



### Public Service Commission

#### -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

**DATE:** January 10, 2001 -

TO: Dr. Mary A. Bane, Deputy Executive Director/Technical

FROM: Marshall Willis, Bureau Chief, Division of Economic Regulation

RE: Docket No. 991643-SU, Application for Increase in Wastewater Rates in Seven

Springs System in Pasco County by Aloha Utilities, Inc. - Item No. 18 of the

January 16, 2001 Agenda

A recommendation addressing the above docket has been filed for consideration by the Commissioners at the January 16, 2001 Agenda Conference. This docket has a statutory 12-month time frame which requires this recommendation to be on the January 16, 2001 agenda. With your permission, staff would like to make a few corrections to the recommendation at agenda.

First, in Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s (Aloha or utility) minimum filing requirements (MFRs), Aloha reflected a cost rate for long-term debt of 9.84%. In the recommendation, staff used the prime rate in effect as of December 31, 2000. Since no party testified that the current prime rate in effect prior to the Commission's decision should be used and no party took issue with the utility's cost rate in its MFRs, the cost rate for long-term debt should be 9.84%. In addition, in Schedule No. 2-A of the recommendation, there is an error in the minimum rate for return on equity which reflects a rate that is two percent less than the rate using the current leverage graph. The minimum rate for return on equity should only be one percent less than the rate using the current leverage graph.

Further, Stipulation 5 and Stipulation 17 were inadvertently omitted from staff's recommendation. Since these were stipulated items, they should be included. Staff notes that the net effect of these corrections are immaterial. However, staff believes they should made because that is what the record in this case reflects. Attached is an amendment to staff's recommendation filed on January 4, 2001 which summarizes the effect of these three corrections. Also, staff has attached new accounting schedules that were affected (includes all accounting schedules, except Schedule 2-B) and a corrected schedule for Issue 37A.

#### Attachment

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Division of Economic Regulation (Fletcher, Binford, Tudor, Devlin)

Division of Legal Services (Fudge, Jaeger, Gervasi)

Division of Regulatory Oversight (Vandiver)

Division of Records and Reporting

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#### Amendment to January 4, 2001 Recommendation For Docket No. 991643-SU Item No. 18 of the January 16, 2001 Agenda Conference

#### Summary of Effects on Recommendation

Issue No.	Effect on Issue							
14	Decreases Rate Base by \$3,003 (from \$9,552,096 to \$9,549,093).							
16	Decreases Cost of Capital Rate by 21 Basis Points (from 9.92% to 9.71%).							
17	by 21 Basis Points (from 9.92	Decreases Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) Rate by 21 Basis Points (from 9.92% to 9.71%) and Decreases Monthly AFUDC rate from .826185% to .808755%.						
34	Decreases Test Year Operating \$8,128 (from \$131,673 to \$12	<del>-</del>	Revenue Increase by					
35	Decreases Revenue Requirement \$4,075,088).	nt by \$20,416 (from \$-	4,095,504 to					
36		Previously	Corrected					
		•	Recommended Rates					
	Residential Service							
	Base Facility Charge:							
	Meter Size - 5/8"X3/4"	\$14.06	\$13.99					
	Gallonage Charge:	Ψ14.00	Ψ15.77					
	Per 1000 Gallons	\$3.43	\$3.41					
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	General Service							
	Base Facility Charge: Meter Size - 5/8"X3/4"	\$14.06	\$13.99					
İ	1"	\$35.14	\$34.97					
	1 1/2"	\$70.25	\$69.93					
	2"	\$112.45	\$111.89					
	3"	\$224.90	\$223.79					
	4"	\$351.41	\$349.66					
	6"	\$702.83	\$699.33					
	8"	\$1,124.52	\$1,118.93					
	Gallonage Charge:							
	Per 1000 Gallons	\$4.12	\$4.10					
37A	Increases the Refund Percentag	e from 6.08% to 6.50	0%.					

#### ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. - SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATE BASE FINAL 13-MONTH AVERAGE TEST YEAR ENDED 09/30/01

SCHEDULE NO. 1-A DOCKET 991643-SU

DESCRIPTION	TEST YEAR PER UTILITY	UTILITY ADJUST- MENTS	ADJUSTED TEST YEAR PER UTILITY	STAFF ADJUST- MENTS	STAFF ADJUSTED TEST YEAR
1 UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE	\$22,229,056	\$0	\$22,229,056	(\$244,164)	\$21,984,892
2 LAND	\$548,944	\$0	\$548,944	(\$12,120)	\$536,824
3 NON-USED & USEFUL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(\$4,742,735)	\$0	(\$4,742,735)	\$77,644	(\$4,665,091)
5 CIAC	(\$11,337,945)	\$0	(\$11,337,945)	(\$1,646,425)	(\$12,984,370)
6 AMORTIZATION OF CIAC	\$3,324,608	\$0	\$3,324,608	\$299,631	\$3,624,239
7 DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$506,367	\$506,367
8 WORKING CAPITAL ALLOWANCE	<u>\$0</u>	\$497,220	\$497,220	<u>\$49.012</u>	<u>\$546.232</u>
RATE BASE	\$10,021,928	<u>\$497,220</u>	<u>\$10,519,148</u>	(\$970,055)	<u>\$9.549.093</u>

## ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. - SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE

DOC. 991643-SU SCH. NO. 1-B

FINAL 13-MONTH AVERAGE TEST YEAR ENDED 09/30/01

EXPLANATION	WASTEWATER
PLANT IN SERVICE  1 Reduce plant for items capitalized prior to the test year. (Issue 4)  2 To reduce for using incorrect AFUDC rate. (Audit Excep. No. 2) (Stip. 2)  3 Reclassify items expensed that should be capitalized. (Audit Ex. No. 3) (Stip. 3)  4 To recognize 30-day zero cost of accounts payables on CWIP. (Stip. 11)  5 To reflect the utility's capitalization of materials and supplies. (Issue 28)  Total	(\$127,232) (\$122,524) \$11,616 (\$20,124) \$14,100 (\$244,164)
LAND Correct error made in Order No. PSC-99-1917-PAA-WS. (Audit Dis. No. 1) (Stip 8)	<u>(\$12,120)</u>
NON-USED AND USEFUL None	<u>\$0</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION  1 Reduce plant for items capitalized prior to the test year. (Issue 4) 2 To reduce for using incorrect AFUDC rate. (Audit Excep. No. 2) (Stip. 2) 3 Reclassify items expensed that should be capitalized. (Audit Ex. No. 3) (Stip. 3) 4 To recognize 30-day zero cost of accounts payables on CWIP. (Stip. 11) 5 To reflect the appropriate depreciation rate for computer equipment. (Stip. 17) Total	\$73,211 \$8,159 (\$1,291) \$568 (\$3,003) <u>\$77,644</u>
CIAC  1 Reflect appropriate treatment of CTs & DTAs. (Issue 10) 2 Reduce to reflect the appropriate growth rate. (Issue 18) 3 To reflect increase in plant capacity charges. (Issue 40)  Total	(\$1,544,865) \$7,387 ( <u>\$108,947)</u> ( <u>\$1,646,425)</u>
ACCUM. AMORT. OF CIAC  Reflect appropriate treatment of CTs & DTAs. (Issue 10) Reduce to reflect the appropriate growth rate. (Issue 18) To reflect increase in plant capacity charges. Issue 40) Total	\$295,878 (\$273) <u>\$4,026</u> <u>\$299.631</u>
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES  Reflect appropriate treatment of CTs & DTAs. (Issue 10)	<u>\$506,367</u>
WORKING CAPITAL  To reflect the appropriate working capital. (Issues 11, 12, 13, & Stip. 9)	<u>\$49,012</u>

## ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. - SEVEN SPRINGS WASTEWATER SYSTEM CAPITAL STRUCTURE

FINAL 13-MONTH AVERAGE TEST YEAR ENDED 09/30/01

SCHEDULE NO. 2-A DOCKET 991643-SU

	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL CAPITAL	SPECIFIC ADJUST- MENTS (EXPLAIN)	PRO RATA ADJUST- MENTS	CAPITAL RECONCILED TO RATE BASE	RATIO	COST RATE	WEIGHTED COST
PER	UTILITY AVERAGE							
1	LONG TERM DEBT	\$8,614,742	\$0	(\$1,236,366)	\$7,378,376	70.14%	9.84%	6.90%
2	SHORT-TERM DEBT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	
3	PREFERRED STOCK	\$600,000	\$0	(\$86,005)	\$513,995	4.89%	10.12%	
4	COMMON EQUITY	\$2,188,637	\$0	(\$314,069)	\$1,874,568	17.82%	10.12%	
5	CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$93,295	\$0	\$0	\$93,295	0.89%	6.00%	
6	DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	<u>\$770,040</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$111,126)</u>	<u>\$658,914</u>	<u>6.26%</u>	0.00%	
7	TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$12,266,714</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$1,747,566)</u>	<u>\$10,519,148</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		9.25%
PER S	STAFF AVERAGE							
8	LONG TERM DEBT	\$8,614,742	\$0	(\$1,347,892)	\$7,264,565	76.08%	9.84%	7.49%
9	SHORT-TERM DEBT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	PREFERRED STOCK	\$600,000	\$0	(\$93,878)	\$505,963	5.30%	9.93%	0.53%
11	COMMON EQUITY	\$2,188,637	(\$517,923)	(\$261,406)	\$1,408,865	14.75%	9.93%	1.47%
12	CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$93,295	\$345,117	(\$68,595)	\$369,700	3.87%	6.00%	0.23%
13	DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	<u>\$770,040</u>	<u>(\$770,040)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	0.00%	<u>0.00%</u>
14	TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$12,266,714</u>	<u>(\$942,846)</u>	<u>(\$1,771,772)</u>	<u>\$9.549.093</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>9.71%</u>
						LOW	HIGH	
			RETURN ON E			8.93%	10.93%	
			OVERALL RAT	E OF RETURN		9.56%	9.86%	

ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. - SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM STATEMENT OF WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FINAL 13-MONTH AVERAGE TEST YEAR ENDED 09/30/01

SCHEDULE NO. 3-A DOCKET 991643-SU

DESCRIPTION	TEST YEAR PER UTILITY	UTILITY ADJUST- MENTS	ADJUSTED TEST YEAR PER UTILITY	STAFF ADJUST- MENTS	STAFF ADJUSTED TEST YEAR	REVENUE INCREASE	REVENUE REQUIREMENT
1 OPERATING REVENUES	\$2,780,994	<u>\$1.593,501</u>	<b>\$4.374.495</b>	(\$1,648,580)	\$2,725,915	\$1.349,173 49.49%	
OPERATING EXPENSES 2 OPERATION &	\$2,175,762	\$75,000	\$2,250,762	(\$111,995)	\$2,138,767	\$0	1
3 DEPRECIATION	\$383,390	\$0	\$383,390	(\$11,387)	\$372,003	\$0	\$372,003
4 AMORTIZATION	(\$38,622)	\$0	(\$38,622)	(\$8,651)	(\$47,273)	\$0	(\$47,273)
5 TAXES OTHER THAN	\$527,189	\$71,707	\$598,896	(\$89,896)	\$509,000	\$60,713	\$569,713
6 INCOME TAXES	<u>\$208,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$208,100	(\$578,228)	(\$370,128)	\$484.847	<u>\$114,720</u>
7 TOTAL OPERATING	\$3,255,819	\$146,707	\$3,402,526	(\$800,156)	\$2,602,370	\$545,560	<b>\$</b> 3,147,930
8 OPERATING INCOME	<u>(\$474,825)</u>	<u>\$1,446,794</u>	<u>\$971,969</u>	(\$848,424)	<u>\$123.545</u>	\$803.612	<u>\$927,158</u>
9 RATE BASE	<u>\$10,021,928</u>		<u>\$10.519.148</u>		<u>\$9,549,093</u>		\$9,549,093
10 RATE OF RETURN	<u>-4.74%</u>		<u>9.24%</u>		<u>1.29%</u>		<u>9.71%</u>

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SCH. NO. 3-B DOC. 991643-SU

EXPLANATION	WASTEWATER
OPERATING REVENUES  1 Remove utility requested revenue increase. 2 To reduce projected revenues at current rates based on staff's recommended factor for bills and consumption. (Issue 19) 3 To reflect the appropriate reuse revenue. (Issue 20) Total	(\$1,593,501) (\$36,194) (18,885) (\$1,648,580)
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE EXPENSE  Reduce expense accounts to reflect the appropriate growth rate. (Issue 19) Reduce vice-president's salary. (Issue 21) Reduce pensions & benefits associated w/ disallowed VP's salary. (Issue 21) To reclassify items expensed that should be capitalized. (Audit Ex. #. 3) (Stip. 3) Reduce O&M that should be allocated to other systems. (A. Dis. # 6) (Stip. 6) Reclassify legal expense as prepaid bank loan costs. (Audit Dis. No. 9) (Stip. 7) To remove excess rate case expense of Doc. # 950615-SU. (Audit Ex. # 4) (Stip. 10) Reduce Contractual Services - Acctg acct. for non-recurring costs. (Issue 24) Reduce O&M expenses associated w/ DEP Enforcement Action. (Issue 26) Reduce for disallowed transportation expense. (Stipulation 5) Reduce Miscell. exp. for non-recurring exp. & misclassification error. (Issue 30) To reflect the appropriate amount of current rate expense. (Issue 31) Total	(\$32,883) (15,507) (5,319) (13,072) (2,446) (2,581) (31,401) (1,113) (34,726) (287) (7,755) 35.095 (\$111.995)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE-NET  Reduce depreciation expense for disallowed plant. (Issue 4)  To reduce for using incorrect AFUDC rate. (Audit Ex. No. 2) (Stip. 2)  Reclassify items expensed that should be capitalized. (Audit Ex. No. 3) (Stip. 3)  To recognize 30-day zero cost of accounts payables on CWIP. (Stip 11)  To reflect the appropriate depreciation rate for computer equipment. (Stip. 17)  Total	(\$6,675) (5,903) 645 (568) 1.114 (\$11.387)
AMORTIZATION EXPENSE To reflect the appropriate amortization rate of contributed taxes. (Issue 32)  TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME  RAFs on corrected test year revenues. Reduce payroll taxes. (Issue 21) Reflect appropriate millage rate for tangible estate property taxes. (Stip. 14) Total	(\$8.651) (\$74,186) (1,392) (14.318) (\$89.896)
INCOME TAXES  To adjust to test year income tax expense.	<u>(\$578.228)</u>

# ALOHA UTILITIES, INC. - SEVEN SPRINGS SYSTEM EM WASTEWATER MONTHLY SERVICE RATES FINAL 13-MONTH AVERAGE TEST YEAR ENDED 09/30/01

SCH. NO. 4 DOCKET 991643-SU

		Rates As of 01/18/2000	Utility Requested Final	Staff Recomm. Final
Residential				
Base Facility Charge:				
Meter Size				
5/8 <b>*</b> X3/4 <b>*</b>	5	\$8.99	\$14.54	\$13.99
Gallonage Charge - Per 1,000				
gallons (10,000 gallon cap)		\$2.32	\$3.65	\$3.41
General Service				
Base Facility Charge:				
Meter Size				
5/8"X3/4"	5	\$8.99	\$14.54	\$13.99
1"	1	\$22.48	\$36.35	\$34.97
1 1/2"	1	\$44.96	\$72.70	\$69.93
2"	2	\$71.94	\$116.32	\$111.89
3"	3	\$143.88	\$218.10	\$223.79
4"	4	\$224.75	\$363.50	\$349.66
6"	6	\$449.62	\$727.00	\$699.33
8"	8	\$719.39	\$1,163.20	\$1,118.93
Gallonage Charge, per 1,000 Gallons		\$2.78	4.26	\$4.10
Reclaimed Water				
Mitchell Property		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Follow Hollow Golf Course		\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.00
All Others		\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.29
5/OF Mater Cine				
5/8" Meter Size 3,000 Gallons		#1E 0E	ድንድ ላር	\$0.4 OO
·		\$15.95 \$20.50	\$25.49 \$23.70	\$24.23 \$21.06
5,000 Gallons 10,000 Gallons		\$20.59	\$32.79	\$31.06
(Wastewater Gallonage Cap - 10,000 Gallons)		\$32.19	\$51.04	\$48.13
(wastewater Gallonaye Cap - 10,000 Gallons)				

₋ine No.	Class/Meter Size	Historical Year Bills	Staff's Project Factor	Projected Test Year Bills	Test Year Consumption (000)	Staff's Project Factor	Projected TY Consumption (000)	Staff's Recommend Final Rates	Staff's Projected Revenues Requiremen
1 2	Residential 5/8" X 3/4"	101,095	1.07093	108,266				\$13.99	\$1,514,63
3	M Gallons	101,000	1.01.000	100,200	591,149	1.07093	633,079	3.41	2,161,59
4	Total Residential	101,095		108,266	591,149		633,079	0.41	\$3,676,22
5	General Service							•	
6	5/8" X 3/4"	975	1.07093	1,044				13.99	14,60
7	M Gallons				9,544	1.07093	10,221	4.10	41,87
8	1"	255	1.07093	273			ŕ	34.97	9,5
9	M Gallons				4,288	1.07093	4,592	4.10	18,8
10	1 1/2"	108	1.07093	116				69.93	8,08
11	M Gallons				4,459	1.07093	4,775	4.10	19,56
12	2"	168	1.07093	180				111.89	20,13
13	M Gallons				20,295	1.07093	21,735	4.10	89,0
14	3"	12	1.07093	13				223.79	2,87
15	M Gallons				1,335	1.07093	1,430	4.10	5,85
16	4"	24	1.07093	26				349.66	8,98
17	M Gallons				2,707	1.07093	2,899	4.10	11,87
18	6"	42	1.07093	45				699.33	31,45
19	M Gallons				15,099	1.07093	16,170	4.10	66,25
20	Total General Service	1,584		1,696	57,727		61,822		\$348,99
21	Total Projected Residentia	l and General Sen	vice Revenue	es, per staff (Iss	ue 19)				\$4,025,22
22	Total Projected Residentia	l and General Sen	vice Revenue	es, per utility (Se	chedule E-13(A))				\$4,305,0
23	RESIDUAL OF UTILITY'S PROJECTED REVENUE AND STAFF'S PROJECTED REVENUES								(\$279,81
24	Refund Percentage ((\$4,305,036 less \$4,025,224) divided by \$4,305,036)								