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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

DOCKET NO. 150269-WS ORDER NO. PSC-16-0296-PAA-WS ISSUED: July 27, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman LISA POLAK EDGAR ART GRAHAM RONALD A. BRISÉ JIMMY PATRONIS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER GRANTING UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA'S REQUEST FOR WATER RATE INCREASES IN MARION AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission (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

Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIF or Utility) is a Class A utility providing water and wastewater service to twenty systems in the following counties: Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole. On December 30, 2015, the Utility requested a limited proceeding water rate increase for Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties. UIF is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utilities, Inc. (UI). The Utility's last rate case was in 2012.

On March 24, 2016, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed its notice of intervention in this proceeding, and an Order acknowledging intervention was issued on April 4, 2016.² Prior to

¹ Order No. PSC-14-0025-PAA-WS, issued January 10, 2014, in Docket No. 120209-WS, <u>In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.</u>

² Order No. PSC-16-0135-PCO-WS, issued April 4, 2016, in Docket No. 150269-WS, <u>In re: Application for limited proceeding water rate increase in Marion, Pasco, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.</u>