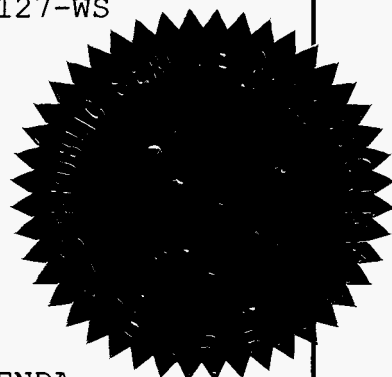


BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 100127-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN  
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES  
IN MARION COUNTY BY TRADEWINDS  
UTILITIES, INC.



PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 15

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR  
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP  
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ  
COMMISSIONER EDUARDO E. BALBIS

DATE: Tuesday, November 30, 2010

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3           **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Item Number 15.

4           **MR. FLETCHER:** Commissioners, I'm Bart  
5 Fletcher with Commission Staff.

6           Item 15 is Staff's recommendation to  
7 suspend the final requested rates of Tradewinds  
8 Utility, Inc., and to approve the interim rate  
9 increases subject to refund with interest.

10           Staff has an oral modification which has  
11 been previously provided to the Commissioners and  
12 all parties, and Staff is prepared to answer any  
13 questions the Commission may have.

14           **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** To the board.

15           Commissioner Skop.

16           **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Thank you. And I  
17 appreciate Staff for making the oral modification there  
18 on the record.

19           Just recapping the proposed action here,  
20 which I believe is the increase shown for interim  
21 revenue increase on page 4 represents a 61.35  
22 percent increase for water and a 9.92 percent  
23 increase for wastewater; is that correct?

24           **MR. FLETCHER:** That's correct.

25           **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Okay. And in terms of the

1 projected customer bill, looking at the page 17 of the  
2 Staff recommendation and page 18 of the Staff  
3 recommendation under Staff recommended interim rates,  
4 for water under a 5/8ths residential meter for  
5 consumption of 5,000 gallons on a monthly basis it looks  
6 like the bill is going from \$17.14 up to Staff  
7 recommended interim rates of 27.95, \$27.95 for water?

8 **MR. FLETCHER:** That's correct, Commissioner,  
9 for water.

10 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Okay. And then, and then  
11 for wastewater on page 18, going, using that same  
12 analysis for the 5,000 gallons, going from approximately  
13 \$48.66 to \$53.51 on an interim basis. And it seems as  
14 if the final rates, if approved, ultimately approved by  
15 the Commission would be somewhat higher; is that  
16 correct?

17 **MR. FLETCHER:** That is correct. Pardon me.

18 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Okay. So then I guess  
19 the, the issue between water and wastewater for average  
20 consumption for a household, give or take a little, it  
21 seems as if the monthly water and wastewater bill is  
22 going to be approximately \$80 a month, is that generally  
23 correct, adding the 5,000 gallons wastewater for the  
24 interim rates to the 5,000 gallons of water, somewhere  
25 around there?

1           **MR. FLETCHER:** That is correct. It would be  
2 approximately \$80 for a total water and wastewater bill  
3 service.

4           **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Okay. And are there any  
5 other consent orders or anything in place in terms of  
6 this utility or DEP actions pending?

7           **MR. FLETCHER:** I'm not aware of any in their  
8 filing. They are required to file consent orders within  
9 their minimum filing requirements and I have not seen  
10 any.

11           **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Okay. All right. Thank  
12 you.

13           **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Commissioner Balbis.

14           **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you. I just  
15 wanted to confirm the discussion I had with Staff  
16 earlier on this item, and just for the record at least,  
17 you know, it was something that I had questioned that  
18 really our hands are tied with these interim rate  
19 increases until, you know, we can go through the full  
20 determination on the rate case. So I just wanted to  
21 point that out for the record it's something that, you  
22 know, I had discussions with Staff, and I'd just like  
23 confirmation for that, or of that.

24           **MR. FLETCHER:** That is correct, Commissioner.  
25 We -- it's addressed on page 4 of the recommendation,

1 where in the interim statute it says that once the  
2 Utility has made a prima facie showing within the four  
3 corners of their petition, then provision 2(a) of the  
4 interim statute kicks in where the Commission shall  
5 bring them up to the minimum of their last authorized  
6 rate of return within 60 days of their filing.

7 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. Thank you.

8 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Any further discussion? Can  
9 I get a motion?

10 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Move Staff.

11 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** It's been moved and seconded  
12 to move Staff recommendation. Any further discussion?  
13 Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

14 (Vote taken.)

15 Those opposed? By your action, you've approved  
16 Item Number 15.

17 (Agenda item concluded.)

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