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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Water and wastewater industry annual reestablishment of authorized range of return on common equity for water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(f), F.S.

DOCKET NO. 140006-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0272-PAA-WS
ISSUED: May 29, 2014

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED RANGE OF RETURNS ON COMMON EQUITY
FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

BACKGROUND

Section 367.081(4)(f), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the Commission to establish, not less than once each year, a leverage formula to calculate a reasonable range of returns on equity (ROE) for water and wastewater (WAW) utilities. The leverage formula methodology currently in use was established in Order No. PSC-01-2514-FOF-WS.¹ On October 23, 2008, we held a formal hearing in Docket No. 080006-WS to allow interested parties to provide testimony regarding the validity of the leverage formula.² Based on the record in that proceeding, we

¹ Order No. PSC-01-2514-FOF-WS, issued December 24, 2001, in Docket No. 010006-WS, In re: Water and wastewater industry annual reestablishment of authorized range of return on common equity for water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(f), F.S.

² At the May 20, 2008, Commission Conference, upon request of the Office of Public Counsel, we voted to set the establishment of the appropriate leverage formula directly for hearing.