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DATE: November 8, 2000
TO: Division of Records and Reporting (Bayo)
FROM: Division of Legal Services (Fudge) JF
RE: Docket No. 000985-WU - Staff Assisted Rate Case for C.S. Water Company, Inc. In Pasco County

Attached, please find a notice of customer meeting to be ~~issued~~ in the above-referenced docket file.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETINGS
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF C.S. WATER COMPANY
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS
DOCKET NO. 000985-WU
APPLICATION OF C.S. WATER COMPANY
FOR A STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN PASCO 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 C.S. Water Company (C.S. Water or Utility) for a staff-assisted rate case in Pasco County. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

6:00 P.M., Thursday, December 7
Zephyrhills City Council Chambers
5335 8th Street
Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

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. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all the customers have been heard.

In addition, the Public Service Commission Staff is also attempting to meet with representatives of customer groups and homeowners associations on December 7, 2000, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you are a representative of a customer group or homeowners association and you have not been contacted by the Public Service Commission Staff, please contact Ryan Fitch at (850) 413-6928 at least five calendar days prior to December 7, 2000.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting(s) 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(s). 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 customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to ask questions and comment on staff's preliminary rates included in this notice as well as other issues. Staff members will summarize C.S. Water's proposed filing, the preliminary work accomplished, and answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called to speak in the order that they sign-up. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to staff may do so at the meeting(s), orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission 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

C.S. Water is a Class C water utility providing service to approximately 377 customers, 363 residential customers, and 14 general service customers, in Pasco County. The utility's adjusted revenues for the test period are \$66,749 with adjusted operating expenses of \$66,907 resulting in a net operating loss of \$158 for the test period. The test period for setting rates is the historical twelve month period ending June 30, 2000.

CURRENT AND PRELIMINARY RATES AND CHARGES

Staff has compiled the following rates and charges for the purpose of discussion at the customer meeting. These rates are preliminary and subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final approval by the Commissioners. The utility's current and staff's preliminary rates and charges are as follows:

Monthly Rates - Water
Residential, General, and Service

Base Facility Charge

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>	
		<u>Residential</u>	<u>General Service</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$4.29	\$4.29	\$4.29
3/4"	N/A	\$6.44	\$6.44
1"	\$10.73	\$10.73	\$10.73
1 1/2"	\$21.46	\$21.45	\$21.45
2"	\$34.35	\$34.32	\$34.32
3"	N/A	\$68.64	\$68.64
4"	N/A	\$107.25	\$107.25
6"	N/A	\$214.50	\$214.50
<u>Gallonge Charge per 1,000 gallons</u>			
0- 10,000	\$1.41	\$1.41	\$1.53
Above 10,000	\$1.41	\$1.90	\$1.53

Service Availability Charges

<u>System Capacity Charge</u>	<u>Existing</u>
Residential- Per ERC (303 GPD)	\$350.00
All Others-Per Gallon	\$1.00

<u>Plant Capacity Charge</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Charge</u>
Residential- Per ERC (303 GPD)	\$180.00
All Others-Per Gallon	\$0.60

<u>Main Extension Charge</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Charge</u>
Residential- Per ERC (303 GPD)	\$170.00
All Others-Per Gallon	\$0.56

The following is a comparison of current and preliminary rates based on a 5/8" x 3/4" meter for 3,000, 5,000, 10,000, and 12,000 gallons:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Existing Rates</u>	<u>Staff's Preliminary Rates</u>	
		<u>Residential</u>	<u>General Service</u>
3,000	\$8.52	\$8.52	\$8.88
5,000	\$11.34	\$11.34	\$11.94
10,000	\$18.39	\$18.39	\$19.59

12,000

\$21.21

\$22.19

\$22.65

STAFF REPORTS AND UTILITY APPLICATION

The results of staff's preliminary investigation are contained in a staff report dated November 9, 2000. Copies of the report may be examined by interested members of the public during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, at the following address:

Crystal Springs Community Center
1655 Partridge BLVD.
Crystal Springs, Florida 33540

PROCEDURES AFTER CUSTOMER MEETINGS

After the meetings, Public Service Commission Staff will prepare a recommendation which is scheduled to be submitted to the Commission on January 18, 2001. The Public Service Commission will then vote on staff's recommendation at its January 30, 2001, agenda conference. The Commission will thereafter issue a proposed agency action (PAA) order containing rates which may be different from those contained in staff's final recommendation. Substantially affected persons have 21 days from the date the PAA order is issued to protest the Commission's proposed agency action order. Five to ten customers or persons who attend the meeting and who wish to receive a copy of the recommendation and the order should so indicate at the meeting. Those individuals are expected to distribute the information in the recommendation and the order to customers. Anyone who is unable to attend and who wishes to obtain a copy of the recommendation or the order may do so in writing to the Commission at the address at the end of this notice.

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.000985-WU, C.S. Water Company."

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 customers.