

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Orange County by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. | DOCKET NO. 070694-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-08-0377-PCO-WS
ISSUED: June 5, 2008

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MATTHEW M. CARTER II, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
KATRINA J. McMURRIAN
NANCY ARGENZIANO
NATHAN A. SKOP

ORDER SUSPENDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

BY THE COMMISSION:

Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. (Wedgefield or Utility) is a Class B utility providing water and wastewater service to approximately 1,597 water and 1,575 wastewater customers in Orange County. Water and wastewater rates were last established for this Utility in its 1999 rate case.¹

On March 31, 2008, Wedgefield filed its application for a water rate increase at issue in the instant docket. The Utility's application did not meet the minimum filing requirements (MFRs) and those deficiencies remain outstanding. The Utility requested that the application be processed using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) procedure and did not request interim rates. The test year established for final rates is the 13-month average period ending June 30, 2007. Wedgefield requested a final revenue increase of \$446,607 (58.66%) for water.

We have jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.081 and 367.082, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Section 367.081(6), F.S., provides that we may, for good cause, withhold consent to the implementation of the requested rates by a vote to that effect within 60 days after the date the rate request is filed. Further, Section 367.081(8), F.S., permits the proposed rates to go into effect (secured and subject to refund) at the expiration of five months if: (1) we have not acted upon the requested rate increase; or (2) if our PAA action is protested by a party other than the Utility.

We have reviewed the filing and considered the information filed in support of the rate application and the proposed final rates. It is necessary to require further investigation of this information, including on-site investigations by staff accountants and engineers. Based on the foregoing, we find that it is appropriate to suspend the Utility's proposed rate increase.

Therefore, Wedgefield's proposed final water rates shall be suspended and this docket shall remain open pending our final action on the Utility's requested rate increase.

¹ See Order No. PSC-02-0391-AS-WU, issued March 22, 2002, in Docket No. 991437-WU, In re: Application for increase in water rates in Orange County by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the water rate increase proposed by Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. shall be suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our final action on the Utility's requested rate increase.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 5th day of June, 2008.



ANN COLE
Commission Clerk

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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; or (2) 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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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.