

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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OCTOBER 4, 2005

RE: Docket No. 050281-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Volusia County by Plantation Bay Utility Company.

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

Recommendation: Yes. Plantation's proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

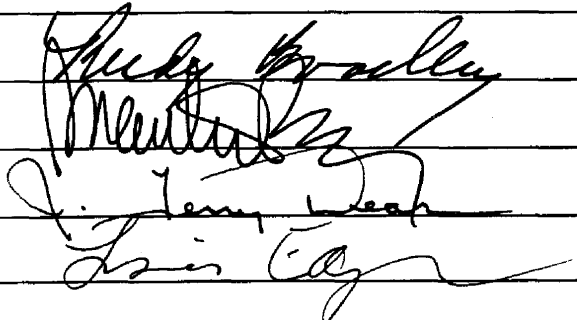
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Issue 2: Should an interim revenue increase be approved?

Recommendation: Yes, in part. On an interim basis, Plantation is not entitled to an interim water revenue increase. However, the utility should be authorized to collect annual wastewater revenues as indicated below:

| | <u>Adjusted Test Year Revenues</u> | <u>\$ Increase</u> | <u>Revenue Requirement</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Wastewater | \$224,920 | \$214,097 | \$439,017 | 95.19% |

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The wastewater service rates for Plantation in effect as of December 31, 2004, should be increased by 95.19% 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)(a), Florida Administrative Code. The rates should not be implemented until staff verifies that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission decision, the proposed customer notice is adequate, and the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof 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: The utility should be required to open an escrow account, file a surety bond, or obtain a letter of credit to guarantee any potential refund of revenues collected under interim conditions. If the security provided is an escrow account, the utility should deposit \$17,841 into the escrow account each month. Otherwise, the surety bond or letter of credit should be in the amount of \$126,184. 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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Issue 5: Should the docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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