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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (HUDSON) *CSL*
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (STERN) *MKS* *190* *JDT*

RE: DOCKET NO. 020761-WU - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS
TO WATER TARIFF REGARDING INDIVIDUAL METERING OF MULTI-
FAMILY AND MULTI-UNIT STRUCTURES BY FLORIDA WATER SERVICES
CORPORATION.

AGENDA: 09/03/2002 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED
PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: 09/14/2002

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\020761.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Florida Water Services Corporation (Florida Water or utility) is a class A utility which provides water and wastewater service throughout Florida. In 1996, Florida Water implemented a policy mandating individual meters for all multi-residential housing. The practice was adopted as a water conservation measure and was implemented throughout all of its service areas in Florida.

On July 16, 2002, Florida Water filed proposed revisions to its tariff to codify its longstanding individual metering policy. Florida Water requested that, with respect to new construction, the Commission approve the revisions to the tariffs to recognize the environmental and conservation policies that mandate individual metering of multi-family and multi-unit structures. This recommendation addresses the suspension of the utility's proposed

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tariff sheets. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Florida Water Services Corporation's proposed tariff sheets to codify, with respect to new construction, its longstanding policy for the individual metering of multi-family and multi-unit structures be suspended?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Florida Water's proposed tariff sheets to codify, with respect to new construction, its longstanding policy for the individual metering of multi-family and multi-unit structures should be suspended pending further investigation by staff. This docket should remain open pending the completion of staff's investigation. (HUDSON, STERN)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, the tariff sheets proposed by the utility shall become effective within sixty (60) days after filing, unless the Commission votes to withhold consent of the request.

Staff has reviewed the filing and has considered the utility's proposed tariff to codify its longstanding individual metering policy and information filed in support of the application. We believe it is necessary to require further explanation of this data. Our review of the application will include further examination. Therefore, staff recommends that, with respect to new construction, the proposed tariff sheets regarding individual metering of multi-family and multi-unit structures should be suspended pending further investigation by staff. This docket should remain open pending the completion of staff's investigation.