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September 7, 1999

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)
FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CROSSMAN) *gl*
RE: DOCKET NO. 990356-WS - APPLICATION FOR STAFF ASSISTED
RATE CASE IN POLK COUNTY BY BIEBER ENTERPRISES, INC.
D/B/A BREEZE HILL UTILITIES.

Please place the attached letter and Notice of Meeting, dated September 16, 1999, in the docket file.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Casey, Butts, T.Davis,
Golden, Rieger)

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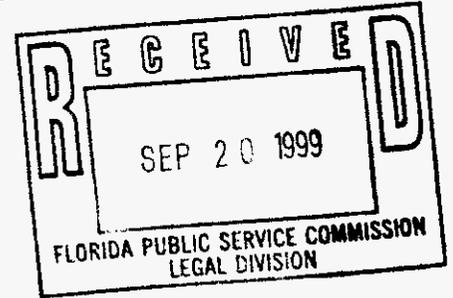
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Lakefront Leisure Living

September 16, 1999

State of Florida
Public Service Commission
Legal Staff
Ms Stephanie Crossman
Staff Attorney
2540 Shumard Oaks Blvd
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0850



RE; Staff Assisted rate case for Breeze Hill Utilities Docket
No. 990356-WS

Dear Ms. Crossman:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the notice, that I'm sending to the Customers today September 16, 1999 and I'm also posting a copy of the Notice, on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse, in addition to the notice, I'm posting a copy of the Staff report dated August 30, 1999 and a complete application for the Staff Assisted rate reports, on the clubhouse bulletin board at Lake Side Trace, Lake Wales, Fl.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Bieber, President
Breeze Hill Utilities

DIVISION OF
ADMINISTRATION
1999 SEP 20 AM 9:31
FLORIDA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

152 Breeze Hill
Lake Wales, Florida 33853
Phone: (941) 696-1666

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF BREEZE HILL UTILITIES

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 990356-WS

APPLICATION OF BREEZE HILL UTILITIES

FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN

POLK COUNTY

Issued: Sept 16, 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Breeze Hill Utilities (Breeze Hill or utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Polk County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, 1999
Clubhouse located on Lake Side Trace
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

The Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on October 6, 1999 between 2:00pm and 5:00pm at the clubhouse. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission Staff, and wish to meet with staff, please contact Johnny Butts at (850) 413-6920, or Bob Casey at (850)413-6974 of the Public Service Commission staff prior to October 5, 1999.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850)413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting(s). 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 comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize Breeze Hill's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Breeze Hill is a Class C utility which provides water and wastewater service to approximately 115 residential customers in a mobile home community in Polk County. The utility's revenues for the test period are \$14,784 for the water system and \$10,752 for the wastewater system. The adjusted operating expenses of \$30,738 for the water system and \$32,789 for the wastewater system, result in a net operating loss of (\$15,954) for water and (\$22,037) for wastewater in the test period. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending December 31, 1998.

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. Staff is proposing Phase I and Phase II

rates. Phase I flat rates are rates to be effective prior to the utility's installation of water meters. Phase II rates will be effective once water meters are installed. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Phase I Residential Water Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Staff's Phase I <u>Preliminary Rate</u>
Flat Rate	\$11.00	\$27.45

Phase I General Service Water Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Staff's Phase I <u>Preliminary Rate</u>
Flat Rate	\$11.00	\$49.32

Phase I Residential Service Wastewater Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Staff's Phase I <u>Preliminary Rate</u>
Flat Rate	\$8.00	\$25.86

Phase I General Service Wastewater Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Staff's Phase I <u>Preliminary Rate</u>
Flat Rate	\$8.00	\$64.78

Phase II Residential & General Service Water Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rates</u>	Staff's <u>Preliminary Monthly Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.62
3/4"	11.00	20.42
1"	11.00	34.04
1 1/2"	11.00	68.08
2"	11.00	108.93
3"	11.00	217.86
4"	11.00	340.41
6"	11.00	680.82
Gallonage Charge	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.70

Phase II Residential Service Wastewater Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rates</u>	Staff's Preliminary <u>Monthly Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge <u>Meter Size</u> All Meter Sizes	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.89
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 gallons (6,000 gallon cap)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.42

Phase II General Service Wastewater Rates

	Existing <u>Monthly Rates</u>	Staff's Preliminary <u>Monthly Rates</u>
Base Facility Charge <u>Meter Size</u> 5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.89
3/4"	8.00	23.84
1"	8.00	39.73
1 1/2"	8.00	79.46
2"	8.00	127.13
3"	8.00	254.26
4"	8.00	397.29
6"	8.00	794.57
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 gallons	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.91

Based on staff's preliminary rates, once water meters are installed and Phase II rates begin, the following would be estimated average residential water monthly billings for the consumption shown:

<u>Monthly Consumption (In Gallons)</u>	<u>Monthly Billing</u>	<u>Using Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
5,000	\$11.00	\$22.12
7,500	\$11.00	\$26.37
10,000	\$11.00	\$30.62
15,000	\$11.00	\$39.12

Based on staff's preliminary rates, once water meters are installed and Phase II rates begin, the following would be estimated average residential wastewater monthly billings for the consumption shown:

<u>Monthly Consumption (In Gallons)</u>	<u>Monthly Billing</u>	<u>Using Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>
5,000	\$8.00	\$28.06
7,500	\$8.00	\$34.11
10,000	\$8.00	\$40.16
15,000	\$8.00	\$52.26

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated August 30, 1999. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public 24 hours a day on the bulletin board at the following location:

Clubhouse located on Lake Side Trace
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Public Service Commission on November 4, 1999. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its November 16, 1999 agenda conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to other customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in 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
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 990356-WS, Breeze Hill Utilities"

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.