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TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JAEGER) *RRJ*

RE: DOCKET NO. 001806-WU - PETITION FOR LIMITED PROCEEDING TO INCREASE RATES IN NASSAU COUNTY BY FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY (FERNANDINA BEACH SYSTEM).

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Attached is a NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING, to be <sup>filed</sup>~~issued~~ in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in notice - 4)

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 001806-WU

PETITION FOR LIMITED PROCEEDING TO INCREASE RATES IN NASSAU COUNTY BY FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY (FERNANDINA BEACH SYSTEM).

ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Florida Public Utilities Company (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 significant capital improvements to the Utility's No. 3 Waterworks Plant along with some additional related plant improvements and associated direct expenditures not recovered in the Utility's recent rate proceeding in Docket No. 990535-WU. The system improvements are underway, and without the requested rate increase, the Utility projects that its return on investment will fall to 6.49% as of December 31, 2001.

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

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2001  
Fernandina Beach Recreation Center  
Patio Room  
2500 Atlantic Avenue  
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments regarding the quality of service the Utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on other issues. Staff members will answer questions to the extent possible. 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.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours 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 it be allowed to increase its rates by \$240,558 per annum. The following is a comparison of the Utility's current rates to the requested rates. The final amount and timing of any increases will be determined by the Commission in this proceeding.

Monthly Water Rates

	<u>Rates Prior to Filing</u>	<u>Utility Request</u>
<u>Residential Service</u>		
Base Facility Charge:		
Meter Size:		
5/8"	\$ 8.57	\$ 9.34
1"	\$ 21.43	\$ 23.36
2"	\$ 68.56	\$ 74.74
3"	\$128.55	\$140.15
4"	\$214.25	\$233.58

Charge Per CCF	<10 CCFs	\$0.87	\$0.95
	10-25 CCFs	\$1.09	\$1.19
	>25 CCFs	\$1.31	\$1.43

**General Service**

Base Facility Charge

Meter Size			
5/8"	\$ 8.57	\$ 9.34	
1"	\$ 21.43	\$ 23.36	
2"	\$ 68.56	\$ 74.74	
3"	\$ 149.98	\$ 163.51	
4"	\$ 257.10	\$ 280.29	
6"	\$ 535.63	\$ 583.94	
8"	\$ 771.30	\$ 840.87	
10"	\$1,242.65	\$1,354.74	

Charge Per CCF	\$1.04	\$1.13
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**Fire Hydrant Service**

Meter Size:			
4"	\$ 81.39	\$ 88.73	
5"	\$124.02	\$135.21	
6"	\$167.97	\$183.12	

**Automatic Sprinkler System Service**

Meter Size:			
2"	\$ 5.71	\$ 6.23	
4"	\$ 21.43	\$ 23.36	
6"	\$ 44.64	\$ 48.67	
8"	\$ 64.28	\$ 70.08	
10"	\$103.55	\$112.89	

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HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

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 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 001806-WU, Petition for limited proceeding to increase rates in Nassau County by Florida Public Utilities Company (Fernandina Beach System)."

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 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday is:

Florida Public Utilities Company  
911 South 8th Street  
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

JURISDICTION

The Florida Public Service Commission is vested with the 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 Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.