BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application by PARMER UTILITIES, INC. for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County.

DOCKET NO. 881108-SU ORDER NO. 21353 ISSUED: 6-8-89

ORDER GRANTING EXPANSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

On August 23, 1988, Parmer Utilities, Inc. (Parmer or the utility) applied for a staff-assisted rate case. The utility's application was granted, and on April 14, 1989, we issued our proposed agency action Order No. 21049 which permitted the utility to increase its sewer rate from \$8.20 to \$12.22 per month.

On May 5, 1989, we received a timely protest to our above proposed Order from a customer of the utility, Mr. Phillip Peterson, and the matter was scheduled for hearing. In our Order No. 21246, issued May 17, 1989, which established the hearing procedure, we ordered the utility to file its direct testimony and exhibits with the Commission no later than June 7, 1989. However, on May 25, 1989, the utility, and Mr. Peterson through the Office of Public Counsel requested in writing that the utility be permitted to file such testimony and exhibits no later than June 30, 1989 instead of the originally scheduled date of June 7, 1989. The parties stated that such extension would enhance the possibility of the parties arriving at a settlement of the matter without the necessity of a hearing.

Based on the facts as represented, I find the utility's request for an expansion of time to file its testimony and exhibits to be reasonable and is approved. It is therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Gerald L. Gunter, as Prehearing Officer, that Parmer Utilities, Inc.'s request for an expansion of time to file its direct testimony and exhibits is hereby granted as shown in the body of this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Gerald L. Gunter this <u>8th</u> day of <u>JUNE</u>, <u>1989</u>.

GERALD L. GUNTER, Commissioner and Frehearing Officer

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