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Division of Economic Regulation
Room 160, Gunter Building
Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Devlin:

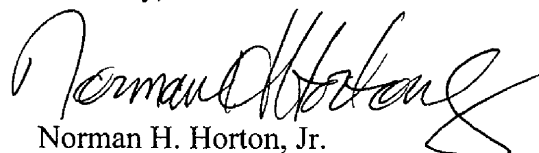
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company is an original and 3 copies of Fourth Revised Sheet No. 17.1 to be filed in Florida Public Utilities Company's Water Tariff.

The purpose of this filing is to change the late fee provisions in the tariff to assist in reducing late payment amounts and to reduce bad debts to a historical level.

Upon approval of the filing please copy me with an approved sheet so that I can keep my files complete.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Mark Cutshaw

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RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

18. Miscellaneous Service Charges

A. Initial Connection

When service is initiated at a location where service did not exist previously

| | <u>Charge</u> |
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| Regular Business Hours | \$ 12.00 |
| After Business Hours | \$ 12.00 |

B. Normal Reconnection

When service is transferred to a new customer at the same location or reconnection of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection.

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| After Business Hours | \$ 12.00 |

C. Violation Reconnection

When service has been disconnected for cause including delinquency in bill payments.

| | <u>Charge</u> |
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| Regular Business Hours | \$ 12.00 |
| After Business Hours | \$ 18.00 |
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D. Premises Visit Charge (in Lieu of Disconnection)

When Company's representative visits customer's premises for the purpose of discontinuing service for non-payment of a due and collectible bill and does not discontinue service because of customer pays the service representative or otherwise make satisfactory arrangements to pay the bill.

| | <u>Charge</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Regular Business Hours | \$ 8.00 |

E. Late Payment Charge

A bill shall be considered past due upon the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of other delivery thereof by Company. The balance of all past due charges for services rendered are subject to a Late Payment Charge of 1.5% or \$5.00, whichever is greater, except the accounts of federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies, and instrumentalities. A Late Payment Charge shall be applied to the accounts of federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies and instrumentalities at a rate no greater than allowed, and in a manner permitted by applicable law.

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