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Date 04/30/2002 Docket No. 020388-WS

1. Division Name/Staff Name: ECONOMIC REGULATION/MERTA

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4. Suggested Docket Title: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE METER INSTALLATION FEES TO CONFORM TO THE CURRENT COST IN LAKE COUNTY BY SUN COMMUNITIES FINANCE, LLC d/b/a WATER OAK UTILITY

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):

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Representative Name. Rows include GABRIELE UMBEL, SUN COMMUNITIES FINANCE, LLC d/b/a WATER OAK UTILITY, 106 EVERGREEN LANE, LADY LAKE, FL 32159, F. MARSHALL DETERDING, ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP, 2548 BLAIRSTONE PINES DRIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301.

2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):

Table with 2 columns for interested persons and their representatives, currently empty.

6. Check one:

- X Documentation is attached.
Documentation will be provided with recommendation.

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Request for Meter Installation Fee
Our File No. 33013.01

Dear Troy:

As we discussed recently on the phone, Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility is in need of increased meter installation fees. Until recently, the Utility was utilizing development company maintenance personnel to install these meters. However, given growth in the area and the expectation of additional irrigation meters, the Utility has had to seek outside contractors rather than add additional full-time staff, at what would probably be a greater cost.

As such, the Utility sought bids from four separate plumbing companies for installation of these meters within the neighborhood. Only one of those plumbing companies even responded. They offered to do the work for \$190 per meter installation, including parts and labor. They are now being utilized for all meter installations from this point forward.

Attached is a copy of the proposal from Kylie and Sons, Inc., who the Utility has agreed to utilize for this purpose. The Utility has no choice but to increase the meter installation fees in order to conform those fees to the costs actually incurred in installing those meters.

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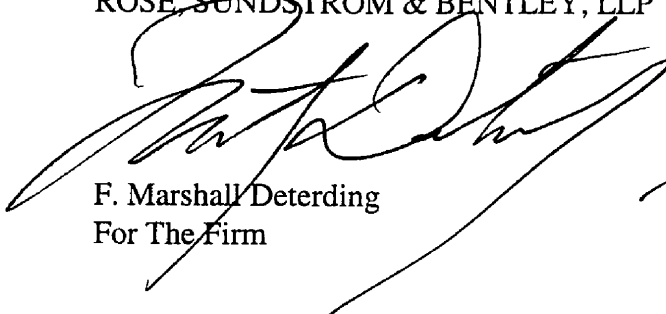
I am also attaching a copy of a revised meter installation tariff sheet in order to implement this increased charge. Since the current tariff only includes reference to the meter installation fee on First Revised Sheet No. 17.0 of the water tariff and First Revised Sheet No. 16.0 of the wastewater tariff, I have utilized those sheets for the change. Because Sheet No. 24.0 of the water tariff and Sheet No. 22.0 of the wastewater tariff both reference an Order reinstating charges, I have simply added a sentence at the end of those referencing Sheet No. 16.0 and 17.0 as containing in the current charges.

We would appreciate the staff moving as quickly as possible to approve this increased meter installation fee, so that the Utility does not incur substantial additional investment in the interim period, which would be costly to all customers in the long run.

If you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information in order to make sure this matter is processed quickly, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP



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For The Firm

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NAME OF COMPANY: SUN COMMUNITIES FINANCE, LLC d/b/a WATER OAK UTILITY
WATER TARIFF

SERVICE AVAILABILITY FEES AND CHARGES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
<u>System Capacity Charge</u>		
Residential-per ERC (300GPD)	\$141.00	24.0
All others-per gallon	\$.67	24.0
<u>Meter Installation Fee</u>		
5/8" X 3/4"	\$190.00	24.0
Over 5/8" X 3/4"	Actual Cost	

Jonathan Colman
ISSUING OFFICER

Vice President
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WATER TARIFF

SERVICE AVAILABILITY POLICY

Pursuant to Order No. 16528 in Docket No. 850517-WS, initial rates and charges were established to this utility. Within that docket, system capacity charges were established for both the water and wastewater system as well as meter installation charges for the water system. After elimination of those charges in Order No. 18255, they were reinstated pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-00-1165-PAA-WS. For current charges, see Sheet No. 17.0 —

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WASTEWATER TARIFF

SERVICE AVAILABILITY FEES AND CHARGES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
<u>System Capacity Charge</u>		
Residential-per ERC (300GPD)	\$153.00	22.0
All others-per gallon	\$.67	22.0
<u>Meter Installation Fee</u>		
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