FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

JUNE 16, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 971471-SU - Application for approval to implement monthly late payment charge on delinquent accounts in Highlands County by Highlands Utilities Corporation.

Issue 1: Should Highlands Utilities Corporation's proposed tariff to implement a \$5.00 late payment charge be approved?

Recommendation: No. The utility did not support the request for the \$5.00 late payment charge, and the request should be denied. However, a late payment charge of \$3.00 would be appropriate. Staff recommends that if the utility files a revised tariff containing a \$3.00 late payment charge, staff should be allowed to administratively approve the filing.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

MARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed? Recommendation: Yes. This docket should be closed unless a protest is received from a substantially affected person within the 21-day protest period.

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