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Public Service Commission

DATE: October 30, 1995  
TO: Parties of Record  
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director <sup>BSB</sup>  
Division of Records and Reporting  
RE: Docket No. 950495-WS - Application for rate increase and increase in service availability charges by Southern States Utilities, Inc. for Orange-Osceola Utilities, Inc. in Osceola County, and in Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia and Washington Counties.  
Docket No. 920199-WS - Application for rate increase in Brevard, Charlotte/Lee, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Southern States Utilities, Inc.; Collier County by Marco Shores Utilities (Deltona); Hernando County by Spring Hill Utilities (Deltona); and Volusia County by Deltona Lakes Utilities (Deltona).

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ACK \_\_\_\_\_ This is to inform you that the Chairman has reported the following  
AFA \_\_\_\_\_ communication in the above referenced dockets.  
APP \_\_\_\_\_  
CAF \_\_\_\_\_ Letter from Representative Kelly R. Smith dated October 12, 1995.  
CAM \_\_\_\_\_  
CTE \_\_\_\_\_ Representative Smith's letter and Chairman Clark's response, copies of which are  
E \_\_\_\_\_ attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section  
LF \_\_\_\_\_ 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so.  
LP \_\_\_\_\_ The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice  
C \_\_\_\_\_ that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record.  
R \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_ BSB/cp  
W \_\_\_\_\_ Attachments  
O \_\_\_\_\_ cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter



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# Florida House of Representatives

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KELLEY R. SMITH  
REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 21

322 House Office Building  
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October 12, 1995

Ms. Susan F. Clark, Chairman  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Committee on  
Public Service Commission  
Commissioner Clark

Dear Chairman Clark:

It is my understanding that the Public Service Commission has recently revised its order regarding Southern States utility rates within the area which I represent in Putnam, Clay and Marion counties.

I have looked at the proposed new rates which would take effect shortly. I was shocked by the increases which you have required. I request immediate reconsideration of these incredible rate increases.

I am familiar with the background on these rate changes over the past year or so. I believe the PSC had put into place a level, fair, and equitable rate for Southern States on a statewide basis. What you are now requiring is worse than what was in place prior to the rate change last year.

Please respond to my request for a rehearing and reconsideration as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kelley R. Smith

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## Public Service Commission

October 25, 1995

The Honorable Kelley R. Smith  
Representative, District 21  
222 North Third Street  
Palatka, Florida 32177

Dear Representative Smith:

We have received your letter dated October 12, 1995. The Commission's order granting increased rates for Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSU) based on a uniform rate structure was appealed by Citrus County and Sugarmill Woods Civic Association. On April 6, 1995, the Commission's decision was reversed and remanded by the First District Court of Appeal. The Commission's Motion for Rehearing was denied by the Court. A mandate was issued by the Court on July 13, 1995.

In complying with the Court's mandate, the Commission voted last month to approve a different rate structure for SSU. In doing that, the Commission had to choose a rate structure supported by the evidence presented in Docket No. 920199-WS that was consistent with the Court's opinion. We chose a modified stand alone rate structure. On a going-forward basis, the new rate structure may result in higher rates for some of SSU's customers. For purposes of your information, SSU has filed a new request for a rate increase for all of its facilities and service areas except those that are located in the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, and Polk. The utility has requested rates based on a uniform rate structure. This rate application is pending and is being considered in Docket No. 950495-WS.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the Court's decision and the Order which memorializes our most recent vote. Thank you for your letter. If you have additional questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan F. Clark".

Susan F. Clark  
Chairman

Enclosure