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November 20, 1992
VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Jennifer Iwenjiora Division of Water and Wastewater Florida Public Service Commission

## BY HAND DELIVERY

 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850Re: Parkland Utilities, Inc.
PSC Docket No. $920590-61101-\omega 4$
Application for Limited Proceeding
Rate Increase in Water Rates
Our File No, 21206.04

## Dear Jennifer:

In response to your recent questions relayed to me and the Utility verbally, and as a result of correction of the index filing which ultimately affects the revenue figures shown in this Limited
ACK proceeding filing, I am attaching revised schedules showing the calculation of the revenue short-fall; calculation of annualized revenue; calculation of the rate adjustment necessary to implement
APP the increase; schedule of present and proposed rates; tariff
CAF sheets; and customer notice of increase; all revised in order to
CMU reflect changes which we have discussed.

CTR Based upon our recent conversations, I understand that the Staff is considering the possibility that the entire rate increase EAG should be allocated to base charges, and I believe there is some merit to such a proposal. We will probably be amenable to any method for implementation of this increase which the Staff may
LiN method for implementation of this ing ingore so long as the revenue short-fall is fully covered through
OPC that change. Please contact me once some further consensus is
RCH arrived at among the Staff and let me know your decision in this
SEC 1 I may be sure that we are in agreement.
WAS $\qquad$ In Mr. Chuck Hill's letter of November 16, 1992, he has also
OTH acked that we provide copies of previous paid invoices; verification of the number of fire hydrants; information regarding the amount of fire protection charges included in annualized

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revenue; and a notice of the filing of the Application for Rate Increase in this docket. I have attempted to respond to each of these requests separately below.

1. Copies of previous paid invoices- Attached hereto are a copy of the bill rendered and the billing register for 1991 and 1992, reflecting the amount of such fire protection charges imposed upon the city of Parkland. As you can see, the services for 1991 were not billed to the city of Parkland until early 1992, along with the charge for 1992, the breakdown is shown on the bill which was rendered. As you know, the rendition of this bill started the City's discussions of whether or not they should be paying Parkland Utilities, Inc., for this service, and their ultimate decision not to pay that bill, or any future bills. I am also attaching the bills rendered for 1988, 1989, and 1990 services.
2. Verification of the number of active fire hydrants- As you know, our filing was based upon service to 81 fire hydrants. In previous years, the Utility imposed a charge based upon 78 hydrants. The three additional hydrants result from the addition of a new elementary school, which at present time is nearing completion and is on-line with three new fire hydrants thereon. Therefore, in order to properly reflect the revenues lost as a result of the City's decision to discontinue payment of fire protection service charges, the revenue short-fall must be calculated using the total number of hydrants currently receiving such service.
3. Annualized Revenue- I have attached hereto a revised version of the calculation of annualized revenue, excluding fire hydrant charges. As we discussed, while it is appropriate to include those hydrant charges in the index and in calculating the appropriate index percentage, it is not appropriate to include them in the annualized revenue in this limited proceeding. If we were to do so, the proposed increase which would result would not cover the revenue short-fall resulting from the City's decision to discontinue payment of fire protection charges.
4. Customer Notice- I have prepared a simple customer notice to inform the customers that the Application for a Limited Proceeding Rate Increase has been filed and the reason for such increase. I have tried to keep this as simple and straightforward as possible while informing the customers of the basics.

After you have had a chance to review it, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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5. Reported Revenues from Fire Hydrant Service, I am attaching copies of schedules from the 1989, 1990, and 1991, Annual Reports for Parkland Utilities, Inc., showing revenues collected by class of customer. There were some questions raised about the amount shown for Fire Protection Service revenue in each of these three years. I have discussed this with the Company and have determined the following:
(a). The 1989 report shows $\$ 12,480$ for fire protection revenue. This is the result of the Utility having billed for 1988 and 1989 services together in mid-1989. I am attaching a copy of the bill and the City's check in payment for these specifically identifying these dollars as being related to both of those two years.
(b). The 1990 Annual Report shows $\$ 3,120$ in fire protection revenue. I am attaching hereto a copy of the bill rendered to the City of Parkland for the first six months of 1990 totalling this amount. Apparently, the Utility in changing its billing agent around this time, overlooked charging for the latter half of 1990's fire protection service.
(c). With regard to 1991, there is no line item whatsoever for Fire Protection Services. This is a result of the fact that the Utility failed to bill for those services during 1991 and instead billed the county in 1992 for both 1991 and 1992 charges. This is apparent from the bill previously referenced and attached hereto, dated March 13, 1992.

I trust that the above explanations and the attached information adequately responds to all your inquiries and concerns. Please let me know once you have approved the notice so that we can begin mailing it as soon as possible. Should you have any further questions at all, please let me know.

## Sincerely,



Enclosures

ROSE, SUNDSTROM \& BENTLEY

PAREWMD UTILITTES, INC.
CALCULMTION OF REVEADE BHORTFALL RESULTING FROM
CITY's REFUSAL TO PAY PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES
I. Annual Revenue Shortfall- $\$ 109.73$ per hydrant/per year $x$ 81 hydrants (Note 1)
II. Amortization of Rate Case Expense -

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\$ 4,500 \div 4 \text { yrs. } \div .955 \text { (Note 2) } \quad \$ 1,178.01
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Total Increase Required
\$ 8,888.13
\$ $10,066.14$

## NOTES:

(1) The revenue shortfall total is based upon application of the rates proposed in the recent Notice of Application of Index Provisions of Section 367.081 (4)(a), Florida Statutes, to increase the existing charge for Public Fire Protection to $\$ 109.73$ per year.
(2) It is estimated that approximately 25 hours of attorney's time will be necessary in order to prepare and process this Application through the Florida public Service Commission. At $\$ 135$ per hour this equates to $\$ 3,375$ in attorney's fees. In addition, a filing fee of $\$ 900$ and estimated costs of $\$ 225$ will have to be expended by the Utility for a total of approximately $\$ 4,500$ in rate case expenses. Amortized over the statutory period of 4 years, this equates to a $\$ 1,125$ rate case expense amortization cost.

This annualized rate case amortization cost then must be grossed-up for regulatory assessment fees. Since the revenue shortfall already includes recognition of regulatory assessment fees, no gross-up of that figure is necessary. The revenue impact of the rate case expense is therefore $\$ 1125 \div .955=\$ 1,178.01$.

## PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC. <br> CNLCULATION OF ANNUALIZED REVENUES - WATER COMSDAPTIOK DATA FOR 1991

| Number of Bills/ |
| :---: |
| Gallons Sold | | Current |
| :---: |
| Rates (B) |

Annualized Revenues

Residential Service:
Bills:
$5 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Meters
5,434
\$
6.53
\$ 35,484
$1^{\prime \prime}$ Meters
1 1/2" Meters
$2^{\prime \prime}$ Meters
Gallons Sold
45,604
(A)
1.94
88,472

General Service:
Bills: $5 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Meters 41
$1^{\prime \prime}$ Meters
12
$2^{\prime \prime}$ Meters
35
Construction $2^{\prime \prime}$
Gallons Sold
1,378
(A)
6.53
52.20
1.94
2,673
Total Annualized Revenues for 1991
S 129,285
(A) For purposes of calculating revenue (000's) are omitted.
(B) These are the rates included in the Utility's index filing, dated October 2, 1992, as revised on November 12, 1992.

## PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC. <br> revenus adjustuent for public pire protection revenue shortfall

|  | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total Revenue Shortfall Per Exhibit B | $\$ \quad 10,066.14$ |
| Divide by Annualized Revenue Per Exhibit D | $\$ \quad 129,285.00$ |
| Percentage Increase | $\underline{7.79 \%}$ |

## PARKLAND USILITIES, INC. SCREDULE OF PRESEAT AND PROPOSED RATES

Water
Residential

| Meter Size | Present Rates | Proposed Rates |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ 6.53 | \$ 7.04 |
| $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ Full ${ }^{\prime \prime} / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | + 9.80 | 10.56 |
| $111^{\prime \prime}$ | 16.31 | 17.58 |
| $11^{\prime \prime}$ | 32.65 | 35.19 |
| $2^{\prime \prime}$ | 52.20 | 56.26 |

Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons

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\$ 1.94 \quad \$ 2.09
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## General Service

## Meter Size

$5 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Full 3/4" $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ $2^{\prime \prime}$ $3^{\prime \prime}$ $4^{\prime \prime}$ $6^{\prime \prime}$
$8^{\prime \prime}$
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons

| Present <br> Rates | Proposed <br> Rates |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 6.53$ | $\$$ | 7.04 |
| 9.80 | 10.56 |  |
| 16.31 | 17.58 |  |
| 32.65 | 35.19 |  |
| 52.20 | 56.26 |  |
| 104.48 | 112.62 |  |
| 163.25 | 175.97 |  |
| 326.50 | 351.93 |  |
| 522.40 | 563.09 |  |
| $\$ 1.94$ | $\$ 2.09$ |  |

PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC. WATER TARIFF

SEVENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0 CANCELS SIXTH REVISED SHEET NO. 17.0

## GPNPRAT SPRVICE

RATP SCHEDULE GS

AVAILABILITY - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
APPLICABILITY - For water service to all customers for which no other schedule applies.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulation of the Commission.

BILLING PERIOD - Monthly

## RATE -

Meter Size

5/8" $\times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ Full 3/4"

1" 1 1/2"

## $2^{\prime \prime}$

## $3^{\prime \prime}$

## 4"

6"
$8^{\prime \prime}$

Base Facility Charge
Gallonage Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)
\$ 2.09
10.56
17.58
35.19
56.26
112.62
175.97
361.93
563.09
2.09
2.09
2.09
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TERYS OF PAYYENT - Bills are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent if not paid within (20) days. After five (5) working days written notice is mailed to the customer separate and apart from any other bill, service may then be discontinued.

| EFFECTIVE DATE - | $\frac{\text { Ronald M. Nunes }}{\text { ISSUING OFFICER }}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| TYPE OF FILING - 1992 Limited Proceeding | $\frac{\text { Vice President }}{\text { TITLE }}$ |

PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC. WATER TARIFF

SEVENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 18.0 CANCELS SIXTH REVISED SHEET NO. 18.0

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

## RATE SCHRDULE RS

AVAILABIITIX - Available throughout the area served by the Company.
APPLTCABTITIX - FOR water service for all purposes in private residences and individually metered apartment units.

LIMITATIONS - Subject to all Rules and Regulations of this tariff and General Rules and Regulation of the Commission.

BILITNG PERIOD - Monthly
RATE -

| Meter Size | Base Facility Charge | Gallonage Charge(Per 1,000 Gallons |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5/8' $\times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | \$ 7.04 | \$ | 2.09 |
| Full 3/4" | 10.56 |  | 2.09 |
| 1" | 17.58 |  | 2.09 |
| $11^{\prime \prime}$ | 35.19 |  | 2.09 |
| 2" | 56.26 |  | 2.09 |

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Ronald $M$. Nunes ISSUING OFFICER
Vice President TITLE

## CUSTOMER NOTICE

## Dear Customer:

As a result of a recent decision by the City of Parkland to discontinue all payments to Parkland Utilities, Inc., for Fire Protection Services, provided to the community through fire hydrants, the Utility has requested that the Florida Public Service commission authorize it to increase rates to all customers to cover this revenue loss on an expedited basis. In recognition of the fact that this is revenue lost solely from actions of the city of Parkland and is outside of the control of the Utility, the Commission has authorized this increase for the purpose of allowing recovery of this revenue loss to be charged to the general body of ratepayers by Parkland Utilities, Inc.

Even though these increases are allowed, the increased revenue will not allow any increase profit (rate of return), on the total capital investment of the Utility.

The actual increase in customer rates for water service resulting from this change is 7.79\%. A schedule of the newly approved rates is outlined on the back of this Notice. These new rates will go into effect on December 25,1992 , and will be applied to all meter readings taken 30 days on or after that date.

Sincerely,

Parkland Utilities, Inc.






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PARMLAND UTILITIES, IMC.
7501 S. Cyprasshad Orive -arkland, Florida 33067 105)-753-7906


Invoice 4666

Parkland City Mall 6500 Parkside Drive Parkland, Fiorida 33067

AMOUNT DUE $\$ 3,120.00$

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| 12/15/89 | Service Frem: <br> $01 / 01 / 90-06 / 30 / 90$ <br> 78 Fire Hydrants $880.00 /$ per hydrant per yea ANOUNT DUE <br> Due Date: Decumber 30, 1989 | \$ 3,120.00 |
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## PARELANP UTYTUTTIES. INC.

## NOTTCE TO CDSTOMERS

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Even though these increases are allowed, no increased overall revenue will result nor will any increase profit (rate of return). The PSC may accept as filed, reject altogether, or modify the proposed new rates as outlined on the back of this Notice. To the extent any rate change is authorized, it will become effective for meter readings approximately 30 days after the commission's decision in this regard becomes final.

Sincerely,

Parkland Utilities, Inc.,

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Sincerely,

Parkland Utilities, Inc.,

## PARFKAD OEILITIES, INC.

 SCREDULS OF APPROVED RATES
## Water

## Residential

| Meter Size | Approved Rates |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5/8" $\times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | \$ 7.04 |
| Full 3/4" | 10.56 |
| $11^{1 / 2 \prime \prime}$ | 17.58 |
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| Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons |  |
|  | \$ 2.09 |
| General Service |  |
| Meter Size | Approved Rates |
| 5/8" $8^{\prime \prime}$ 3/4" | \$ 7.04 |
| Full 3/4" ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 10.56 |
| $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 17.58 35.19 |
| 2"10 |  |
| 4"1 | 112.62 |
| 6"1 | 175.97 351.93 |
| $8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 563.09 |
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