

State of Florida



Public Service Commission
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DATE: September 24, 2001
TO: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
FROM: Division of Legal Services (Espinoza) *JAE*
RE: Docket No. 010396-WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Brevard County by
Burkim Enterprises, Inc.

Please file the attached Notice of Customer Meetings with attached letter dated September 20, 2001, in the docket file for the above-referenced docket.

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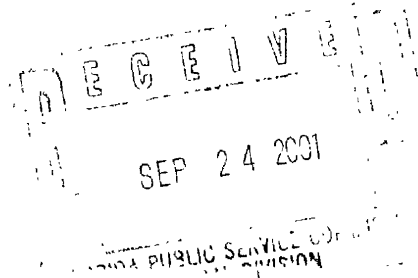
cc: Division of Regulatory Oversight (Vandiver, Winston)
Division of Economic Regulation (Fitch, Ted Davis, Lingo, Merta, Rendell)

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Memo

To: Lorena Espinoza
From: Pam Kimberlin
CC: Keith Burge
Date: 9/20/01
Re: Notice Customer Meeting



Mrs. Lorena Espinoza,

Here is a copy of the notice, which was sent out to our customers notifying them of the meeting in October. This letter was mailed out on September 18, 2001. If you need anything more information, please give me a call.

Thank You,

Pam

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
BURKIM ENTERPRISES, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 010396-WS

APPLICATION OF BURKIM ENTERPRISES, INC.

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

BREVARD COUNTY

Issued: September 18, 2001

Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Burkim Enterprises, Inc. (Burkim or Utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Brevard County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2001
Snug Harbor Clubhouse
7645 Kyak Court
Micco, Florida 32976

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the 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 this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

In addition, the Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on October 11, 2001, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission Staff, please contact Ryan Fitch at (850) 413-6928 or Sam Merta at (850) 413-6427 at least five calendar days prior to October 11, 2001.

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

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). 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).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on Staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Burkim's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting(s), orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Burkim is a Class C water and wastewater utility providing service to 364 water and wastewater customers in Brevard County. The utility's revenues for the test period are \$77,641 and \$49,519 for water and wastewater, respectively, with adjusted operating expenses of \$99,507 and \$96,885 for water and wastewater, respectively. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending May 31, 2001.

The utility has requested an interim increase in water and wastewater rates pending the Commission's final decision in this case. By Order No. PSC-01-1654-FOF-WS, issued on August 13, 2001, the Commission approved interim revenues of \$96,816 on an annual basis for wastewater and denied interim rates for water. This represents an increase of \$50,646 or 109.69%. These rates are subject to refund with interest if the Commission ultimately determines that interim rates were excessive.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final approval by the Commissioners. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Monthly Rates - Water
Residential and General Service

Base Facility Charge

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Test Year Rates</u>	<u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$9.92	N/A	\$10.53
3/4"	\$14.88	N/A	\$15.80
1"	\$24.81	N/A	\$26.33
1 1/2"	\$49.62	N/A	\$52.65
2"	\$79.38	N/A	\$84.24
3"	\$158.76	N/A	\$168.48
4"	\$248.06	N/A	\$263.25
6"	\$496.12	N/A	\$526.50
<u>Gallonage Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)</u>			
0-10,000 Gallons	\$1.73	N/A	\$3.82
Above 10,000 Gallons	\$1.73	N/A	\$4.78
General Service Only	\$1.73	N/A	\$3.90

Monthly Rates - Wastewater

RESIDENTIAL

	<u>Test Year</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Interim</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Staff's</u> <u>Preliminary</u> <u>Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>			
<u>Meter Size:</u>			
All Meter Sizes	\$3.54	\$7.42	\$10.10
<u>Gallonge Charge</u>			
Per 1,000 Gallons (6,000 gallon cap)	\$1.62	\$3.40	\$3.54

Monthly Rates - Wastewater

GENERAL SERVICE

	<u>Test Year</u>	<u>Interim</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Staff's</u> <u>Preliminary</u> <u>Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>			
<u>Meter Sizes</u>			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$3.54	\$7.42	\$10.10
3/4"	\$5.32	\$11.16	\$15.14
1"	\$8.85	\$18.56	\$25.24
1 1/2"	\$17.72	\$37.16	\$50.48
2"	\$28.34	\$59.43	\$80.77
3"	\$56.66	\$118.68	\$161.54
4"	\$88.55	\$183.68	\$252.40
6"	\$177.10	\$371.36	\$504.80
<u>Gallonge Charge</u>			
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.95	\$4.09	\$4.24

Water

Residential and General Service

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Deposit</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Deposit</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.00	\$51.00
All over 5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	2 x Average Bill
1"	\$25.00	N/A
1 1/2"	\$40.00	N/A
2" and over	\$60.00	N/A

Wastewater

Residential

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Deposit</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Deposit</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.00	\$42.00
All over 5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	2 X Average Bill

Wastewater

General Service

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Deposit</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Deposit</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.00	\$42.00
All over 5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	2 X Average Bill
1"	\$25.00	N/A
1 1/2"	\$40.00	N/A
2" and over	\$60.00	N/A

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated August 20, 2001. Copies of the report may

Water

Plant Capacity Charge

Preliminary Charge

Residential-Per Unit (132 GPD)

\$276.00

All Others-Per Gallon

\$2.09

Main Extension Charge

Preliminary Charge

Residential-Per Unit (132 GPD)

\$530.00

All Others-Per Gallon

\$4.02

Meter Installation Charge

Preliminary Charge

5/8" x 3/4"

\$100.00

All Over 5/8" x 3/4"

Actual Cost

Wastewater

Plant Capacity Charge

Preliminary Charge

Residential-Per Unit (83 GPD)

\$68.00

All Others-Per Gallon

\$0.82

Main Extension Charge

Preliminary Charge

Residential-Per Unit (83 GPD)

\$165.00

All Others-Per Gallon

\$1.99

be examined by interested members of the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at the following address: ..

Snug Harbor Clubhouse
7645 Kyak Court
Micco, Florida 32976

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on November 19, 2001. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its December 4, 2001, Agenda Conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 010396-WS, Burkim Enterprises, Inc."

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.