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Blanca Bayó Director, Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

> Re: Docket No. 000694-WU

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Water Management Services, are the original and fifteen copies of its Affidavit of Notice regarding a Notice of Customer Meeting.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

Gene Brown cc: Jason K. Fudge Frank Seidman Les Thomas Marshall Willis

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# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RIGINAT

In Re: Petition of Water	)		
Management Services, Inc. for a	)	Docket No.	000694-WU
Limited Proceeding to Increase	)		
Water Rates in Franklin County	)		
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Gene D. Brown who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That he is President of Water Management Services, Inc.
- 2. That on August <u>25</u>, 2000 he caused the Notice of Customer Meeting attached as Exhibit A to be sent by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, to all customers of Water Management Services, Inc.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, by Gene D. Brown who

(x) is personally known to me, or

( ) produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification,

this | day of September, 2000.

Notary Public

Sandra M. Chase
MY COMMISSION # CC862002 EXPIRES
November 17, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.
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#### NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

#### WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. 000694-WU

Issued: August 25,2000

Notice is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting regarding the application of Water Management Services, Inc. (Utility) for a limited proceeding to increase its water rates.

The rate increase has been requested to allow the Utility to cover the cost of installing a new water transmission main to St. George Island. This new water transmission main is required because the Department of Transportation is building a new bridge to the island and will be demolishing the bridge to which the Utility's current water transmission main is attached.

The customer meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, September 12, 2000
6:00 p.m. (EST)
Franklin County Courthouse
The Courtroom
33 Market Street
Apalachicola, Florida 32320

The purpose of the customer meeting is to give customers and other interested persons the opportunity to offer comments on the quality of service the Utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and make comments on other issues. All customers wishing to speak are urged to be present at the beginning of the customer meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in the meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers present have been heard.

In addition to the customer meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M. on September 12, 2000, the Public Service Commission Staff will be available that afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. in the Board of County Commissioners Room at the Franklin County Courthouse, to meet with representatives of customer groups, homeowners associations, and developers who desire a more in-depth discussion of the issues. Appointments may be made prior to September 8, 2000, by contacting Jan Kyle or Patricia Merchant of

the Public Service Commission at (850) 413-6932 or (850) 413-6918, respectively.

All persons who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meetings session may be canceled if no appointments are made.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

The Utility has requested that the rate increase be implemented in two phases. The following is a comparison of the Utility's current rates to the requested Phase I rates (proposed to take effect November 1, 2000) and the requested Phase II rates (proposed to take effect January 1, 2002). A final rate adjustment is proposed to take effect after completion of the project in 2003 which could result in final rates that are either higher or lower than the requested Phase II rates. The final amount and timing of any increases will be determined by the Commission in this proceeding.

	EXISTING RAT		REQUEST PHASE I		REQUES PHASE	STED II RATES
METER SIZE	BFC PER MONT	'H	BFC PER	MONTH	BFC PE	R MONTH
5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 20	.90	\$	25.26	\$	49.70
1"	52	.25		63.14		124.24
1-1/2"	104	.51		126.29		248.51
2"	167	.20		202.05		397.58
3" Compound	334	.40		404.10		795.17
3" Turbine	365	.77		442.01		869.76
4" Turbine	627	.02		757.71		1,490.99
6" Turbine	1,306	.30	1,	,578.58		3,106.24
Gallonage Charge, \$/1,000 gallons	\$ 1.	.98	\$	2.39	\$	4.71
Average Residential Bill at 6,400 gallons per mo.	\$ 33.	. 57	ş	40.57	\$	79.83

Written comments regarding the request for rate increase may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

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All comments should refer to Docket No. 000694-WU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case.

The Utility's address where a copy of the Petition for Limited Proceeding can be inspected during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday is:

Water Management Services, Inc. 139 Gulf Beach Drive West St. George Island, Florida 850-927-2648

#### Jurisdiction

The Florida Public Service Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The meeting will be held in accordance with that Chapter and with Chapters 28, 25-9, 25-22 and 25-30, Florida Administrative Code.

This notice was prepared by the utility at the direction and with the approval of the Commission staff for distribution to the utility's customers.