

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

VOTE SHEET

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July 11, 2023

**Docket No. 20220149-SU** – Application for transfer of wastewater Certificate No. 365-S of Sebring Ridge Utilities, Inc. to CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC, in Highlands County.

**Issue 1:** Should the transfer of Certificate No. 365-S in Highlands County from Sebring Ridge Utilities, Inc. to CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The transfer of the wastewater system and Certificate No. 365-S is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date that the sale becomes final. The resultant Order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The Buyer should submit the executed and recorded deed for continued access to the land upon which its facilities are located, copies of its permit transfer application, and a copy of its signed and executed contract for sale to the Commission within 60 days of the Order approving the transfer, which is final agency action. If the sale is not finalized within 60 days of the transfer Order, the Buyer should file a status update in the docket file. The Utility’s existing rates, service availability charges, and initial customer deposits, as shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff’s memorandum dated June 28, 2023, should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff pages reflecting the transfer should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The Seller is current with respect to annual reports and regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) through December 31, 2022. The Buyer should be responsible for filing annual reports and paying RAFs for all future years.

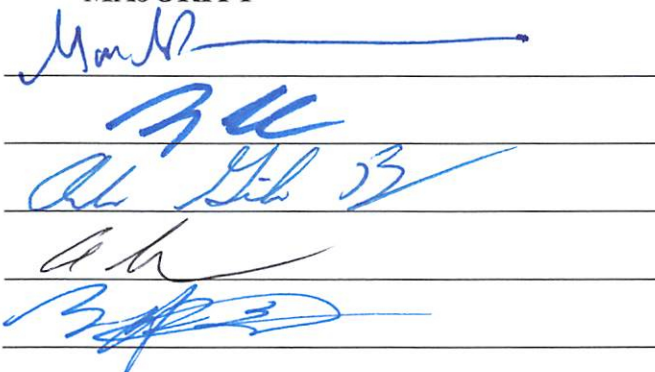
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**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**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 CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company LLC's wastewater system for transfer purposes?

**Recommendation:** For transfer purposes, the net book value (NBV) of the wastewater system is \$8,222 as of August 31, 2022. Within 90 days of the date of the consummating Order, CSWR-Sebring 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 CSWR-Sebring's 2023 Annual Report when it is filed.

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**Issue 3:** Should a positive acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

**Recommendation:** No. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371, F.A.C., a positive acquisition adjustment should not be granted as the Buyer failed to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

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**Issue 4:** Should CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC's miscellaneous service charges be revised to conform to amended Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C.?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The miscellaneous service charges should be revised to conform to the recent amendment to Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C. The tariff should be revised to reflect the removal of initial connection and normal reconnection charges. The Utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date the notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. The Utility should be required to charge the approved miscellaneous service charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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

**Recommendation:** Yes. 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, the Buyer has notified the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision, that the Buyer has submitted the executed and recorded warranty deed, that the Buyer has submitted a copy of its application for permit transfer to the DEP, and that the Buyer has submitted a signed and executed copy of its contract for sale within 60 days of the Commission's Order approving the transfer.

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