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RE: Docket No. 030005-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: Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments?

RECOMMENDATION: The Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 2003 price index by using a fiscal year, four quarter comparison of the Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 2002.

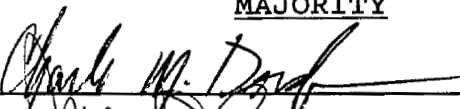




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ISSUE 2: What percentage should be used by water and wastewater utilities for the 2003 Price Index?

RECOMMENDATION: The 2003 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 1.31%.

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ISSUE 3: Should an affirmation be added to the index application regarding the utility's active complaints, corrective orders, or outstanding citations with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), County Health Departments, or the Public Service Commission (PSC)?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. An affirmation should be added to the index application regarding the utility's active complaints, corrective orders, or outstanding citations with the DEP, County Health Departments, or the PSC. The utility should affirm that it does not have any active complaints, corrective orders, or outstanding citations with the DEP, County Health Departments, or the PSC. If the utility does have any active complaints, corrective orders, or outstanding citations with the DEP, County Health Departments, or the PSC, it should affirm that these items are outstanding and provide staff with a description of the complaint, corrective order, or outstanding citation.

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ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate treatment of DEP required testing pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.425(4), Florida Administrative Code?

RECOMMENDATION: The appropriate treatment of DEP required testing pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.425(4), Florida Administrative Code, is to include existing DEP required testing in the calculation of an annual index filing and exclude the cost associated with "new" testing requirements that were required within 12 months of the

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utility's filing for an index increase. The utility can recover the cost associated with "new" testing requirements that were required within 12 months of the utility's filing by a pass-through rate adjustment. The index application should be modified to include language that clarifies the appropriate treatment of DEP required testing in an index and pass-through filing.

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ISSUE 5: How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to Rule 25-30.420(1), Florida Administrative Code, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, after the expiration of the PAA protest period, should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which will contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1 to staff's January 9, 2003 memorandum). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 to staff's memorandum). If a protest is filed and a hearing is held, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the final order establishing the index which will contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1 to staff's memorandum). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 to staff's memorandum).

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ISSUE 6: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. This docket should be closed upon the issuance of the Consummating Order if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the 14-day protest period after issuance of the PAA Order. Any party filing a protest should be required to prefile testimony with the protest.

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