

VOTE SHEET

DATE: August 18, 1992

RE: DOCKET NO. 920199-WS - Application of SOUTHERN STATES UTILITIES, INC. for increased water and wastewater rates.

Issue 1: Recommendation that Southern States Utilities, Inc. be authorized, on an interim basis, to collect the annual operating revenues shown below:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Water	\$16,347,596	\$3,853,414	30.84%
Wastewater	\$10,270,606	\$3,442,905	50.44%

APPROVED

Commissioner Laredo dissented.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

J. Terry Hean
Betty Casley
** Susan Clark*
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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Recommendation that the interim rates should be designed to allow the utility the opportunity to generate additional annual operating revenues of \$3,853,414 and \$3,442,905 for the respective water and wastewater systems. The rates should be developed by adding \$1.23 per ERC for water and \$3.90 per ERC for wastewater to the base facility charge. The gallonage charge should be increased \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons for all water customers, and \$1.05 and \$1.26 per 1,000 gallons for residential and general service wastewater customers, respectively. Wastewater systems with flat rates should be increased by the flat rate per ERC amount plus the average usage of metered customers multiplied by the gallonage charge increase amount. All existing rate structures should be maintained. The increase should be added to the rates in effect prior to the interim increase granted in Docket No. 900329-WS.

The interim rates should become effective for meter readings on or after 30 days from the stamped approval date on the revised tariff sheets for all systems. The utility should prorate the bills for systems that have bimonthly or quarterly billing to insure that the rates become effective at the same time. The revised tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the sheets are consistent with the Commission's decision, and after the utility has filed and staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the required security discussed in Issue No. 3.

APPROVED

Commissioners Clark and Lauredo dissented.

Alternate Recommendation: The rates for each system should be designed to allow the utility the opportunity to generate additional annual operating revenues of \$3,853,414 and \$3,442,905 for the respective water and wastewater systems. This results in increases of 31.66% and 50.44% in existing water (excluding miscellaneous service charge revenues) and wastewater rates, respectively. The rates should be calculated by applying these overall company-wide percentage increases to each individual system. Wastewater systems with flat rates should be increased by the flat per ERC amount plus the average usage of metered customer multiplied by the gallonage charge increase amount. All existing rate structures should be maintained. The percentage increase should be calculated based on the existing rates prior to any interim increase granted in Docket No. 900329-WS.

The interim rates should become effective for meter readings on or after 30 days from the stamped approval date on the revised tariff sheets for all systems. The utility should prorate the bills for systems that have bimonthly or quarterly billing to insure that the rates become effective at the same time. The revised tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the sheets are consistent with the Commission's decision, and after the utility has filed and staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the required security discussed in Issue No. 3.

DENIED

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Issue 3: Recommendation that the utility be required to file a letter of credit, bond or escrow agreement to guarantee any potential refunds of water and/or wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(5), F.A.C., the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund.

APPROVED