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June 15, 2007 VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ann Cole
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Windstream Utilities Company; Meter Installation Customer Deposits Tariff Change Our File No. 26067.01

Dear Ms. Cole:

Attached please find the proposed changes in the miscellaneous service charges for Windstream Utilities Company. Those have not been updated since 1984 and costs for fuel and labor have risen substantially since that last update. The Commission's price index alone has increased at least 100% in that period of time. As such, we are also requesting a change in miscellaneous service charges in order to reflect those changes. Included with those miscellaneous service charges is a Premises Visit Charge modified to recognize those situations in which the Utility is requested by the customer to visit the premises and it is determined that the problem or the service rendered is not related to the Utility's facilities but rather to the customer's side of the meter. In addition, we are requesting after hours charges of \$40 for each of these services, which we understand have recently been authorized for other similarly situated utilities. Finally, we are requesting approval of a late payment charge to encourage timely payment and to require the "cost causer" to pay at least those direct costs.

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NAME OF COMPANY: Windstream Utilities Company

WATER TARIFF

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

The Company may charge the following miscellaneous service charges in accordance with the terms stated herein. If both water and wastewater services are provided, only a single charge is appropriate unless circumstances beyond the control of the Company requires multiple actions.

<u>INITIAL CONNECTION</u> - This charge may be levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously.

NORMAL RECONNECTION - This charge may be levied for transfer of service to a new Customer account at a previously served location or reconnection of service subsequent to a Customer requested disconnection.

<u>VIOLATION RECONNECTION</u> - This charge may be levied prior to reconnection of an existing Customer after disconnection of service for cause according to Rule 25-30.320(2), Florida Administrative Code, including a delinquency in bill payment.

PREMISES VISIT CHARGE (IN LIEU OF DISCONNECTION) - This charge may be levied when a service representative visits a premises for the purpose of discontinuing service for nonpayment of a due and collectible bill and does not discontinue service because the Customer pays the service representative or otherwise makes satisfactory arrangements to pay the bill. This charge is also levied when a service representative visits a premises at a customer's request for a complaint resolution or for other purposes and the problem is found to be the customer's responsibility.

<u>DELINQUENT PAYMENT CHARGE</u> - This charge is levied for any customer paying their bill after the 20th of the month. \$6.00

Schedule of Miscellaneous Service Charges

| | Normal Hours | After Hours |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Initial Connection Fee | \$ 20.00 | N/A |
| Normal Reconnection Fee | \$ _20.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| Violation Reconnection Fee | \$ 20.00 | \$ _40.00 |
| Premises Visit Fee | \$ 20.00 | \$ _40.00 |

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WATER TARIFF

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REQUEST FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENT CHARGE \$6.00

This charge would cover the cost of paper, printing and preparation and mailing of the late notice. We feel that our customers who pay on a timely basis should not bear the cost of those who rarely pay on time. Instead, those cost causers should bear at least the majority of the directly related costs.

| Office personnel, time to search accounts to determine that bill has not been paid. | \$2.50 |
|---|---------------|
| Prepare, print and sort notices for mailing and transport to Post Office. | \$3.00 |
| Postage | \$.41 |
| Materials | |
| TOTAL | |
| Propose | <u>\$6.00</u> |