

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R 13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY
FLORIDA ESTABLISHING POLICY ON FIRST
MONTH UTILITY BILLING**

WHEREAS, Columbia County operates water and sewer systems, including water transmission and service lines and wastewater collection lines, in the unincorporated area of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted Ordinance No. 2010-11 at a duly noticed public meeting on August 19, 2010 which established the initial water and sewer charges and states in Section 1.05 (C) established the base facility charges and monthly usage charges, “until amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners ...”; and

WHEREAS, Utility billing procedures created an inequitable situation where new utility customers could receive a full month’s minimum utility bill for only a few days of service; and

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2012, the Columbia County Utility Committee recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution to address the billing for the first month of service for all new customers;

WHEREAS, The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners wishes to adopt this policy by resolution to pro-rate the first month billing for all new utility customers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: On the first month of service for a new customer, the billing charge will be waived and any base facility charge pro-rated over the gallons of usage included in that charge. Any usage in excess of the gallons of usage included in the base facility charge will continue to be charged at the appropriate rate.

Section 2: This policy shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this 15 day of MARCH, 2012.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Scarlet P. Frisina, Chairman

ATTEST:



P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk