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## Hublic Service Commission

December 17, 2007

Ms. Laura Atkinson Compass Bank 5500 SW College Road Ocala, Florida 34474

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Re: Escrow Account No. 1

, County-Wide Utility Co. (Docket No. 050862-WU)

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Commission staff have advised that in order for the company to finish processing the refund to customers per Order No. PSC-07-0604-PAA-WU, issued on July 30, 2007, the escrow account is to be released.

Please release Escrow Account No.

pursuant to this advice from Commission

staff.

Sincerely yours

Ann Cole

Commission Clerk

cc:

Shannon J. Hudson, Division of Economic Regulation Rosanne Gervasi, Esq., Office of the General Counsel Troy Rendell, Division of Economic Regulation Dirk Leeward, County-Wide Utility Co. OCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 10975 DEC 175

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**DATE:** 

December 10, 2007

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Shannon J. Hudson, Regulatory Analyst IV, Division of Economic Regulation

Rosanne Gervasi, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

RE:

Docket No. 050862-WU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Marion County

by County-Wide Utility Company, Inc.

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-07-0604-PAA-WU, issued July 30, 2007, in the instant docket, the utility was ordered to refund 41% of its emergency rates. The utility has calculated the total refund including interest to be \$139,987. As of November 30, 2007, the utility has credited \$89,583 to its customers' accounts. As of December 3, 2007, the utility has received 40 requests, from its customers, to receive payment of the credit balance on their accounts totaling \$12,193. The utility is also in the process of issuing checks to former customers totaling \$14,210.

Currently, there is \$61,286 in escrow. In order for the utility to finish processing the refund, in a timely manner, please provide authorization for the disbursement of funds in the escrown account.

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## Hublic Service Commission

April 27, 2006

Ms. Laura Atkinson Compass Bank 5500 SW College Road Ocala, Florida 34474

Re: Docket No. 050862-WU- Application for staff-assisted rate case by County-Wide Utility Co. - Escrow Account Documents

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Enclosed are the signature cards and escrow agreement for establishment of an escrow account for County-Wide Utility Co. Both documents have been signed by Blanca S. Bayó, the Commission's designated agent for such matters.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kay Flynn, Chief Chief of Records

Enclosure

cc:

Rosanne Gervasi, Esq., Office of the General Counsel Troy Rendell, Division of Economic Regulation Dirk Leeward, County-Wide Utility Co.





## NON-PERSONAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT SIGNATURE CARD

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A Taxpayer Identification Number has been applied for (If number is not provided within 60 days, the account will be closed. If a withdrawal of \$500 or more is made prior to the Bank's receipt of this number, the Bank will withhold 28% from interest payments.);				
OR All owners of this account are nonresident aliens (or this is a foreign entity) who have (has) provided the appropriate completed Form				
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#### **ESCROW AGREEMENT**

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT is made by and between Compass Bank (the "Bank"), the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC") and County-Wide Utility Co., Inc., a Florida corporation, (the "Utility"), upon the following terms, conditions, and considerations:

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by action of the FPSC in Docket No. 050862-WU at its Agenda Conference held on April 4, 2006, the FPSC authorized the Utility to collect increased rates on an emergency basis from its customers, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of such authority, the Utility is required to provide security for those emergency rates that generate per customer collections in excess of those collections resulting from the application of rates that are approved under the Utility's rate case, and

WHEREAS, the Bank has agreed to hold such funds in an interest bearing escrow account.

Now therefore, in consideration of Ten Dollars and the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The foregoing representations are true and correct.
- 2. The Utility and FPSC shall open a joint interest bearing escrow account. The total excess of the revenues generated by the emergency rates over those previously in existence for the Utility shall be deposited by the Utility in the escrow account not later than the tenth of the following month and in accordance with the requirements of the FPSC Order to be issued in Docket No. 050862-WU.
- 3. When the balance in the escrow account exceeds \$10,000, it shall bear interest at the prevailing rate which is currently 2.25% Annual Percentage Yield, which is a variable rate. Utility shall pay all fees required to maintain the escrow account.
- 4. The Utility is authorized to withdraw funds from this account for the purpose of paying bulk service water charges to the City of Ocala (the "City") and for payments to Bank for payment of interest on the \$690,000 debt on that loan from the Bank to the Utility. Each month after receipt of the bill for bulk water service charges from the bill for loan payments from the Bank, the Utility will provide those bills to the Bank. The Bank will release funds from the escrow account in an amount equal to the amount of the bill from the City for such bulk services, and the amount of the interest payment to the Bank on such loan. To the extent the funds on deposit in the escrow account are less than the amount of any bill for bulk service presented by the Utility to the Bank, or the bill for interest payments due to the Bank, the Bank shall release all funds available in the escrow account and the Utility will be responsible for securing the remaining funds for payment of the bills from the City of Ocala, from the Bank or from other sources.

- 5. An order of the FPSC reflected its April 4, 2006 decision and requiring this security will be issued on approximately April 24, 2006. That order will be provided to the Bank within 20 days of issuance and before the first deposit or request for withdrawal is made.
- 6. The Director of the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services of the FPSC and the Utility shall be signatories to the escrow account. Signature cards executed by the Director of the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services of the FPSC and the Utility shall designate the appropriate authorized signature for each. Except as otherwise provided for herein, both signatures shall be required to withdraw funds from the account.
- 7. The Bank shall forward regular monthly statements (including cancelled checks) to the Utility and shall mail a copy of the monthly statement account statement to the FPSC.
- 8. If the FPSC orders a refund to the customers, interest earned on funds in the escrow account shall be distributed to those customers who paid such monies that generated the deposits into the escrow account and if a partial refund, also to the Utility. The method of distribution shall be as set forth in Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.
- 9. The balance of funds remaining in the Escrow Account shall be disposed of in accordance with the Commission's final order issued in Docket No. 050862-WU immediately after issuance and the account closed thereafter.
- 10. The Bank may, without reason, withdraw from this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the FPSC and to the Utility. If the Bank does not receive a disbursement order signed by both the FPSC and the Utility within such 30 days, the Bank shall deposit all funds with the Circuit Court of Marion County, Florida.
- 11. The Utility shall indemnify and hold the Bank harmless from any claim, demand or loss suffered by the Bank, and the cost thereof (including court costs and attorney fees for negotiation, trial and appeal).
- 12. This escrow account is established pursuant to the FPSC decision reached in Docket No. 050862-WU at its April 4, 2006 Agenda Conference for the benefit of the Utility's customers.
- 13. The information concerning the escrow account shall be available from the Bank to the FPSC and it representative at all times.
- 14. This escrow account is established by the direction of the Florida Public Service Commission for the purpose(s) set forth in its order requiring such account. Pursuant to Cosentino v. Elson, 263 So. 2d 253 (Fla. 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA 1972), escrow accounts are not subject to garnishment.

[Signature Page Follows]

THIS AGREEMENT shall become effective and binding upon all parties upon the date that it becomes executed by all parties.

	County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.
Ву	Dirk J. Leeward, President
	4/19/06
•	Date
	Compass Bank
By	
шу.	Russell Branson, City President
	Date
	Florida Public Service Commission
Bye	Danie S. Bays
	Blanca S. Bayo, Director
	Division of The Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
	<u>4/26/06</u>
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