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Public Service Commission

DATE: January 17, 1997

TO: Parties of Record

FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

RE: Docket No. ~~951485~~-EU - Petition to initiate changes related to Rule 25-6.049, F.A.C., Measuring Customer Service, by microMETER Corporation.

This is to inform you that Commissioner Garcia has reported the following communication in the above-referenced docket.

- Electronic mail from John C. Clement, microMETER Corporation, dated December 18, 1996.

The electronic mail from Mr. Clement, a copy of which is attached, is being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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From: JNOCLEME @ INTERNET (JNOCLEMENT)
To: Joe Garcia
Subject: fwd: micromETER Corp...Docket #951485-EU...Rule Change 25-6.059

====NOTE=====12/18/96 11:55pm=====

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(Soft*Switch Central V4L40P1A);
18 Dec 1996 23:55:44 GMT

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<961218205439_841542719@emout17.mail.aol.com> To:
garciaj@psc.state.fl.us cc: 102616.274@compuserve.com,
WHEELED@psc.state.fl.us Subject: micromETER Corp...Docket
#951485-EU...Rule Change 25-6.059

Dear Mr. Garcia:

We had hoped, in the above petition, to allow major commercial power consumers to negotiate master metered contracts for their properties and then submeter the individual consumptions with the elimination of the approximate \$100 per unit annual "customer service fee" (meter reading etc) and the 8.5c/kwh retail charge. Electronic submetering might cost \$75-\$100 per unit installed, and if commercial rates of 6c/kwh +/- were negotiated either with the existing Utilities or non-utility sources of power the public consumers might enjoy returns of 200%-300% per year.

The Utilities, of course, vigorously objected. The PSC Staff declined to support the petition primarily, I sense, because they feared consumers (ie office occupants and rental apartment dwellers) might be unfairly charged by the building owners. This is a matter of conjecture and we elected not to contest this position.

However we requested that the Staff re-examine the petition as it applies to Condominiums. Our reasoning: The owners of condominiums run their own associations and have no incentive to cheat themselves...and this kind of anticipated return would be very attractive. My own condominium, The Village at Tierra Verde (218 units) under the above scenario might save \$43,600-\$65,400 per year. Further, the Florida Statutes of Condominium law amply protect the owners from themselves...if this were a problem.

The PSC Staff, while conceding they had less of a worry of cheating condominium owners as opposed to apartment renters, has declined to support the petition as applied solely to condominiums.

The 16 year monopoly of the Utilities in sub-metering should, we believe, be a concern of the Commission. Non-utility sources of power, leasing utility transmission lines, are coming to Florida, later if not sooner. The Utilities, I would think, would have no interest in providing billing services for a competitor who was actually selling the power to the master metered consumer. The PSC has taken steps to break the telephone monopolies in Florida, and perhaps opening up condominiums is a way to see how non-utility electronic submetering, eliminating the errors of manual meter reading can work. We hope that your fellow Commissioners will consider the logic and merit of this petition as it applies to Condominiums.....for the present.

Cordially,
micrometer Corporation,
John C. Clement

=Fwd by: Joe Garcia=====

Fwd to: JNOCLEME @ INTERNET (JNOCLEMENT)

I just saw this after the vote...

Joe Garcia
Commissioner

State of Florida



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Public Service Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Blanca Bayó
Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Commissioner Joe Garcia


RE: Written Communication Regarding Docket #951485-EU
Pursuant to Section 350.042, Florida Statutes

DATE: January 13, 1997

Please place the attached written communication, which may be considered ex parte, in the file for the above proceeding.

Please give notice of this communication to all parties to the docket and inform them they have ten days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

- No response was made to this communication.
- I have attached a copy of my response.

Note: This communication was received via electronic mail and read by Commissioner Garcia after a vote was taken on the issue on January 7, 1996. BLB 

BLB:ks

From: Carol Purvis Confirm receipt
To: , Curtis Williams, Charles Rehwinkel, Brenda Ferris, Billy Stiles
Subject: Ex Parte

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From: Carol Purvis
To: Billy Stiles, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams
Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

---NOTE-----1/13/97--5:28pm-----
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Fwd-by:-Curtis-Willia-1/14/97--8:51am-----
Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Chairman Johnson did receive the E-mail, however, she did not read its conte

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Fwd-by:=Charles=Rehwi=1/13/97==5:28pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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We did not receive such a letter in this office.

From: Carol Purvis
To: Billy Stiles, Brenda Ferris
Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

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Fwd-by: =Billy=Stiles==1/17/97-12:27pm-----
Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Is this a different one from the other one Commissioner Garcia received the other day?

Fwd-by: =Carol=Purvis==1/17/97-12:28pm-----
Fwd to: Billy Stiles

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No, I just couldn't find where I had received a response from you.

Fwd-by: =Billy=Stiles==1/17/97-12:29pm-----
Fwd to: Carol Purvis
CC: Kay Posey

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I may not have responded. Susan said that she didn't receive a message from this person

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Fwd-by: Brenda Ferris 1/17/97-12:32pm-----
Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Commissioner Kiesling did not receive this correspondence.
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