

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for amendment of Certificate No. 106-W to add and delete territory in Lake County by Florida Water Services Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 990054-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-00-1061-PCO-WU
ISSUED: June 2, 2000

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR FURTHER CONTINUANCE,
REQUIRING STATUS REPORTS, AND CHANGING
CONTROLLING DATES

On January 15, 1999, Florida Water Services Corporation (FWSC or utility) filed an application for amendment of Certificate No. 106-W to add and delete territory in Lake County. On April 19, 1999, Crystal River Utilities, Inc. (Crystal River) filed an objection to FWSC's application and demanded a formal hearing. Accordingly, the matter has been scheduled for an administrative hearing.

On February 10, 2000, FWSC and Crystal River filed a Joint Motion for Continuance, requesting a 90-day continuance of this matter, including all scheduled filing activities and the final hearing dates, to allow the parties to pursue settlement negotiations. By Order No. PSC-00-0449-PCO-WU, issued March 2, 2000, the Joint Motion for Continuance was granted, and the hearing dates were rescheduled to June 21 and 22, 2000.

On May 10, 2000, FWSC and Crystal River filed a Joint Motion for Further Continuance, requesting at least an additional 90 days to further explore settlement. In support of their motion, the parties state that they have had meaningful negotiations; however, they have not yet been able to reach an agreement on a final resolution of this matter. Also, they state that there would be no prejudice to anyone as a result of a further continuance of the proceedings because there are no customers in the proposed territory that are not currently being served. Moreover, they assert that a continuance is in the interest of administrative economy. They further state that they are optimistic that they can agree on a settlement; however, they do not believe that it can be accomplished prior to the scheduled final hearing date.

Because both of the parties agree to a continuance and they are working together to resolve their dispute, the relief requested

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is reasonable. Accordingly, FWSC and Crystal River's Joint Motion for Further Continuance is hereby granted. To keep the Commission informed of their progress, FWSC and Crystal River shall continue to file a report by the 17th of each month, stating the status of their settlement negotiations.

In the event the parties do not reach a settlement agreement, the following revised dates shall govern this case. The Chairman's Office has rescheduled the hearing dates.

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| 1) Prehearing Statements | January 5, 2001 |
| 2) Prehearing Conference | January 29, 2001 |
| 3) Hearing | February 13-14, 2001 |
| 4) Briefs | March 14, 2001 |

The parties are hereby on notice that because there is a large amount of time before the hearing, no further continuances of the hearing will be granted for the purpose of settlement negotiations, barring extraordinary circumstances.

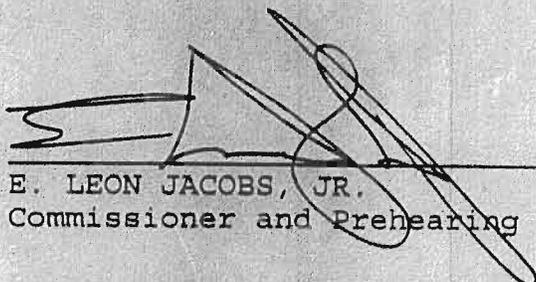
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Water Services Corporation and Crystal River Utilities, Inc.'s Joint Motion for Further Continuance is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Florida Water Services Corporation and Crystal River Utilities, Inc.; shall continue to file a report by the 17th of each month, stating the status of their settlement negotiations. It is further

ORDERED that, in the event the parties do not reach a settlement agreement, the controlling dates are hereby changed as set forth in the body of this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., as Prehearing Officer, this 2nd day of June, ~~2000~~.



E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of

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Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.