FAR NOTICE OF PREHEARING, CUSTOMER SERVICE MEETING, AND TECHNICAL HEARING

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a prehearing conference, customer service hearing, and a technical hearing in the following docket to which all persons are invited.

<u>DOCKET NO. AND TITLE:</u> Docket No. 160101-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE PREHEARING:

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

<u>CUSTOMER SERVICE HEARING DATE AND TIME</u>: Monday, May 8, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The customer service hearing will end promptly at 11:30 a.m., or earlier, if all testimony is received prior to 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

<u>GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</u>: The purpose of the customer service hearing is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer additional comments regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and to comment on other issues.

<u>TECHNICAL HEARING DATE AND TIME:</u> Monday, May 8, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. May 9-12, 2017 have also been reserved for continuation of the hearing, if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING:

The purpose of this hearing shall be to receive testimony and exhibits from parties and to take final action relative to Utilities, Inc. of Florida's application for an increase in water and wastewater rates, and to take action on any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement. This proceeding shall: (1) allow the parties to present evidence and testimony in support of their positions, and (2) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, via 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), Florida Relay Service.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF HEARING

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

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