

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY

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Florida Public Service Commission
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Director of Records and Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
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000657-GU

Re: Atlantic Utilities, a ^{Florida} division of Southern Union Company, d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas
Application to maintain accounting records at corporate office

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find one original and 15 copies of the above referenced application for filing with the Florida Public Service Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 370-8312.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Groce

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Encs.

Cc: Jay Cummings
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Application by Atlantic Utilities, a division of Southern)
Union Company d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas,)
for Authorization to Maintain Accounting Records)
Outside of the State of Florida)

Docket No. 000657-GU

APPLICATION

Atlantic Utilities, a division of Southern Union Company ("Southern Union") d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas ("South Florida"), and Southern Union request that the Commission authorize South Florida to maintain various accounting records at Southern Union's corporate office, located in Austin, Texas, rather than at South Florida's office within the State of Florida. In support of its application, South Florida and Southern Union state:

1. South Florida is a public utility that provides natural gas service to approximately 4,400 customers in New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and portions of Volusia County.

2. South Florida's address is as follows:

South Florida Natural Gas
P. O. Box 248
New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32170-0248

3. Southern Union is authorized to transact business in Florida, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

4. Southern Union's address is as follows:

Southern Union Company
504 Lavaca, Suite 800
Austin, Texas 78701

5. The names and addresses of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this application are as follows:

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6. South Florida seeks Commission authorization for South Florida to maintain various accounting records at Southern Union's corporate office in Austin, Texas, rather than at South Florida's offices in the State of Florida, as permitted with Commission authorization according to Commission Rule 25.7015(1).

7. The small size of South Florida's operations necessitates continuing assistance from Southern Union personnel in Austin to perform various daily accounting functions.

8. Consolidation of the associated South Florida accounting records in Southern Union's corporate office enables more effective use of Southern Union's accounting personnel and promotes consistency in tracking and maintaining accounting information.

9. Information contained in South Florida's and Southern Union's accounting records can be made available through South Florida's computer access in its offices.

10. The expertise in addressing interpretations and providing support for various accounting issues that may arise during a review by Commission representatives resides in Southern Union's corporate office.

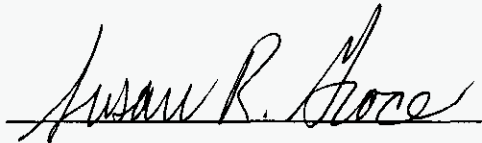
11. South Florida and Southern Union understand and will fully comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 25.7015(2) pertaining to reimbursement of out-of-state travel

expenses by Commission representatives incurred during any review of out-of-state records or production of out-of-state records in the State of Florida upon request by Commission representatives.

WHEREFORE, South Florida Natural Gas and Southern Union Company respectfully request that the Commission authorize South Florida Natural Gas to maintain various accounting records at Southern Union Company's corporate office pursuant to Commission Rule 25.7015(1) subject to the requirements of Commission Rule 25.7015(2).

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 2000.

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan R. Groce", is written over a horizontal line.

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