#### FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 6

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**April 2, 2024** 

**Docket No. 20230114-WS** – Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Volusia County, by Applegate Utility, LLC.

**Issue 1:** Should the application for a water and wastewater certificate by Applegate Utility, LLC be approved? **Recommendation:** Yes. Applegate should be granted Certificate Nos. 682-W and 582-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A, which is appended to staff's memorandum dated March 21, 2024, effective the date of the Commission's vote. The resultant order should serve as Applegate's water and wastewater certificates and should be retained by the Utility. Applegate should submit the recorded deeds for continued access to the land upon which its facilities are located to the Commission within 60 days of the Order granting the certificates, which is final agency action.

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**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** 

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**Issue 2:** What rates and charges should be approved for Applegate Utility, LLC?

Recommendation: The rates and charges shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated March 21, 2024 should be approved for Applegate. The Utility should be authorized to bill all customers on a monthly basis. The Utility should be required to notice all customers of the approved rates and charges. The notice should be approved by staff prior to publication and the Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given, within 10 days of the date of the notice. The approved rates and charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the effective date of the tariffs, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C.

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<u>Issue 3:</u> What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for the water and wastewater systems of Applegate Utility, LLC?

Recommendation: The appropriate initial customer deposits for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size should be \$82 for water and \$84 for wastewater. The initial customer deposits for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved initial customer deposits should be effective for services rendered or 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 deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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**Issue 4:** Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency actions in Issues 2 and 3 files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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