BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application to change from monthly to bi-monthly billing in Pasco County by S. H. UTILITIES, INC.)	DOCKET NO. 900309-WU ORDER NO. 23116 ISSUED: 6-25-90
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHEAL McK. WILSON, Chairman THOMAS M. BEARD BETTY EASLEY GERALD L. GUNTER

ORDER GRANTING CHANGE FROM MONTHLY TO BI-MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE

BY THE COMMISSION:

S.H. Utilities, Inc. (utility) is a Class C water utility operating in Pasco County. The utility provides service to 200 customers.

On April 24, 1990, the utility filed a request with the Commission for authorization to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly and to increase the amount of its customer deposit. Because the request to increase the customer deposit is in compliance with Rule 25-30.311(7), Florida Administrative Code, the new deposit was administratively approved and became effective on June 22, 1990.

The request to change the utility's billing cycle was based upon an assumed cost savings for both the utility and its customers. The utility expects that the change will reduce meter readings, billing costs, and postage expenses. Customers will benefit from reduced postage expenses and check charges.

Rule 25-30.335(1), Florida Administrative Code, provides that a utility must bill at regular intervals. The rule does not specify that a particular interval for billing is required. Because bi-monthly billing is permitted by the rule and the utility and its customers should experience some cost savings, the utility's request is approved. Although the utility will have a minimal cost savings, it is not material enough to require a decrease in the utility's rates.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request of S.H. Utilities, Inc. to change its billing cycle from monthly to bi-monthly intervals is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the change in billing cycles shall become effective upon the utility's proposed customer notice and revised tariff sheets being approved. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 900309-WU is hereby closed.

Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 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 after the issuance of this order, 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.