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April 6, 1999

Mr. Charles DeMenzes, President
Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.
P.O. Box 5220
Ocala, Florida 34478-5220

Re: Docket No. 981825-SU, new class of service for wastewater-only flat rates by Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. in Marion County.

Dear Mr. DeMenzes:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 2:00pm on Wednesday, April 28, 1999. The location of the meeting will be the Marion County Board of County Commissioner's Auditorium, located at 2602 S.E. 8th Street, Ocala, Florida 34471. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The notice needs only distributing to the potential wastewater-only customers. The customers must have at least 14 calendar days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Cleveland Ferguson III
Staff Attorney

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Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis, Rendell, Butts, Fuchs)

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PSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS
TO THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER-ONLY CUSTOMERS OF TRADEWINDS
UTILITIES, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
DOCKET NO. 981825-SU
APPLICATION OF TRADEWINDS UTILITIES, INC.
FOR A NEW CLASS OF SERVICE WASTEWATER-ONLY FLAT RATES IN
MARION COUNTY

Issued:

Notice is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss the application of Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. (Tradewinds or utility) for a new class of service for wastewater-only flat rates in Marion County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 1999
Marion County Board of County Commissioner's Auditorium
2602 S.E. 8TH Street
Ocala, Florida 34471-2600

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the potential customers have been heard.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850)413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to give potential wastewater-only customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission's Staff regarding the approval of a new class of service for wastewater-only flat rates; as well as, ask questions and comment on staff's approval of the rates, on a temporary basis. The owner or a representative of the utility has also been invited to attend the meeting.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809.

BACKGROUND

Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. (Tradewinds or utility) is a Class C water and wastewater utility located in Marion County. According to the utility's 1997 annual report, the utility provides water services to approximately 421 customers and wastewater service to approximately 257 customers. In its 1997 annual report, the utility reported water revenues in the amount of \$84,259 and wastewater revenues in the amount of \$132,456 with expenses of \$78,286 for water and \$120,302 for wastewater, resulting in net operating income of \$5,973 and \$12,154 respectively. The utility's service area is located in the St. John's River Water Management District. (SJRWMD)

CURRENT AND TEMPORARY RATES

Staff has approved the following rates, on a temporary basis, in Order No. PSC-99-0382-FOF-SU, issued February 23, 1999. These rates are approved, subject to refund, based on further staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners. The utility's proposed wastewater-only rates are as follows:

General Service Wastewater Rates

<u>Flat Rate Service Classification</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly</u>
Industrial Bldg. (2 bathrooms or less)	\$ 58.95

Industrial Bldg. (Over 2 bathrooms)
and Quadraplexes

261.55

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and the proposed rates, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for this case, may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

All correspondence should refer to "Docket No. 981825-SU, Tradewinds Utilities, Inc."

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its proposed customers.