

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in  
Charlotte County by Little Gasparilla Water  
Utility, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 130265-WU  
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0023-FOF-WU  
ISSUED: January 12, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman  
LISA POLAK EDGAR  
ART GRAHAM  
RONALD A. BRISÉ  
JIMMY PATRONIS

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO COMPLETE REQUIRED PHASE II PRO FORMA CONSTRUCTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

**Case Background**

Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc., (Little Gasparilla or Utility) is a Class B water utility serving approximately 371 customers on Little Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County. The Utility's service area is on a private island, and consists primarily of vacation homes. Little Gasparilla's service territory is located in the Southern Water Use Caution Area within the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The Utility filed its application for a staff-assisted rate case on November 4, 2013. By Order No. PSC-14-0626-PAA-WS, issued October 29, 2014, we approved a Phase I revenue requirement and rates. A final decision on a Phase II revenue requirement and rates was to be determined after the completion of Phase II pro forma plant items,<sup>1</sup> and our evaluation of costs. The Utility was given 12 months from the effective date of the consummating order to complete the Phase II pro forma plant items. Consummating Order No. PSC-14-0672-CO-WU was issued on December 3, 2014. Therefore, the pro forma plant items were to be completed before December 3, 2015. We directed the Utility to notify us in writing if it encountered any unforeseen events that would impede the completion of the Phase II pro forma plant items.

On November 13, 2015, the Utility notified our staff that it would not be able to meet the deadline for completing the Phase II pro forma plant items. On December 8, 2015, the Utility requested that it be granted an extension of six months to complete the Phase II pro forma plant items. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.081, 367.0814, and 367.121, Florida Statutes.

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<sup>1</sup> Consisting of the construction of a new building and meter replacements.

### **Decision**

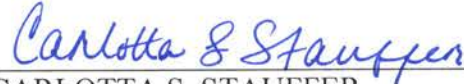
By Order No. PSC-14-0626-PAA-WU, Little Gasparilla was given until December 3, 2015, to complete Phase II pro forma plant for the construction of a new building and meter replacements. Once the pro forma plant items were completed, our staff was to evaluate the costs to determine the appropriate Phase II revenue requirement and rates. The Utility reports that it has encountered delays related to obtaining a construction permit but that it will have a permit soon. The Utility also reports that it has encountered financing issues but that funding should be available in February. With the requested extension, the Utility expects to have the funds necessary to complete the pro forma plant items. Upon review, we approve Little Gasparilla's request for an extension of time to complete its required pro forma plant items consisting of the construction of a new building and meter replacements. The pro forma plant items shall be completed by June 3, 2016, which is six months from the previous Phase II pro forma completion date. The Utility shall submit a copy of the final invoices and cancelled checks for the Phase II pro forma plant items.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.'s request for an extension of time to complete its required Phase II pro forma construction of a new building and meter replacements is hereby approved. The pro forma plant items shall be completed before June 3, 2016. It is further,

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open for this Commission's final decision on the appropriate Phase II revenue requirement and rates.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 12th day of January, 2016.



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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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 and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.