

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET
(PLEASE TYPE)

Date November 5, 2001

Docket No. 011482-WW

1. Division Name/Staff Name ECR (WALKER)

2. OPR _____

3. OCR _____

4. Suggested Docket Title Application to establish late fee for Consolidated Water Works in Columbia County.

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)

A. Provide NAMES OR ACRONYMS ONLY if a regulated company.

B. Provide COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS for all others. (Match representatives to companies.)

1. Parties and their representatives (if any):

<u>Consolidated Water Works, Inc.</u>	_____
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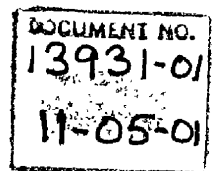
2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):

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6. Check one:

Documentation is attached.

Documentation will be provided with recommendation.



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October 30th, 2001

State of Florida Public Service Commission
 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Late Payments by Customers

Attention: Charles Walker

Dear Mr. Walker,

Consolidated Water Works would at this time like to request a fee for the customers that are late paying their monthly statement. At this time there is no provision for a form of late charges for customers. The following is a list of the three Subdivisions and the amount of late notices that were sent over a period of the last six months by Consolidated Water Works.

	242 VILLAGE	AZALEA PARK	SHADY OAKS
May-0/1	17	35	5
June-0/1	16	39	5
July-0/1	23	44	52
August-0/1	17	29	30
September-0/1	18	33	36
October-0/1	18	29	30
Total Late	109	209	158
Average Late	18	35	26
Total Customers Served	40	88	104
			232

As you can see there is a large portion of our customers that are consistently late. It is a costly matter every month for Consolidated Water Works to send out cutoff notices to all of these customers. Between the cost of the envelopes, stamps and accounting processes, Consolidated Water Works feels that there is a need for an expense to the late customers in a form of a late fee.

Please let me know if there is a way we can pass along this cost in the form of a late fee to the late customers.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Espenship,
 Owner Consolidated Water Works