

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET
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Date	11/06/02	Docket No.	021127-EI
1. Division Name/Staff Name: ECR-Baxter			
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4. Suggested Docket Title: Request for approval of Eighth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 22.1 to change late fee provisions to assist in reducing late payment amounts and to reduce bad debts to historical level by Florida Public Utilities Company.			
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):			
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Messer, Caparello and Self		P.O. Box 1876 Tallahassee, FL 32302	
2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):			
6. Check one:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation is attached.			
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October 2, 2002

BY HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Tim Devlin
Division of Economic Regulation
Room 160, Gunter Building
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Mr. Devlin:

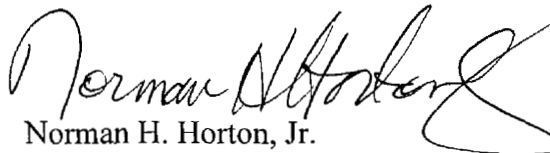
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company is an original and 3 copies of Eighth Revised Sheet No. 22.1 to be filed in Florida Public Utilities Company's Electric Tariff.

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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Enclosures
cc: Mr. Mark Cutshaw

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RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

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21. Late Payment Charge

A bill shall be considered past due upon the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of mailing or 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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22. Measuring Customer Service

- (1) All energy sold to customer, except that sold under flat rate schedule, shall be measured by commercially acceptable measuring devices owned and maintained by the Company, except where it is impractical to meter loads, such as street lighting, temporary or special installations, in which case the consumption may be calculated, or billed on demand or connected load rate or as provided in Company's filed tariff.
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- (3) Meters which are not direct reading shall have the multiplier plainly marked on the meter. All charts taken from recording meters shall be marked with the date of the record, the meter number, customer, and chart multiplier. The register ratio shall be marked on all meter registers. The watt-hour constant for the meter itself shall be placed on all watt-hour meters.
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