

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 030438-EI

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

ISSUED: February 6, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application of Florida Public Utilities Company for a permanent rate increase, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February, 18, 2004
Betty Easley Conference Center, Rm 148
4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

Thursday, February 19, 2004 has also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of Florida Public Utilities Company for a permanent rate increase and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

01764 FEB-6 8

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on February 2, 2004. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing, because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapters 350 and 366, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapters as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapters 25-6, 25-22, 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 350 and 360, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-6, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DOCKET NO. 030438-EI
PAGE 3

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
6th day of February, 2004.

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

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

(S E A L)

JSB