

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

RE: Docket No. 030991-WU - Application for transfer of all water facilities of Suwannee Valley Estates in Columbia County to Consolidated Water Works, Inc. (holder of Certificate No. 393-W), for cancellation of Certificate No. 421-W, and for amendment of Certificate No. 393-W. (Deferred from September 7, 2004 conference.)

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the transfer of the water facilities from Suwannee Valley Estates to CWW, the cancellation of Certificate No. 421-W, and the amendment of Certificate No. 393-W?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of the water facilities from Suwannee Valley to CWW should be approved. Suwannee Valley's Certificate No. 421-W should be canceled and CWW's Certificate No. 393-W should be amended to include the territory of Suwannee Valley. The transfer should be effective the day of the Commission vote. In addition, CWW should be ordered to submit a warranty deed within 60 days of the date the order resulting from action taken at this agenda conference becomes final, reflecting that ownership of the land upon which the Suwannee Valley facilities are located has been properly conveyed to CWW. CWW is responsible for remitting the 2004 and all future regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) and annual reports. A description of the territory to be transferred is appended to staff's August 26, 2004 recommendation as Attachment A.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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Issue 2: What is the rate base of Suwannee Valley at the time of transfer?

Recommendation: The rate base could not be calculated at this time. Therefore rate base has been set at \$0 for transfer purposes as of December 30, 2002. The utility should be required to provide proof within 60 days of the order becoming final that it has set up the books and records for all of CWW, including the Suwannee Valley system, using the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) and that the beginning plant balances for the Suwannee Valley system reflect the balances established pursuant to this order.

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Issue 3: Should an acquisition adjustment be included in the calculation of rate base?

Recommendation: No. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371(2), Florida Administrative Code, an acquisition adjustment should not be included in rate base.

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Issue 4: Should the rates and charges approved for Suwannee Valley be continued?

Recommendation: Yes. CWW should continue charging the rates and charges approved for Suwannee Valley until authorized to change by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff reflecting the change in ownership should be effective for services provided or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket shall remain open pending receipt of evidence that CWW owns or has continued use of the land upon which its facilities are located, and pending receipt of proof that it has set up its books and records using the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts. Once the recorded deed and proof of appropriate accounting procedures have been received, and staff has verified that the submissions satisfy the requirements of Rule 25-30.037(2)(q), Florida Administrative Code, this docket may be closed administratively if no timely protest to the Commission's proposed agency action order has been filed by a substantially affected person, and a consummating order has been issued.

**APPROVED**