

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APRIL 6, 2004

RE: Docket No. 030446-SU - Application for rate increase in Pinellas County by Mid-County Services, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the utility's proposed wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Mid-County's proposed wastewater rates should be suspended. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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Issue 2: Should an interim revenue increase be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. On an interim basis, the utility should be authorized to collect annual wastewater revenues as indicated below:

	<u>Test Year</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Requirement</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Wastewater	\$1,067,627	\$117, 221	\$1,184,848	10.98%

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The service rates for Mid-County in effect as of December 31, 2002, should be increased by 10.98% to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, provided the customers have received notice. Also, the rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

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Issue 4: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

Recommendation: A corporate undertaking is acceptable contingent upon receipt of the written guarantee of the parent company, Utilities, Inc. (UI), and written confirmation of UI's oral attestation that it does not have any outstanding guarantees on behalf of UI-owned utilities in other states. UI should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of water and wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions. As discussed in the recommendation for Docket No. 030444-WS on this same agenda, staff has recommended an incremental corporate undertaking guarantee of \$46,964. In this docket, staff is recommending an incremental amount subject to refund of \$58,758. These two incremental increases will raise the total cumulative guarantee to \$809,902, which can be supported by UI. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, Florida Administrative Code.

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