

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC COMMISSION

In re: Application to change from)	DOCKET NO. 900308-WU
monthly to bi-monthly billing in)	ORDER NO. 23113
Pasco County by L W V Utilities, Inc.)	ISSUED: 6-25-90
)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHEAL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER

ORDER GRANTING CHANGE FROM MONTHLY TO
BI-MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE
AND DENYING NEW CLASS OF SERVICE FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

LWV Utilities, Inc. (utility) is a Class C water utility operating in Pasco County. The utility provides service to 316 customers.

On April 24, 1990, the utility filed a request with the Commission for authorization to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly, to establish a new class of service, and to begin charging a customer deposit. Because the request to establish the customer deposit is in compliance with Rule 25-30.311(7), Florida Administrative Code, the new deposit was administratively approved and became effective June 22, 1990.

The request to change the utility's billing cycle was based upon an assumed cost savings for both the utility and its customers. The utility expects that the change will reduce meter readings, billing costs, and postage expenses. Customers will benefit from reduced postage expenses and check charges.

Rule 25-30.335(1), Florida Administrative Code, provides that a utility must bill at regular intervals. The rule does not specify that a particular interval for billing is required. Because bi-monthly billing is permitted by the rule and the utility and its customers should experience some cost savings, the utility's request is approved. Although the utility will have a minimal cost savings, it is not material enough to require a decrease in the utility's rates.

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The utility's request for a new class of service establishing general service rates was made in anticipation of its providing service to general service customers in the future. The utility currently has no general service customers. The utility proposed facility charges for three sizes of meters. The charges for a 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter were proposed at the current residential gallonage charge. However, the utility deviated from the American Waterworks Association (A.W.W.A.) approved factors in establishing the proposed charges for one and one and a half inch meters. Because the effect of the proposed charges would be a discriminatory application of rates, we deny the utility's request to establish a new class of service.

It is, therefore,

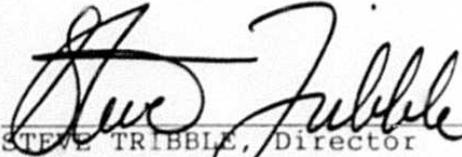
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request of LWV Utilities, Inc. to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly intervals is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the change in billing cycles shall become effective upon the utility's proposed customer notice and revised tariff sheets being approved. It is further

ORDERED that the request for a new class of service is hereby denied. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 900308-WU is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 25th day of June, 1990.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.