the notice should be submitted to the Commission's Division of Water and Wastewater for staff approval prior to implementation.

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<u>Issue 4:</u> What is the appropriate effective date for the late payment charge?

<u>Recommendation</u>: The effective date for the revised tariff sheets should coincide with the ability of FPUC's billing system to implement and administer the late payment charges. Staff should be authorized to administratively approve the effective date.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes, if no protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order.

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