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March 1, 2000

Florida Public Service Commission Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110, Easley Building 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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RE: Docket No. 990535-WU - Florida Public Utilities Company - Fernandina Beach Water

Dear Ms. Bayo:

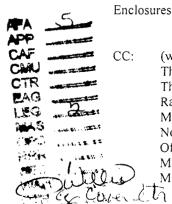
We have enclosed for filing in the above captioned docket an original and fifteen copies of both the Notice to Customers of Approval of Rate Increase and an Affidavit of George Bachman that the Notice was mailed to customers.

By copy of this letter, a copy of the notice and affidavit is being provided to the mayor of the City of Fernandina Beach, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Nassau County and interested persons.

Sincerely,

Chinemartie

Cheryl Martin Manager of Corporate Accounting



CC: (with enclosures) The Honorable Ron Sapp The Honorable Pete Cooper Ralph Jaeger, Esq. Ms. Connie Binford Norman Horton Jr., Esq. Office of Public Counsel Mr. George Bachman Mr. Patrick Foster

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## FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

Before the Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 990535-WU Notice to Customers of Approval of Rate Increase Dated February 29, 2000

**Dear Customer:** 

By Order issued February 7, 2000, the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") granted Florida Public Utilities Company an increase in water rates for the Fernandina Beach Division in Nassau County, Florida. A rate increase is necessary to allow the utility to recover the reasonable and prudent costs of providing service and an opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return. The Staff of the Commission conducted customer meetings on November 3 and 4, 1999. On February 7, 2000, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Agency Action Approving Increased Water Rates and Charges ("PAA Order").

The rates will become effective for service rendered on or after March 1, 2000. A schedule showing Florida Public Utilities Company's rates prior to the rate case ("Present Rates"), Florida Public Utilities Company's Proposed Rates, and the Commission's Approved Rates is set forth on the reverse side of this notice. The Staff of the Commission approved this notice.

If you have any questions concerning your bill or this notice, please call our Customer Service Representatives at (904) 261-3663 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Written comments to the Commission regarding Florida Public Utilities Company, its rates or service, may be directed to the following address: Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. You may also call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number (800) 342-3552.

As always it is a pleasure and we appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

# WATER SERVICE (monthly rates)

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Class/Meter Size	Present Rates	Propose	ed Rates	Approv	ved Rates
Residential					
Base Facility Charge					
5/8"	\$ 8.20	\$	10.45	\$	8.57
1"	\$ 18.54	\$ 2	23.62	\$	21.43
2"	\$ 56.51	\$ <sup>*</sup>	72.00	\$	68.56
3"	\$ 111.70		42.32	\$	128.55
4"	\$ 208.33		65.43		214.25
Commodity Charge per	hundred cubic j	eet (CCF)			
All CCF's	\$ 0.84	0-5 CCF's \$	0.62	<10 CCFs \$	0.87
		6-20 CCF's \$	0.93	10-25 CCFs \$	1.09
			1.28	>25 CCFs \$	1.31
General Service (Mult Base Facility Charge	iple Family D	wellings, Comme	rcial, Indu	strial, and Publ	ic Authority)
5/8"	\$ 8.20	\$ 1	10.45	\$	8.57
1"	\$ 18.54		23.62		21.43
2"	\$ 18.54 \$ 56.51		72.00		68.56
2" 3"	\$ 50.51 \$ 111.70		42.32		149.98
3" 4"	\$ 111.70 \$ 208.33		42.32 6 <b>5.</b> 43		149.98 257.10
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<b>6</b> "					535.63
8"					771.30
10"				\$1	242.65
Commodity Charge per l	hundred cubic f	eet (CCF)			
All CCF's	\$ 0.84	\$	1.09	\$	1.04
Fire Hydrant Service Base Facility Charge					
4"	\$ 70.29	\$ \$	39.56	S	81.39
5"	\$ 107.11		36.47		124.02
5 6"	\$ 145.07		34.83		167.97
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Automatic Sprinkler S Base Facility Charge	ystem Service				
2"	\$ 19.09		24.32	\$	5.71
4"	\$ 70.29	\$ 8	39.56	\$	21.43
6"	\$ 145.07	\$ 18	34.83	\$	44.64
8"	\$ 185.32	\$ 23	86.12	\$	64.28
10"	\$ 265.82	\$ 33	88.68	\$	103.55
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	Present Rates	Proposed	<u>l Rates</u>	Approv	ed Rates
Ouring Business Hours Initial Connection	\$ 5.00	\$ 12	2.00	\$	12.00
Normal Reconnection	\$ 8.00	\$ 12			12.00
		\$ 12 \$ 12			12.00
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Violation Reconnection		¢ 4	2.00	• ·	
Premises Visit	\$ 8.00 \$ 4.00	\$ 8	8.00	\$	8.00
Premises Visit After Business Hours	\$ 4.00			-	
Premises Visit After Business Hours Initial Connection	\$ 4.00 \$ 5.00	\$ 12	2.00	\$	12.00
Premises Visit After Business Hours	\$ 4.00 \$ 5.00 \$ 8.00		2.00 2.00	\$ \$	

### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Division, for an Increase in Water Rates in Nassau County, Florida

Docket No. 990535-WU

#### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

#### NASSAU COUNTY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized by law to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements, on this day personally appeared George M. Bachman, who, after being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

- That he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein: 1.
- That between February 28 and 29, 2000, a copy of the Notice attached hereto 2. was sent by regular U.S. Mail to all customers of record within the service areas of Florida Public Utilities Company, Fernandina Beach Water Division.

George M. Bachman Controller and Assistant Treasurer Florida/Public Utilities Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1/2/ day of March, 2000 by George M. Bachman who is personally known to me.



SEAL:

Kathleen Rumeru Notary Public State of Florida My Commission expires: 8/24/03