

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 950237-WS
revised tariff sheets by Gulf) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0798-FOF-WS
Utility Company in Lee County.) ISSUED: July 3, 1995
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF SHEETS AMENDING
METER INSTALLATION CHARGES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Gulf Utility Company (GUC or utility) is a Class A utility providing water and wastewater service in Lee County. According to its 1993 annual report, the utility provides approximately 6,109 customers with water and 1,867 customers with wastewater service. In 1993, GUC reported operating revenues of \$1,868,964 and \$952,577, and a net operating income of \$484,758 and \$272,228, for its water and wastewater systems respectively.

On February 28, 1995, GUC filed a request for approval of revised tariff sheets pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes. The utility is proposing an amended charge for the meter installation of a 1 1/2" meter. In processing the request, we noticed that additional information was needed from the utility. Therefore, a set of data requests was sent to the utility on March 20, 1995. GUC replied to the data requests on April 3, 1995.

By Order No. PSC-95-0551-FOF-WU, issued on May 8, 1995, we suspended the proposed tariff sheets allowing us additional time to review the information sent by the utility.

The following tariff sheets contain new meter installation charges for 1 1/2" meters:

Water

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 24.0
Third Revised Sheet No. 33.0

Wastewater

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 23.3

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GUC proposed that actual costs should be charged for the installation of 1 1/2" meters. We have reviewed the information submitted by the utility and have verified that the actual cost of installing a 1 1/2" meter, including labor, is now approximately \$240. GUC's current tariff allows for an installation charge of \$378 for this size meter. The amended meter installation charge of "Actual Cost" would allow GUC to charge the customer only for the parts and labor used. After reviewing the proposed tariff revisions and supporting cost justification, we find that the new charges are just and reasonable. Therefore, the proposed tariff sheets amending GUC's meter installation charges shall be approved. These charges shall be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Gulf Utility Company's request to amend its meter installation charges is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff revisions approved herein shall become effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff revisions approved herein are interim in nature and shall become final unless a substantially affected person files a petition for a formal proceeding which is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, by the date set forth in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review below. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increases held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 3rd
day of July, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on July 24, 1995.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

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If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.