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JULY 18, 1996

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF WATER & WASTEWATER (GILCHRIST) *RA*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (AGARWAL) *RA*

RE: DOCKET NO. 960219-WS - BAYSIDE UTILITIES, INC. - REQUEST
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PAYMENT PLAN FOR 1995 REGULATORY
ASSESSMENT FEES
COUNTY: BAY

AGENDA: JULY 30, 1996 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY
PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\WAW\WP\960219.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Bayside Utilities, Inc. (Bayside or utility) is a Class "C" utility providing water and wastewater services to approximately 307 residential customers in Bay County. By correspondence dated January 15, 1996, the utility requested a payment plan for the amount owed for 1995 regulatory assessment fees. On April 4, 1996, staff filed a recommendation stating that the utility owed \$5,343.75 for 1995 regulatory assessment fees, plus penalty and interest of \$1,872.50, for a total amount of \$7,216.25. At the April 16, 1996, agenda conference, the Commission approved the payment plan for this amount and on May 3, 1996, Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS was issued.

Subsequent to the issuance of this Order, staff learned that the amount calculated for interest was incorrect. Therefore, Staff has reopened this docket to recommend that Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS be corrected to reflect the appropriate amount owed for 1995 regulatory assessment fees.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS be corrected to reflect that the Utility should pay \$5,343.75 for 1995 regulatory assessment fees plus penalty and interest of \$1,683.29, for a total amount of \$7,027.04?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS should be corrected to reflect that the Utility should pay \$5,343.75 for 1995 regulatory assessment fees plus penalty and interest of \$1,683.29, for a total amount of \$7,027.04. This amount should be paid by December 31, 1996, at a minimum of \$878.38 per month until all outstanding fees for 1995 have been paid. (GILCHRIST)

STAFF ANALYSIS: As previously mentioned in the case background, staff originally recommended that the utility owed \$5,343.75 for 1995 regulatory assessment fees, plus penalty and interest of \$1,872.50, for a total amount of \$7,216.25. On April 16, 1996, this amount was approved by the Commission in Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS. Subsequent to the Order being issued, staff learned that the amount calculated for interest was incorrect. Interest should be \$347.35 instead of \$534.54. Thus, the appropriate amount owed for 1995 regulatory assessment fees, including penalty and interest, is \$7,027.04 instead of \$7,216.25.

Based on the above discussion, staff recommends that Order No. PSC-96-0580-FOF-WS should be corrected to reflect the utility should pay its outstanding 1995 regulatory assessment fees, including penalty and interest by December 31, 1996, at a minimum of \$878.38 per month until these fees have been paid. This payment schedule reflecting the corrected \$7,027.04 total amount has already been approved by the Department of Banking and Finance. To date, the utility has paid \$3,608.12, leaving a balance due of \$3,418.92.