

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Tariff Filing to)
 Modify Residential, General)
 Service Non-Demand, Private Area)
 Lighting and Public Street and)
 Highway Lighting Rate Schedules)
 by Fort Pierce Utilities)
 Authority.)

DOCKET NO. 910047-EI
 ORDER NO. 24174
 ISSUED: 2-27-91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
 J. TERRY DEASON
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RATE INCREASES
FOR FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY

BY THE COMMISSION:

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (Fort Pierce or FPUA) came before this Commission to obtain approval for proposed revisions to the Utility's residential, general service non-demand, private area lighting, and public street and highway lighting rate structures.

FPUA proposed an increase to the residential class customer charge from \$5.00 per month to \$5.20 per month, and an increase to the energy charge from 7.5 cents per kwh to 7.8 cents per kwh. These changes result in a 4% increase to the base residential class rate.

FPUA proposed an increase to the general service non-demand class customer charge from \$5.00 per month to \$5.20 per month for single-phase service, and from \$11.00 per month to \$11.50 per month for three-phase service. In addition, FPUA proposed an increase to the energy charge from 8.551 cents per kwh to 8.756 cents per kwh. These changes result in a 2.5% increase to the base general service non-demand rate.

Also, the utility proposed changes to the private area lighting and public street and highway lighting rates. These changes result in a 14.79% and a 5.98% increase to these classes respectively.

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In Docket No. 850214-EM (Petition of Donald J. Woodworth for Action Against City of Ocala Electric Utility Under Rate Structure Jurisdiction), this Commission determined that in the absence of load research data, rates should be designed so that the differences in the rates between classes do not exceed the differences in the rates of the nearest investor-owned utility by more than plus or minus 10%. Florida Power and Light (FP&L) is the closest investor owned utility to Fort Pierce.

In the table below, the numbers for FP&L were taken from Schedule 1 attached to Staff's recommendation in Docket No. 850214-EM. These numbers were derived by dividing the class revenue requirement (excluding fuel) by the class kilowatt hours. The FPUA figures were derived by dividing the test period revenue requirements for each class (excluding fuel and all purchased power costs) by the class test period kilowatt hours.

	<u>FPUA</u>		<u>FP&L</u>		<u>Percent FPUA is lower than FP&L</u>
Residential	3.452 cents/kwh		4.998 cents/kwh		30.9%
General Service Non-Demand	4.309 "		5.425 "		20.6%
General Service Demand	3.037 "		3.861 "		21.3%

The results of this comparison show a difference of 10.3% between the residential and general service non-demand rates, a difference of .7% between the general service non-demand and general service demand rates, and a difference of 9.6% between the residential and general service demand rates. We find that the above allocation of rate increases results in rates which come very close to meeting the 10% criterion enunciated in Docket No. 850214-EM. We also find that if the 2.39% revenue increase was applied to all rate classes uniformly, the resulting rates would not have met the 10% criterion. Thus, no change was proposed for the general service demand class. Because the proposed changes move Fort Pierce's rates closer to the rate relationships of FP&L, the nearest investor owned utility, we approve these rate increases.

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Finally, we find that if no petition for a formal proceeding is timely filed, this docket shall be closed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Fort Pierce Utilities Authority's rate increases, as discussed in the body of this Order, are hereby approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. It is further

ORDERED that if no petition for a formal proceeding is timely filed, this docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final unless an appropriate petition for formal proceeding is received by the Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the date indicated in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review. It is further

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of February, 1991.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

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by: Kay Deegan
Chief, Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice

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should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on March 20,
1991.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.