



# Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** February 21, 2000  
**TO:** Division of Records and Reporting  
**FROM:** Division of Water and Wastewater (Lingo) *HL*  
**RE:** Docket No. 970409-SU, Initiation of limited proceeding to restructure wastewater rates for Florida Water Service Corporation's Tropical Isles service area in St. Lucie County

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Please file the attached document in the above-referenced docket file. Thank you.

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Attch: 3/02/99 letter from WAW/Lingo to FWSC/Feil re: request for information

cc w/o attch: Division of Legal Services (Gervasi, Fudge)

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## Public Service Commission

March 2, 1999

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VIA FAX AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Re: Wastewater rates of the Tropical Isles wastewater system of Florida Water Services Corporation**

Dear Mr. Feil:

As you know, Staff was asked by the customers of the Tropical Isles system to suspend our investigation into the rates of the system so that a purchase arrangement might be worked out between Florida Water Services Corporation (Florida Water) and the owner of the Tropical Isles development. However, Staff was informed that the plans for the purchase of the above-referenced system by the developer have fallen through. As a result, Staff has resumed its investigation into the wastewater rates of the Tropical Isles system, and we request the following information:

- 1) In Attachment A of your previous response dated January 22, 1998, you provided the individual plant account detail that corresponds to the \$457,467 plant in service figure at 9/30/88 as shown in the MFRs of Docket No. 950495-WS, Vol. III, Book 6, page 550.
  - (a) Were the individual plant account balances provided in that response derived as a result of an original cost study?
  - (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please provide a copy of said original cost study.
  - (c) If the response to (a) is negative, please explain how the plant in service figures were derived, and provide any and all documentation in support of those figures.
  
- 2) During our meeting with the Tropical Isles Public Affairs Committee (TIPAC) and members of Florida Water's staff in January 1998, it was discovered that Florida Water does not bill certain customers for service.
  - (a) Has Florida Water begun billing the Kia car dealership located at the entrance to the Tropical Isles development for service?
  - (b) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please indicate when Florida Water began billing the car dealership for service.

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- (c) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please indicate the rate structure Florida Water uses to bill the dealership, and why said rate structure was selected.
- (d) Has Florida Water begun billing the residential customers who were mentioned in the addendum to the Agreement for Purchase and Sale between S&S and Southern States Utilities, Inc. for service?
- (e) If the response to (a) is affirmative, please indicate when Florida Water began billing those residential customers for service.
- (f) If the response to (a) is negative, please explain why Florida Water has not yet begun billing those customers.

In order that we may move forward with our investigation in an expeditious manner, we ask that Florida Water provide responses to the above-referenced questions by March 16, 1999. As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6964.

Sincerely,



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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Hill, Shafer, Chase, Bethea, Rieger)  
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