



March 18, 1997

Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director
Division of Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

by Hand Delivery

Re: Docket No. 970329 -SU -- Petition to Establish Rates for a New Class of Service for Residential Wastewater Only (RWO) Service in All Jurisdictional Service Areas Included in Docket No. 950495-WS and Currently Without Authorized RWO Rates by Florida Water Services Corporation

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please find enclosed for filing in a new docket an original and fifteen copies of the above-referenced Petition of Florida Water Services Corporation, formerly known as Southern States Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter "Florida Water").

There is no filing fee applicable to this type of proceeding, so no filing fee is enclosed herewith.

Please also find enclosed an original and two copies of two sets of tariff sheets to forward to the Division of Water and Wastewater. As explained in the Petition, one set of tariff sheets bears the name of Florida Water and the other bears the name Southern States Utilities, Inc. Florida Water's application for name change is pending in Docket No. 970028-WS, and new tariff sheets with the name Florida Water have not yet been approved. Therefore, a set of tariff sheets bearing each name is submitted. Florida Water requests that staff coordinate approval of the appropriate sheets.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at (407) 880-0058, ext. 260.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition to Establish)
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FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION'S PETITION
TO ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER ONLY RATES

FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION, formerly known as Southern States Utilities, Inc. (hereinafter "Florida Water" or "Utility"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-9, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests the Commission approve rates for a new class of service for residential wastewater only ("RWO") service in all Florida Water service areas under the Commission's jurisdiction which do not currently have RWO rates as set forth herein. In support hereof, Florida Water states as follows:

1. In the rate case processed under Docket No. 950495-WS, Florida Water requested a uniform wastewater rates structure applicable to all jurisdictional service areas for the following classes of wastewater service: metered residential service, metered general and multi-family service, and RWO service. By Order No. PSC-96-1320-FOF-WS, issued October 30, 1996, the Commission approved a capband, rather than uniform, wastewater rate structure and overlooked expressly approving or disapproving RWO

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rates for a number of jurisdictional service areas.¹

2. Florida Water requires RWO rates for its jurisdictional service areas because Florida Water has, from time to time, experienced the need for an RWO rate when residential customers disconnect from, or never avail themselves of, metered water service. The cost to provide these RWO customers wastewater service exceeds the costs recoverable through the base facility charge portion ("BFC") of the current metered residential wastewater rates. RWO customers convey wastewater volume to Florida Water's collection and treatment facilities. If the cost for collecting and treating wastewater were not over and above the costs recovered through the BFC, there would be no need for a usage-based component to the metered service. Therefore, an RWO rate is necessary for the Utility to recover its costs for collecting and treating wastewater from RWO customers.

¹ Prior to issuance of the aforesaid Order but while the rate case was pending at the Commission, Collier County passed a resolution pursuant to § 367.171, Florida Statutes, purporting to revoke Commission jurisdiction in Collier County. Rather than complicate disposition of the instant Petition with issues concerning Commission jurisdiction, Florida Water does not request herein RWO rates for service areas in Collier County.

Florida Water's Polk County service areas were excluded from Docket No. 950495-WS. Subsequent to this exclusion, Polk County transferred regulatory authority over water and wastewater utilities within its jurisdictional control to the Commission by a resolution passed in May 1996. Florida Water's request for grandfather certificates from the Commission are pending in Docket No. 960909-WS. Florida Water does not now request RWO rates for its sole wastewater service area in Polk County, but may do so at a later date.

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3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is list of all service areas for which Florida Water requests RWO rates and the supporting calculations for the requested rates. The underlying data for the supporting calculations was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 950495-WS. Tariff sheets reflecting the requested RWO rates have been filed in this docket on even date herewith.²

4. At the present time, the annual revenue to be derived from and number of customers to be affected by the requested new class of service are inestimable. As indicated above, Florida Water's need for the RWO rates is occasional, not frequent. Therefore, Florida Water believes the revenue derived and number of customers affected will not be significant. RWO rates, however, should already be in place when needed. To do otherwise, i.e. to calculate and file RWO rates on a piecemeal basis as the need becomes pressing, would be inefficient. Since the calculations approved in Docket No. 950495-WS are current, it is appropriate for the Commission to approve Florida Water's request for RWO rates at this time.

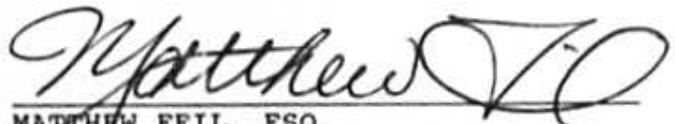
WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, Florida Water

² As stated above, Florida Water is formerly Southern States Utilities, Inc. A name change application is pending in Docket No. 970028-WS. Since new tariffs reflecting the name of Florida Water have not yet been approved, Florida Water has filed herewith an original and two copies of RWO tariff sheets -- one set with the name Florida Water, another set with the name Southern States Utilities, Inc.

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Services Corporation requests the Commission approve the rates for a new class of service as set forth hereinabove and approve as filed the tariff sheets accompanying this pleading.

Respectfully submitted,



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FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION
RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER ONLY RATE CALCULATION FOR PLANTS IN DOCKET # 950495-W3
RWO RATES = 1996 RESIDENTIAL AVERAGE CONSUMPTION * GALLONAGE RATE + BASE CHARGE

Line No.	(1) Plant Name	(2) Staff Approved 1996 Residential Determinants			(5) Residential Rates		(7) Calculated RWO Rate (c5+(c6*c4/1000))
		Gallons 4/	Bills 5/	Gals/Bill (c2/c3)	5/8* Base	Res. Gallage	
1	AMELIA ISLAND	67,270,745	16,209	4,150	17.11	2.57	27.78
2	APACHE SHORES	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	APPLE VALLEY	8,684,132	1,736	5,002	17.11	2.57	29.96
4	BEACON HILLS	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	BEECHER'S POINT	479,876	182	2,632	19.88	6.54	37.09
6	BUENAVENTURA LAKES	2/ 412,236,563	87,489	4,712	13.18	5.23	37.82
7	BURNT STORE	20,506,854	6,631	3,093	7.90	2.79	16.53
8	CHULUOTA	6,717,454	1,630	4,121	20.42	7.43	51.04
9	CITRUS PARK	13,506,661	3,247	4,160	18.86	5.58	42.07
10	CITRUS SPRINGS	27,295,839	8,168	3,342	18.86	5.58	37.51
11	DEEP CREEK	3/ 177,142,960	37,256	4,755	18.94	4.88	42.14
12	DELTONA	202,704,870	54,242	3,737	21.26	6.95	47.23
13	FISHERMAN'S HAVEN	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14	FOX RUN	6,485,265	1,245	5,207	23.84	6.86	59.56
15	HOLIDAY HAVEN	2,837,532	1,076	2,637	15.26	8.16	36.78
16	JUNGLE DEN	2,723,952	1,409	1,933	11.48	8.92	28.72
17	LEHIGH	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	LEILANI HEIGHTS	23,456,965	4,881	5,011	13.18	5.23	39.39
19	LEISURE LAKES(COVERED BRIDGE)	5,919,989	2,730	2,169	17.11	2.57	22.68
20	MARCO ISLAND	3/ 66,201,829	19,094	3,467	17.11	2.57	26.02
21	MARCO SHORES	6,324,147	3,038	2,082	17.24	7.24	32.31
22	MARION OAKS	51,892,849	16,219	3,187	17.66	7.74	42.33
23	MEREDITH MANOR	1,538,503	313	4,916	17.11	2.57	29.74
24	MORNINGVIEW	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	PALM PORT	4,708,901	1,278	3,685	18.86	7.89	47.20
26	PALM TERRACE	39,624,869	12,407	3,194	13.18	5.23	29.88
27	PARK MANOR	1,003,753	305	3,294	27.68	5.53	45.90
28	POINT OF WOODS	4,792,660	1,599	2,996	16.70	7.85	40.22
29	SALT SPRINGS	2,161,827	1,218	1,775	13.18	5.23	22.46
30	SILVER LAKE OAKS	1,173,277	323	3,631	18.68	7.72	46.71
31	SPRING GARDENS	2/ 4,808,057	1,580	2,916	7.90	2.79	16.04
32	SUGAR MILL	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
33	SUGARMILL WOODS	140,623,062	30,182	4,660	7.52	2.28	18.15
34	SUNNY HILLS	7,513,521	2,095	3,611	18.38	7.75	46.37
35	TROPICAL ISLES	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
36	UNIVERSITY SHORES	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
37	VALENCIA TERRACE	2/ 16,424,479	4,279	3,838	17.11	2.57	26.97
38	VENETIAN VILLAGE	1/ N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
39	WOODMERE	71,056,931	13,909	5,109	18.86	5.58	47.37
40	ZEPHYR SHORES	9,733,957	5,722	1,701	10.64	8.92	25.81

1/ These plants already have approved RWO rates.

2/ For the New Acquisition plants, the FPSC-approved 1996 average residential capped wastewater consumption was used.

3/ In the original filing, these plants were capped at 10,000 gallons. To verify the 6,000 cap, please see the 1994 Billing Analysis.

4/ Staff-projected 1996 Residential wastewater Gallons were taken from staff workpapers file SSUG6WW wk4.

5/ Staff-projected 1996 Residential wastewater Bills were taken from staff workpapers file BIG_SEW wk4.