

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff filing by Placid  
Lakes Utilities, Inc. requesting  
allowance to collect deposits on  
rental property in Highlands  
County.

DOCKET NO. 981744-WU  
ORDER NO. PSC-99-0168-PCO-WU  
ISSUED: January 28, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.  
(Placid Lakes or utility) is a Class B water-only utility,  
providing service to approximately 1,318 water customers in  
Highlands County. The utility is fully owned by the Lake Placid  
Holding Company (LPHC). According to its 1997 annual report for  
the twelve months ending December 31, 1997, the utility recorded  
revenues of \$218,961 and expenses of \$199,153. The utility's  
service area is located in a water use caution area in the  
Southwest Florida Water Management District.

On November 25, 1998, Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. filed an  
application and tariff requesting approval to collect deposits on  
rental property. Pursuant to Section 367.091(5), Florida Statutes,  
the tariff sheets proposed by the utility shall become effective  
within sixty (60) days after filing, unless this Commission votes  
to withhold consent to the operation of any or all portions of the  
new rate schedules, giving a reason or statement of good cause for  
withholding its consent.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, states that the utility  
rates, charges, and customer service polices must be contained in  
a tariff approved by and on file with the Commission.

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We have reviewed the filing and have considered the utility's proposed changes. Upon consideration, we find it reasonable and necessary to require further amplification and explanation of the proposals and to require production of corroborative information, if necessary. Therefore, we find it appropriate to suspend Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.'s proposed tariff to collect deposits on rental property pending further investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.'s proposed tariff to collect deposits on rental property is hereby suspended. It is further

Ordered that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 28th day of January, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn  
Kay Flynn, Chief  
Bureau of Records

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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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 25-22.0376, 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.