

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval to increase meter installation fees to conform to current cost in Lake County by Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility.

DOCKET NO. 020388-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0905-PCO-WS
ISSUED: July 8, 2002

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED TARIFF SHEETS TO
INCREASE METER INSTALLATION FEES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility (Sun Communities or utility) is a Class B water and wastewater utility located in Lake County. The utility provides water service to approximately 788 residential customers and 29 general service customers and wastewater service to approximately 790 residential customers and 5 general service customers in Water Oak Country Club Estates, a mobile home community. The utility was granted Water Certificate No. 454-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 388-S pursuant to Order No. 16150, issued May 23, 1986, in Docket No. 850517-WS. The utility's rate base was last established pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-0034-FOF-WS, issued January 7, 1997, in Docket No. 960040-WS. The utility's 2000 Annual Report shows annual operating revenues of \$118,815 and \$130,779, operating expenses of \$101,379 and \$156,798, and a net operating income of \$17,436 and (\$26,019) for water and wastewater, respectively.

On April 25, 2002, the utility filed an application to increase meter installation fees. This Order addresses the suspension of the utility's proposed tariff sheets. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes.

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Pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, the tariff sheets proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty (60) days after filing, unless this Commission votes to withhold consent of the request. Further, we may withhold consent to operation of any or all portions of new rate schedules by a vote to that effect within 60 days, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding that consent.

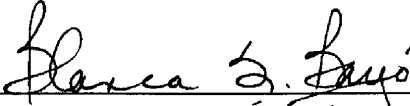
We have reviewed the filing and have considered the utility's proposed charge and information filed in support of the application. We believe it is necessary to require further explanation of this data. Our review of the application will include further examination. Therefore, the proposed tariff sheets to increase meter installation fees to conform to the current cost shall be suspended pending further investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Sun Communities Finance, LLC, d/b/a Water Oak Utility's proposed tariff sheets to increase meter installation fees to conform to the current cost is hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 8th day of July, 2002.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.