

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of ST. GEORGE ISLAND) ISLAND UTILITY CO., LTD., for increased) rates and service availability charges) for water service in Franklin County.)	DOCKET NO. 871177-WJ ORDER NO.: 20687 ISSUED: 2-1-89
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

BETTY EASLEY
JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 1, 1988, St. George Island Utility Company, Ltd., ("SGI" or "utility"), completed the minimum filing requirements for an application for a general rate increase. By Order No. 20241, issued October 31, 1988, this Commission suspended the utility's proposed rates pursuant to Section 367.081(6), Florida Statutes. By Order No. 20401, issued December 5, 1988, this Commission granted SGI increased rates on an interim basis, and as security for any potential refund, ordered SGI to place \$6,429 per month into an escrow account, beginning December 18, 1988, until such time as this rate proceeding is finalized.

On December 20, 1988, SGI filed a motion for reconsideration of Order No. 20401. SGI argues that its monthly revenues vary seasonally as a result of its resort-oriented service area. Therefore, SGI has requested that the Commission modify Order No. 20401 to require SGI to escrow only the difference between the amount that would have been collected under its original rates and the amount actually collected under its approved interim rates. Since, under the provisions of Order No. 20401, the utility must provide a monthly statement setting forth the difference in these amounts, we believe that, even if modified as requested, it will be easy to monitor SGI's compliance with the escrow requirements. We, therefore, find that it is appropriate to grant the utility's request.

As stated above, by Order No. 20401, we also required SGI to begin escrowing funds December 18, 1988. In its motion, SGI also argued that, since its revised tariff pages were not approved until December 29, 1988, it did not place the interim rates into effect for its December billing. Therefore, SGI requests that we not require it to place funds into escrow beginning December 18, 1988. We agree and find it appropriate to modify Order No. 20401 to require SGI to commence placing these funds into escrow with its January, 1989 billing.

It is, accordingly,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Order No. 20401 is hereby modified to require St. George Island Utility Company, Ltd., to escrow only the difference between the amount that would have been collected under its original rates and the amount actually collected under the interim rates. It is further

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ORDERED that Order No. 20401 is hereby modified to require St. George Island Utility, Ltd., to escrow funds, as set forth in the body of this Order, beginning with its January, 1989 billing. It is further

ORDERED that all other provisions of Order No. 20401 are hereby affirmed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 1989.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: 1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or sewer utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.