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March 29, 2000

Florida Public Service Commission Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110, Easley Building 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 990535-WU - Florida Public Utilities Company - Fernandina Beach Water

Dear Ms. Bayo:

We have enclosed twenty copies of Schedule B-10 (revised 3/29/00), which reflects our actual rate case expenses, incurred for the above-mentioned Docket. This schedule is being filed in compliance with Rule 25-30.436 (7) which requires the company to file within 60 days after the issuance of a final order in response to an application for increased rates, a breakdown of actual rate case expense incurred.

Please let us know if you require any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Martin

Manager of Corporate Accounting

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Enclosure

(with enclosures)

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Analysis of Rate Case Expense

Company: Florida Public Utilities Company

Fernandina Beach Water Division

Docket No.: 990535-WU

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38 Note (A)

39 Note (B)

40 Note (C)

41 Note (D) 42 Note (E)

43 Note (F)

44 Note (G) 45

Projected Test Year Ended: December 31, 2000

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Preparer: Cheryl Martin REVISED 3/29/00

Explanation: Provide the total amount of rate case expense requested in the application. State whether the total includes the amount up to proposed agency action or through a hearing before the Commission. Provide a list of each firm providing services for the applicant, the individuals for each firm assisting in the application, including each individual's hourly rate, and an estimate of the total charges to be incurred by each firm, as well as a description of the type of services provided. Also provide the additional information for amortization and allocation method, including support behind this determination.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		(10)	(11)	(12)
Line	Firm or	Counsel, Consultant	Hourly Rate		Travel	Original Est.	Type of	Revised Est.	Specific Service		Actual	Exp.	Total
No.	Vendor Name	or Witness	or Prof. Fee	Basis	Expenses	Expenses	Service	Expenses	Rendered		as of 2/28/00	remaining	
2	Messer, Caparella & Self, PA	Norman Horton, Jr., Esq.	15,000 \$120-200	note (A)	500	\$ 15,500	Legal	\$ 15,500	Petition, Correspondence	\$	8,493	\$ 548	\$ 9,041
3	'		\$120-200						Meetings, Agenda conference				
	FPUC employees	Bachman, Foster, Martin, Sta	arr	note (B)	2,900	2,900	Travel	3,354	Meetings, Agenda conferences		2,908	-	2,908
6													
7	FPUC employees	Various	\$17.00-23.50	note (C)		6,190	Overtime	5,141	MFR preparation, audit assista	ance	6,207	-	6,207
8							Temp Help	6,118	Audit and Rate Case Assistan	ce	7,555	-	7,555
	Printing MFR's, and oth	ner filing requirements		note (D)		150	Office expense	398	Office supplies and mailing co.	st	311	-	311
10						4.500			En		. 500		4
11	FPSC			note (E)		4,500	Filing fee	4,500	Filing fee		4,500		4,500
	Notice Requirements			note (F)		500	Advertising	252	Newspaper Notices		255		255
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	Customer Notices- Prin	nting, Postage & Mailing		note (G)		2,310	Notices	10,725	Customer Notification		9,320	-	9,320
16		Total				\$ 32,050	_			\$	39,549	\$ 548	\$ 40,097
17							_						
18	Final Estimate of Rate	Case Expense approved in PA	NA.					\$ 45,988	-				
19										nate Thro	ough		
20	ı									PAA			
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24													(D)
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	27 28									Prior Unamortized Rate Case Expense			
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31									Tota	l Projecte	ed Rate Case Ex	pense	40,097
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33									*Ann	ual Amo	rtization		10,024
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Based on estimate by the law firm and with the assumption of a PAA.

Based on fee set by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Based on an estimated cost for advertising for newspaper notices.

Based on 6601 customers @ .35 each to cover cost of postage, supplies, and mailing.

Based on travel to service hearing \$1,000, agenda conference \$1,500 and meeting for preparation of filing \$400.

Based on an estimated total overtime hours of 280 hours at an average rate of \$21.00 and 10 hours at a rate of \$17.00.

Based on an est. cost for office supplies and mailing of filing 11,500 sheets @.0055 (\$63.25) and other costs \$86.75.

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47 *</sup> Amortization of rate case expense account will begin April 2000.