## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition of Kenneth Bates, of Bradenton, Fla. For amendment of the rate structure of Sunny Shores Water Company, Inc, in Manatee County, Florida )

990216-WS Docket No. Filed.

## PETITION TO AMEND RATE STRUCTURE

Comes now KENNETH BATES (Petitioner) to petition the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) to amend the rate structure of Sunny Shores Water Company, Inc. (the Utility) and as grounds therefore says:

1. Petitioner's address is 3722 115th St. W, Bradenton, Florida, 34210-1118; Petitioner is, and was at all times relevant hereto, a water customer of the Utility;

The Utility's name and address is Sunny Shores Water Company, Inc., P. O. Box 7413 and
3827 116th St. W., Bradenton, Florida, 34210-0613;

3. In Order No. PSC-96-0599-FOF-WS, the Commission granted a "grandfather certificate" to the Utility, which provided for, among other things, a minimum charge of \$98.90 per three months for the first 10,800 gallons, and a charge of \$1.31 per 1,000 gallons thereafter, both of which represent charges which were levied by the Utility prior to Commission jurisdiction in Manatee County, Florida;

4. The rate approved by the Commission order operates as a disincentive to conservation because the recurring monthly bill does not vary with usage, for any customer whose consumption is below 10,800 per three months;

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5. Because the Utility obtains its water in bulk from Manatee County at rates far less than that provided by the Commission order, the rates approved in the order provide for an excessive profit in favor of the Utility and at the expense of Petitioner;

6. This petition is filed under the authority of Chapter 367 which provides that the Commission shall establish fair and equitable rates which are not unduly discriminatory.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Florida Public Service Commission appropriate measures to establish a rate structure for this utility which will both encourage, instead of discourage, conservation; and which will result in reasonable profit for the Utility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Bates

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been

furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties:

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