

VOTE SHEET

DECEMBER 2, 2002

RE: Docket No. 021024-WU - Request for approval of Fourth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 17.1, 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 (Fernandina Beach System) in Nassau County. Docket No. 021127-EI - 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.

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve FPUC's proposed water and electric tariffs to reflect the addition of a \$5.00 minimum to the late payment charge?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The charge should become effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet, provided the customers have received notice. The revised tariff sheet should be submitted with sufficient time for Commission staff to verify that the tariff is consistent with the Commission's decision, and that the proposed notice to the customers is adequate. Staff should be permitted to administratively approve the tariff sheet upon verification of the above. The utility should provide proof to Commission staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

[Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners]

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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ISSUE 2: Should these dockets be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: If a protest is filed in either docket within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the tariff should remain in effect with all late payment charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest, and the docket should remain open. If no timely protest is filed, the docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

APPROVED