

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

VOTE SHEET

October 30, 2018

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**Docket No. 20170151-WS** – Application for authority to transfer water and wastewater Certificate Nos. 577-W and 498-S in Manatee County, from Heather Hills Estates Utilities, LLC to Heather Hills Utilities, LLC.

**Issue 1:** Should the application for transfer of Certificate Nos. 577-W and 498-S in Manatee County, from Heather Hills Estate Utilities, LLC to Heather Hills Utilities, LLC be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The transfer of the water and wastewater systems and Certificate Nos. 577-W and 498-S is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The existing rates and charges should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariffs reflecting the transfer should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariffs, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Seller paid all Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) through December 31, 2017. The Buyer should be responsible for paying RAFs after December 31, 2017, and all future years. The Buyer has filed the 2017 Annual Report, and should be responsible for filing all future annual reports.

**APPROVED**

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What is the appropriate net book value for the Heather Hills Utilities, LLC water and wastewater systems for transfer purposes and should an acquisition adjustment be approved?

**Recommendation:** For transfer purposes, the net book value (NBV) of the water system is \$40,553, and for the wastewater system is \$389, as of April 7, 2017. An acquisition adjustment should not be included in rate base. Within 90 days of the date of the final order, Heather Hills should be required to notify the Commission in writing, that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision. The adjustments should be reflected in the 2018 Annual Report when filed.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** Should the requested initial customer deposits for Heather Hills Utilities, LLC be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The appropriate initial customer deposits for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size are approximately \$78 for water and \$124 for wastewater. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated quarterly bill for water and wastewater. The approved initial customer deposits should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved initial customer deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** Should the corrected legal description of the original Heather Hills water and wastewater service territory shown in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated September 28, 2018, be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The corrected legal description of the original Heather Hills water and wastewater service territory shown in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated September 28, 2018, which removes the golf course clubhouse/restaurant, should be approved. The resulting order should serve as Certificate Nos. 577-W and 498-S and should be retained by Heather Hills Utilities, LLC.

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**Issue 5:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** If no protest to the proposed agency action is filed by a substantially affected person within 21 days of the date of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued and the docket should be closed administratively upon Commission staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed and the Buyer has notified the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision.

**APPROVED**