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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS TO THE CUSTOMERS OF

BIEBER ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A BREEZE HILL UTILITIES

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 011481-WS

APPLICATION OF BIEBER ENTERPRISES, INC.

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

POLK COUNTY

Issued:

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

6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2002  
Polk County Public Library  
290 Cypress Gardens Lane  
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

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 meeting with representatives of customer groups and/or homeowners associations. These meetings will be held at the following time and place:

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FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2002  
Breeze Hill Clubhouse  
152 Breeze Hill  
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

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 Charles Walker at (850) 413-6968 or Matthew Costner at (850) 413-6690 at least five calendar days prior to April 25, 2002.

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 Breeze Hill'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

Breeze Hill Utilities is a Class C utility providing water and wastewater service to 116 residential customers and one general service customer. The utility's revenues for the test period is \$24,263 for water and \$26,056 for wastewater, with adjusted operating expenses of \$30,460 for water and \$37,260 for wastewater. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending December 31, 2001.

The utility's previous rate case took place in 1999, and Order No. PSC-99-2394-FOF-WS, Docket No. 990356-WS, was issued December 7, 1999. Since then, several customers have installed private wells at their homes. Because the customers have installed these wells, consumption of potable water provided by the utility has decreased. In the utility's last rate case, the Commission set rates based upon the approved revenue requirement and test year consumption. Since there has been a decrease in consumption of potable water by the utility, the utility's current rates are not sufficient to recover the previously approved revenue requirement.

## 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 SERVICE

	<u>Test Year</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
<u>Meter Sizes</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.83	\$12.28
3/4"	\$17.75	\$18.42
1"	\$29.58	\$30.70
1 1/2"	\$59.16	\$61.40
2"	\$94.66	\$98.24
3"	\$189.32	\$196.48
4"	\$295.81	\$307.00
6"	\$591.61	\$614.00
<u>Gallorage Charge</u>		
0-10 kgal	\$1.20	\$3.71
Over 10 kgal	\$1.20	\$5.57

Monthly Rates - Wastewater

RESIDENTIAL

	<u>Test Year Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
<u>Meter Size:</u>		
All Meter Sizes	\$12.65	\$13.09
<u>Gallorage Charge</u>		
Per 1,000 Gallons (6,000 gallon cap)	\$1.75	\$6.56

Monthly Rates - Water

GENERAL SERVICE

	<u>Test Year</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
<u>Meter Sizes</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$11.83	\$12.28
3/4"	\$17.75	\$18.42
1"	\$29.58	\$30.70
1 1/2"	\$59.16	\$61.40
2"	\$94.66	\$98.24
3"	\$189.32	\$196.48
4"	\$295.81	\$307.00
6"	\$591.61	\$614.00
 <u>Gallonage Charge</u>		
0-10 kgal	\$1.20	\$4.16
Over 10 kgal	\$1.20	\$4.16

Monthly Rates - Wastewater

GENERAL SERVICE

	<u>Test Year</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
<u>Meter Sizes</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$12.65	\$13.09
3/4"	\$18.97	\$19.63
1"	\$31.61	\$32.71
1 1/2"	\$63.23	\$65.43
2"	\$101.17	\$104.68
3"	\$202.33	\$209.36
4"	\$316.14	\$327.13
6"	\$632.28	\$654.26

Gallage Charge

Per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.75	\$7.87
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Wastewater

Residential

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Deposit</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Deposit</u>
All meter sizes	N/A	N/A

Wastewater

General Service

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Deposit</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Deposit</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	N/A
All over 5/8" x 3/4"	N/A	N/A

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated March 29, 2002. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at the following address:

Breeze Hill Utilities  
152 Breeze Hill  
Lake Wales, Fl 33853

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 May 30, 2002. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its June 11, 2002, 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. 011481-WS, Bieber 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.