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DATE: April 13, 2006
 TO: Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
 FROM: Division of Economic Regulation (Tracey Biggins, Professional Accountant) *TS*
 RE: Docket No. 050449-WU Application for a Staff Assisted Rate Case by Dixie Groves Utility Company in Pasco County

COMMISSION
CLERK

Attached is the Notice of Customer Meeting to the Dixie Groves Utility Company customers. Please place in the docket file as it was inadvertently sent to us. Thanks

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
DIXIE GROVES UTILITY COMPANY
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
DOCKET NO. 050449-WU
APPLICATION BY DIXIE GROVES UTILITY COMPANY
FOR STAFF-ASSISTED RATE INCREASE IN
PASCO COUNTY

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Issued:

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Dixie Groves Utility Company (Dixie Groves or Utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Pasco County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
New Port Richey City Hall
5919 Main Street
New Port Richey, Florida 34652

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

In addition, the Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on February 15, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission Staff, please contact Tracey Biggins at (850) 413-6844 at least five calendar days prior to February 15, 2006.

All persons who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meeting session may be canceled if no appointments are made.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a

physical impairment should call the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on Staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Dixie Groves Utility Company proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting(s), orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Dixie Groves Utility Company. (Dixie Groves or utility) is a Class C water utility located in Pasco County serving approximately 337 water customers. The utility was issued Water Certificate No. 139-W pursuant to Order No. 5740, issued May 7, 1973, in Docket No. C-73191-W, In Re: Application of Dixie Groves Estates, Inc. for Certificate to Operate an Existing Water System In Pasco County. Dixie Groves is located in the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). This particular area of the SWFWMD is in the Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area. Wastewater service is provide by Pasco County Utilities. The utility's 2004 annual report reflects operating revenues of \$54,410 and an operating loss of (\$11,432).

By Order No. PSC-04-0338-PAA-WU, issued March 31,2004 in Docket No. 030656-WU, In Re: Application for transfer of facilities and Certificate No. 139-W in Pasco County from Dixie Groves Estates, Inc. to Dixie Groves Utility Company a Division of Community Utilities of Florida Inc., the Commission approved the transfer of the facilities of Dixie Groves Estates, Inc. to Dixie Groves Utility Company a Division of Community Utilities of Florida, Inc.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final approval by the Commissioners. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Monthly Rates Phase I Residential and General Service

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
Meter Sizes		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$9.24	\$11.58
3/4"	\$13.86	\$17.37
1"	\$23.11	\$28.95
1 1/2"	\$46.24	\$57.90
2"	\$73.96	\$92.64
3"	\$147.42	\$185.28
4"	\$231.15	\$289.50
6"	\$462.28	\$579.00
 <u>Gallonage Charge</u>		
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.51	\$2.66
 <u>Typical Residential Bills at Various Consumption Levels</u>		
0 kgal	\$9.24	\$11.58
3 kgal	\$13.77	\$19.56
5 kgal	\$16.79	\$24.88
8 kgal	\$21.32	\$32.86

Monthly Rates Phase II
Residential and General Service

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates with Pro forma Plant</u>
<u>Base Facility Charge</u>		
Meter Sizes		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$9.24	\$33.01
3/4"	\$13.86	\$49.52
1"	\$23.11	\$82.53
1 1/2"	\$46.24	\$165.05
2"	\$73.96	\$264.08
3"	\$147.42	\$528.16
4"	\$231.15	\$825.25
6"	\$462.28	\$1650.50

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Per 1.000 Gallons	\$1.51	\$8.98
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Gallonge Charge

Typical Residential Bills at Various Consumption Levels

0 kgal	\$9.24	\$33.01
3 kgal	\$13.77	\$59.95
5 kgal	\$16.79	\$77.91
8 kgal	\$21.32	\$104.85

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated January 12, 2006. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours at the following address:

Dixie Groves Utility Company
4939 Cross Bayou Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34652

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on March 23, 2006. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its April 4, 2006, agenda conference.

The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 050449-WU, Dixie Groves Utility Company.

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.

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