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REPLY TO CENTRAL FLORIDA OFFICE

October 4, 2006

HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayo Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 060261-WS; Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke's Application for Rate Increase in Lake County, Florida <u>Our File No.: 30057.121</u>

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find for filing the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Affidavit of Mailing Initial Customer Notice and Customer Meeting Notice for this utility.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Very truly yours MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN CMP VALERIE L. LORD For the Firm COM ... VLL/tlc CTR Enclosures ECR Mr. Troy Rendell, Division of Economic Regulation (w/encs. - via hand delivery) cc: GCL Mr. Steven M. Lubertozzi (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) OPC Ms. Kirsten Weeks (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) Mr. John Hoy (w/o enclosures - via U.S. Mail) RCA Mr. Patrick C. Flynn (w/enclosures - via U.S. Mail) SCR Steven Reilly, Office of Public Counsel (w/o enclosures - via U.S. Mail) M:\1 ALTAMONTE\UTILITIES INC\PENNBROOKE\(.121) 2005 RATE CASE\PSC Clerk 10 (AOM Combined Notice).ltr.wpd SGA SEC DOGUMENT NUMBER-DATE OTH __ 09162 OCT-48

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE for an increase in water and wastewater rates in Lake County, Florida

DOCKET NO. 060261-WS

NOTICE OF FILING

Applicant, UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE hereby notices the filing of the Affidavit of Mailing the Combined Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting to the customers of Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke.

Respectfully submitted on this the 3rd day of October 2006, by:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 060261-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished

by U. S. Mail this 3rd day of October 2006, to the following:

Jennifer Brubaker, Esquire OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

Steve Reilly, Esquire OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL Claude Pepper Building 111 W. Madison Street, Suite 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose and say that he is the Chief Regulatory Officer of Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke, and that on $\underline{Segtember 2}$ 2006, he did send by regular U.S. Mail a copy of the Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting for Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke to the Utility's customers in the form attached hereto.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>2</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2006, by STEVEN M. LUBERTOZZI, who is <u>personally known to me</u> or has produced _______as identification.

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NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS Printed Name:

My Commission Expires: Jan 24, 2004

OFFICIAL SEAL JOYCE GUIDICE NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-24-2009

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO.: 060261-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE

DATED: September 21, 2006

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the Application for an increase in water and wastewater rates of Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke ("Utility"). The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

> Tuesday, October 10, 2006 6:00 p.m. Grand Hall at Pennbrooke Fairways 33825 Pennbrooke Parkway Leesburg, Florida

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 of the customers have been heard.

In addition to the customer meeting to be held on October 10, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., the Public Service Commission Staff will be available that afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to meet with representatives of customer groups, homeowners' associations, and developers who desire a more in-depth discussion of the issues. Appointments may be made for the meeting with Staff by contacting Ms. Sam Merta of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff at (850) 413-6427 prior to Friday, October 6, 2006. All representatives who wish to participate in individual meetings are urged to make an appointment, since the individual meetings 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 Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. 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).

Emergency Cancellation of Customer Meeting

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If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the 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 and to ask questions, and comment on the rates included in this Notice as well as other issues. Commission staff will be available to address and coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. A representative from the utility may also be in attendance. 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 in the order that they sign up to speak.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting, either orally or in writing. Other written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, or requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 060261-WS, Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke". Your letter will 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. The Commission also has a website available at http://floridapsc.com/consumers/complaint/index.cfm

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

BACKGROUND

Utilities, Inc. of Pennbrooke (*Utility*) is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Lake County, Florida. As reported in its Minimum Filing Requirements (*MFRs*) filed with the Florida Public Service Commission (*Commission*) on May 15, 2006, as revised on July 10, 2006, the Utility's revenues per books are \$340,926, with operating expenses per books of \$283,578, for its water system, and revenues per books of \$308,977, with operating expenses per books of \$285,582, for its wastewater system, resulting in net operating income of \$57,348 for its water system, and net operating income of \$23,395 for its wastewater

system, per books, before adjustments. The rate increase application has been filed by the Utility because of inadequate earnings.

Copies of the MFRs will be available for inspection by members of the public at the following locations:

Leesburg Public Library 204 N. 5th Street Leesburg, FL 34748

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Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Utilities, Inc. of Florida 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A "Rate Case Synopsis" will also be available, along with the MFRs.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average twelve-month period ended December 31, 2005.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

The current and proposed rates and charges follow. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further Commission Staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

WATER SERVICE

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| Residential and General Service | <u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u> | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim</u> <u>Rates*</u> | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates | <u>Commission</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Interim</u> <u>Rates</u> * |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Base Facility Charge: | | | | |
| <u>Meter Size</u> | | | | |
| 5/8" x 3/4" | \$5.56 | N/A | \$5.97 | N/A |
| 1" | \$13.90 | N/A | \$14.92 | N/A |
| 1 1⁄2" | \$27.80 | N/A | \$29.85 | N/A |
| 2" | \$44.48 | N/A | \$47.72 | N/A |
| 3" | \$88.96 | N/A | \$95.45 | N/A |
| 4" | \$139.00 | N/A | \$149.13 | N/A |
| Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons) 0 - 10,000 gallons | \$1.61 | N/A | \$1.74 | N/A |
| Over 10,000 gallons The Utility did not request in | \$2.01 terim rates. | N/A | \$2.17 | N/A |

WASTEWATER SERVICE

| <u>Residential</u> | <u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u> | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Final Rates</u> | <u>Commission</u> <u>Approved</u> Interim Rates |
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| Base Facility Charge: | | | | |
| <u>Meter Size</u> | | | | |
| 5/8" x 3/4" | \$7.85 | \$11.09 | \$11.85 | \$10.78 |
| 1" | \$19.62 | \$27.72 | \$29.62 | \$26.94 |
| 1 1⁄2" | \$39.23 | \$55.41 | \$59.22 | \$53.87 |
| 2" | \$62.77 | \$88.71 | \$94.72 | \$86.19 |
| 3" | \$125.54 | \$177.35 | \$189.52 | \$172.38 |
| 4" | \$196.15 | \$277.10 | \$296.11 | \$269.34 |
| Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)(Maximum 10,000 gallons per month) | \$1.96 | \$3.32 | \$3.54 | \$2.69 |

| General Service | <u>Rates Prior to</u> <u>Filing</u> | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates | <u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates | <u>Commission</u> <u>Approved</u> Interim Rates |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Base Facility Charge: | | | | |
| Meter Size | | | | |
| 5/8" x 3/4" | \$7.85 | \$11.09 | \$11.85 | \$10.78 |
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SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The Utility is requesting the following changes to its miscellaneous service charges.

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| Water | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Type of Charge | Present Charge | | Requested Charge | | |
| | During Business Hours | After Business Hours | During Business Hours | After Business Hours | |
| Initial Connection | \$15.00 | N/A | \$15.00 | \$22.50 | |
| Normal Reconnection | \$15.00 | N/A | \$15.00 | \$22.50 | |
| Violation Reconnection | \$15.00 | N/A | \$15.00 | \$22.50 | |
| Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection) | \$10.00 | N/A | \$10.00 | \$15.00 | |

<u>Wastewater</u>

| Type of Charge | Present Charge | | Requested Charge | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | During Business Hours | After Business Hours | During Business Hours | After Business Hours |
| Initial Connection | \$15.00 | N/A | \$15.00 | \$22.50 |
| Normal Reconnection | \$15.00 | N/A | \$15.00 | \$22.50 |
| Violation Reconnection | Actual Cost | N/A | Actual Cost | Actual Cost |
| Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection) | \$10.00 | N/A | \$10.00 | \$15.00 |

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

In addition to the customer meeting described above, other important dates in the rate application are as follows:

Schedule Item

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Due Dates

| Staff Recommendation on Interim Rates | July 6, 2006 |
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| Agenda Conference on Interim Rates | July 18, 2006 |
| Order on Interim Rates | August 7, 2006 |
| Staff Audit Report | September 27, 2006 |
| Customer Meeting | October 10, 2006 |
| Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA") | December 27, 2006 |
| Recommendation | |
| Agenda Conference on PAA Rates | January 9, 2007 |
| PAA Order | January 29, 2007 |
| Protest Period Expires | February 19, 2007 |
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This notice was prepared by the Utility and approved by Commission Staff for distribution by the Utility to its customers.