

VOTE SHEET

DATE: January 21, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 970005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

Issue 1: Recommendation that all operation and maintenance expenses be indexed with the exception of:

- a) Pass-through items pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b);
- b) Any amortization of rate case expense; and
- c) Disallowances or adjustments made in an applicant's most recent rate proceeding.

**APPROVED**

Issue 2: Recommendation that the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index be used in calculating price level adjustments. Also, the 1997 price index should be calculated by using a fiscal year, four quarter comparison of the GDP Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 1996.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 3: Recommendation that the 1997 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities is 2.13%.

**APPROVED**

Issue 4: Recommendation that the Commission continue utilizing the present format presented as Appendix "B" of staff's memorandum dated January 9, 1997.

**APPROVED**

Issue 5: Recommendation that the Division of Records and Reporting be directed to mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which will contain the information presented in Appendix "C" of staff's memorandum. A cover letter from the Director of the Water and Wastewater Division should accompany the order.

**APPROVED**

Issue 6: Recommendation that 6 copies of the index and/or pass-through application be filed directly with the Division of Water and Wastewater.

**APPROVED**

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Issue 7: Recommendation that the Commission require that any protest to the Notice of Proposed Agency Action (PAA order) in this docket be filed with the Commission within 14 days of issuance of the PAA order. Furthermore, the PAA order should provide notice that any party filing the protest should be required to file its prefiled, direct testimony along with its protest.

**APPROVED**

Issue 8: Recommendation that this docket be closed if no substantially affected person files a protest within the 14-day protest period after issuance of the Commission order.

**APPROVED**