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RE: DOCKET NO. 980616-WU

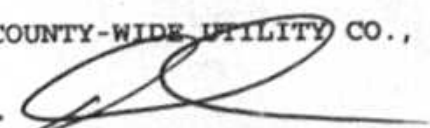
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is a letter sent to each commissioner as additional information for the above referenced docket. Please add this to the official record. I have enclosed an original and 15 copies.

Sincerely,

COUNTY-WIDE UTILITY CO., INC.

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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: DOCKET NO. 980616-WU

Dear Commissioner:

On May 1, 1998, we applied for a new customer classification for our general service tariff because one customer needed a 1" meter rather than a 5/8" x 3/4" meter that all our other customers have.

We used the standard AWWA equivalent of 2.5 to adjust our monthly base charge from \$11.83 (which includes 3,700 gallons) to \$29.58 (which includes 9,400 gallons). We proposed that our gallonage rate remain the same.

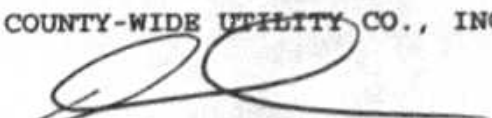
Assuming a usage of 20,000 gallons per month, a 5/8" x 3/4" customer would pay \$39.21 and a 1" customer would pay \$47.39, a difference of \$8.18 per month. We find it incredible that the FPSC staff recommends that we should go through the expense to hire an attorney to file an escrow agreement, open an escrow account with monthly fees that would exceed the amount escrowed, and file monthly reports for this small amount of money "pending further analysis by staff".

Although it is not noted in the agenda, Staff has told us that the reason for keeping this docket open is to restructure our rates by removing the gallons included in the base charge and dropping the Tier 3 "declining block gallonage rate". You should know that only 3% of our customers use enough water to get charged that rate. Last time staff asked to do this [DOCKET NO. 930084-WU], the Commission did not accept staff's recommendation and left the rate structure alone.

We are a small utility company with gross revenues of about \$75,000 last year. By again trying to force us to restructure our relatively low rates that no one but FPSC Staff has found fault with will create administrative costs for both the utility and the FPSC that eventually get passed along to the customer in the form of higher rates. The costs of complying with these needless administrative burdens will far exceed any benefit derived.

Sincerely,

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