

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 14

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20190121-WS – Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Polk County, by CHC VII, Ltd.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the utility’s request for a limited proceeding?

Recommendation: The Commission should approve the utility's request for a limited proceeding rate increase as modified by staff. CHC should be allowed an annual increase of \$23,368 (20.82 percent) for water. The adjusted revenue requirement is reflected on Schedule No. 1.

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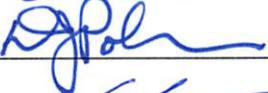
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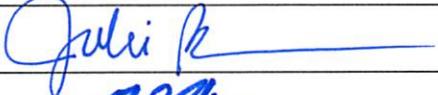
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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate water rates for CHC?

Recommendation: The recommended monthly water rates are shown on Schedule No. 2 of staff's memorandum dated October 24, 2019. The recommended rates should be designed to produce additional revenues of \$23,368 (20.82 percent increase). The percent increase should be applied as an across-the-board increase to the existing rates. The utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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Issue 3: What is the appropriate amount by which rates should be reduced in four years after the published effective date to reflect the removal of the amortized rate case expense as required by Section 367.081(8), F.S.?

Recommendation: The water rates should be reduced, as shown on Schedule No. 2 of staff's memorandum dated October 24, 2019, to remove rate case expense grossed-up for RAFs and amortized over a 4-year period. The decrease in rates should become effective immediately following the expiration of the four-year rate case expense recovery period, pursuant to Section 367.081(8), F.S. CHC should be required to file revised tariffs and a proposed customer notice setting forth the lower rates and the reason for the reduction no later than one month prior to the actual date of the required rate reduction. If the utility files this reduction in conjunction with a price index or pass-through rate adjustment, separate data should be filed for the price index and/or pass-through increase or decrease and the reduction in the rates due to the amortized rate case expense.

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Issue 4: Should the recommended rates be approved for CHC on a temporary basis, subject to refund, in the event of a protest filed by a substantially affected person or party?

Recommendation: Yes. The recommended rates should be approved for the utility on a temporary basis, subject to refund, in the event of a protest filed by a substantially affected person or party. The utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the temporary rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed notice, and the notice has been received by the customers. Prior to implementation of any temporary rates, the utility should provide appropriate security. If the recommended rates are approved on a temporary basis, the rates collected by the utility should be subject to the refund provisions discussed in the staff analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated October 24, 2019. In addition, after the increased rates are in effect, pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should file reports with the Commission Clerk's office no later than the 20th of every month indicating the monthly and total amount of money subject to refund at the end of the preceding month. The report filed should also indicate the status of the security being used to guarantee repayment of any potential refund.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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