

VOTE SHEET

FEBRUARY 3, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 971658-SU - Disposition of contribution-in-aid-of-construction gross-up funds collected by Forest Utilities, Inc. in Lee County.

Issue 1: Should Forest Utilities, Inc. be required to refund excess gross-up collections plus accrued interest for the year 1996?

Recommendation: No refund is necessary for 1996. The utility overcharged its customers \$263; however, staff recommends that the Commission accept Forest's request to offset 50% of the legal and accounting fees incurred (\$2,325) against the refund amount of \$263. When this offset is made, no refund is required.

APPROVED

Issue 2: Should the docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. Upon expiration of the protest period, this docket should be closed.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures in the majority column, including one that appears to be "Susan Clark".

Empty lines in the dissenting column.

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER GARCIA PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE. IN HIS VOTE, HE AGREED WITH THE MAJORITY / DISSENTED. COMMISSIONER GARCIA WILL SIGN THE ORIGINAL VOTE SHEET UPON HIS RETURN TO TALLAHASSEE.

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