#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of R.W. CALDWELL, JR.) DOCKET NO. 890754-SU d/b/a SCE SERVICES for a 1989 price index) ORDER NO. 21477 rate adjustment in Pasco County. ) ISSUED: 6-29-89

# ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING PRICE INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 6, 1989, SCE Services (Utility) notified this Commission of its intention to increase rates to its customers in Pasco County by application of the price-indexing provisions of Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code.

By Order No. 20972, issued by this Commission on March 31, 1989, in Docket No. 890005-WS, the rates of water and sewer utilities are subject to adjustment as a result of the application of the price index to certain utility operation and maintenance costs. The indexing factor is 4.35 percent.

After review of the indexing filing, we find that it meets the Commission's requirements, as set forth in Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code. In compliance with Rule 25-30.420(6), Florida Administrative Code, the Utility advised us that it will provide notice to its customers prior to the effective date of the rates, informing them of the impending rate adjustment and explaining that the increase is due to the application of the price index to certain operation and maintenance expenses.

Applying an increase factor of 1.0412 to the existing rate schedules results in increased sewer revenues of \$1,975. The schedule of our computation is as follows:

## 1989 Price Index Application Test Year Ended December 31, 1988

		Sewer
1988 Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$	47,437
Less: (1) Pass-through Item: Purchased Power	(	3,164)
(2) Rate Case Expense Included in 1988 O & M Expenses	_	0
Costs to be Indexed	\$	44,273
Multiply by Change in GNP Implicit Price Deflator Index	x_	.0435
Additional O & M Expenses	\$	1,926
Divide by Expansion Factor for Regulatory Assessment Fees		.975
Increase in Revenue	\$	1,975
Divide by 1988 Annualized Revenues		47,966

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Percentage Increase

4.12%

Increase Factor to Apply to Existing Rate Schedules

1.0412

Rates which will allow the Utility to recognize this increase are as follows:

# SEWER (4.12% INCREASE) Monthly Rate

#### Residential Service

Existing New
Flat Rate \$ 15.58 \$ 16.22

## General Service

Base Facility Charge Meter Size	Existing		New	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$	9.24 23.10	\$ \$	9.62 24.05
Gallonage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	\$	.99	\$	1.03

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the indexing application of SCE Services, 5201 Gulfport Boulevard So., Gulfport, Florida 33707, is hereby acknowledged. It is further

ORDERED that the Utility shall submit revised tariff sheets containing the new rates indicated in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the rates contained herein shall become effective for service rendered on or after August 5, 1989, subject to approval of revised tariff sheets and customer notice as previously indicated in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 890754-SU shall be closed upon approval of the revised tariff sheets.

By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>29th</u> day of <u>JUNE</u>, <u>1989</u>.

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