Florida Senate - 1999

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	11-380-99
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to a refund of excess utility
3	payments; requiring the Comptroller to provide
4	a refund to certain utility customers who paid
5	more under a uniform rate structure than those
6	customers would have paid under a modified
7	stand-alone rate structure; requiring the
8	Public Service Commission to notify utility
9	customers who are eligible for a refund;
10	providing requirements for applying for a
11	refund; requiring the Comptroller to verify
12	eligibility for a refund; providing for the
13	refund of utility payments to be funded from
14	the Public Service Commission Regulatory Trust
15	Fund; providing an appropriation; providing an
16	effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. (1) The Comptroller shall provide a refund
21	to utility customers in this state who paid more for water and
22	sewer services between September 15, 1993, and January 23,
23	1996, under the uniform rate structure imposed pursuant to
24	Order No. PSC-93-0423-FOF-WS of the Public Service Commission,
25	than the amount such customers would have paid under the
26	modified stand-alone rate structure approved on remand in
27	Docket No. 920199-WS of the Public Service Commission. The
28	refund amount for each eligible utility customer shall equal
29	the amount paid in excess of the modified stand-alone rate,
30	plus interest.
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1	(2) The Public Service Commission shall notify by mail
2	each utility customer who is eligible for a refund under this
3	section and who resides in the state. The notice must include
4	instructions for filing an application for the refund. An
5	eligible utility customer must file a refund application with
6	the Comptroller by July 1, 2000, or shall forfeit eligibility
7	for the refund. The Comptroller shall verify an applicant's
8	eligibility and shall mail the refund in a timely manner if
9	the applicant is found eligible. An amount of less than \$10
10	shall not be refunded.
11	(3) The amount necessary to fund the refund of utility
12	payments provided under this section is appropriated from the
13	Public Service Commission Regulatory Trust Fund.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15	law.
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