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Public Service Commission

February 29, 1996

Mr. Roger Miller  
Fairmount Utilities The Second, Inc.  
Post Office Box 548  
Sebring, Florida 38871-0548

Re: Docket No. 950967-SU - Application of Fairmount Utilities the 2nd, Inc. for a staff-assisted rate case in Highland County.

Dear Mr. Miller:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 1996. The location of the meeting will be Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center Street, Sebring, Florida. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note that the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers must have at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

Two copies of the engineering report dated January 16, 1996, and the accounting report dated February 23, 1996 are enclosed. Please ensure that a copy of the complete

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Application for Staff Assistance and the reports are available for review by all interested persons at 3625 Valaire Boulevard, Sebring, Florida, during its regular hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Beth Culpepper  
Staff Attorney

MC/dp

Enclosures

cc: William Talbott, Executive Director  
Office of Public Counsel  
Division of Consumer Affairs  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Division of Water and Wastewater (Kemp, Davis)  
Hearing Reporter  
Public Information

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING  
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF  
FAIRMOUNT UTILITIES THE 2ND, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 950967-SU

APPLICATION FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY BY FAIRMOUNT UTILITIES THE 2ND, INC.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Fairmount Utilities the 2nd, Inc. for a staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 1996  
Sebring Civic Center  
355 West Center Street  
Sebring, Florida

All persons who wish to testify are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. 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 sworn testimony regarding the quality of service the utility provides and to ask questions and comment on Staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

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Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Staff may do so at the meeting, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice.

BACKGROUND

Fairmount Utilities the 2nd, Inc. is a Class C utility located in Highlands County. It provides service to 426 residential customers and 3 general service customers outside the park. The utility's revenues are \$64,251 and its operating expenses are \$93,771, resulting in a net operating loss of \$29,519.

The test period for setting rates in the historical average twelve month period ended June 30, 1996.

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 decision by the Commissioners. The utility's current and Staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

MONTHLY RATES - WASTEWATER

<u>Flat Rate Charge</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
Residential	\$12.51	\$20.91
General Service	12.51	30.37

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES

This utility has the most current miscellaneous service charges. Staff does not recommend a change to the current charges. The miscellaneous service charges are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>
Initial Connection	\$15.00
Normal Reconnection	15.00
Violation Reconnection	Actual Cost
Premises Visit (in lieu of disconnection)	10.00

SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The utility is completely at full capacity and no further connections are contemplated.

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of Staff's preliminary investigation are contained in an accounting report dated February 23, 1996, and an engineering report dated January 16, 1996. Copies of the reports may be examined by interested members of the public from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 3623 Valarie Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETING

After the meeting, Staff will prepare and submit a recommendation to the Commission. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action order containing rates which may be different from those contained in Staff's final recommendation. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order may so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers and interested persons. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so by 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 Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2530 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 950967-SU-WS Application of Fairmount Utilities the 2nd, Inc. for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County."

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.