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OCTOBER 1, 2002

RE: Docket No. 010156-WU - Application for increase in service availability charges for water customers in the Seven Springs service area in Pasco County by Aloha Utilities, Inc.

ISSUE 1: Should the Seven Springs water system temporary plant capacity charge be made final?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The temporary plant capacity charge of \$1,000 per ERC is reasonable and should be approved. For all non-residential customers, the recommended plant capacity charge should be \$3.333 per gallon. These recommended charges should be based on 300 gallons per day (gpd) per ERC. If there is no timely protest to the Commission's Order by a substantially affected person, the utility should file the appropriate revised tariff sheets and a proposed notice within twenty days of the date of the Order consummating the Order. The revised tariff sheets should be approved administratively upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and the utility's proposed notice is adequate. If the revised tariff sheets are approved, the service availability charges should become effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the revised tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code, provided that appropriate notice has been made. The notice should be mailed or hand-delivered to all persons in the service area who have filed a written request for

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners: Audrey Bradley, [unclear], [unclear], J. Terry Deason, Michael A. Plesch

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service within the past 12 calendar months or who have been provided a written estimate for service within the past 12 calendar months. The utility should provide proof of the date the notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice. If there is a protest of the Commission's Order, the utility should continue collection of the \$1,000 charge subject to refund and continue escrowing the difference between \$163.80 and \$1,000.

**APPROVED**

ISSUE 2: Should the Commission release the funds escrowed which were secured pursuant to Orders Nos. PSC-00-1285-FOF-WS and PSC-02-0593-FOF-WU?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1 and there is no protest, the Commission should release all escrowed service availability funds for the Seven Springs water system, and the escrow account should be closed.

**APPROVED**

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ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation on the previous issues and no timely protests on those issues are received upon expiration of the protest period, the Order on the service availability charges will become final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order. Once staff has verified that the utility's revised tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the appropriate notice has been made, this docket should be closed administratively. If a timely protest is filed, staff recommends the following: 1) the docket should remain open pending the resolution of the protest; 2) the utility should continue to escrow the difference between the previous plant capacity charge of \$163.80 per ERC and the temporary charge of \$1,000 per ERC; and 3) the utility should continue to provide a report by the 20th day of each month indicating the monthly and total amount of service availability charges collected subject to refund as of the end of the preceding month, pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code.

**APPROVED**