

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for rate
increase in Pinellas County by
Mid-County Services, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 971065-SU
ORDER NO. PSC-98-0771-PCO-SU
ISSUED: June 4, 1998

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND REVISING ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

On September 4, 1997, Mid-County Services, Inc. (utility) filed an application for approval of interim and permanent rate increases pursuant to Sections 367.081 and 367.082, Florida Statutes, and requested that the Commission process this case under the proposed agency action (PAA) procedure. On May 7, 1998, the utility timely filed a petition protesting PAA Order No. PSC-98-0524-FOF-SU, issued April 16, 1998. By Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU, issued May 22, 1998, this matter was set for an administrative hearing. Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU also established June 12, 1998 as the date for the utility to prefile direct testimony.

On May 29, 1998, the utility filed a Motion for Extension of Time, wherein it requests an extension to prefile direct testimony from June 12, 1998 until July 10, 1998. The utility states that its request should be granted because the utility has initiated discussions with Commission staff which could resolve this case on a mutually acceptable basis. Further, the utility states that it seeks to avoid the time and expense associated with the preparation of prefiled testimony while discussions for settlement are in progress. Finally, the utility asserts that the current procedural schedule contains sufficient time so that the requested extension will not require the rescheduling of any other dates.

Upon consideration of the hearing schedule, it does not appear that any other dates will need to be rescheduled if the motion is granted. Further, the additional time for testimony may result in further opportunity for resolution of this matter without hearing. Based on the foregoing, the motion for extension of time is granted. Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU is hereby modified to reflect that the utility's prefiled direct testimony shall be due on or before July 10, 1998. Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU is affirmed in all other respects.

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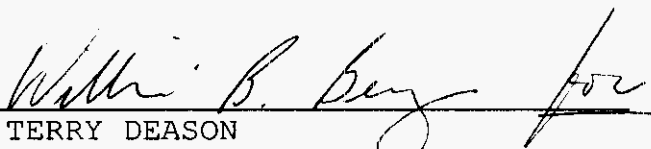
Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that Mid-County Services, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time is granted. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU is revised as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-98-0709-PCO-SU is affirmed in all other aspects.

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason as Prehearing Officer, this 4th day of June, 1998.



J. TERRY DEASON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), 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 this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: 1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) 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 wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.