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FEBRUARY 17, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 960288-SU - Application for approval of reuse project plan in Seminole County by Alafaya Utilities, Inc.

Issue 1: Is reuse the most prudent option for increasing effluent disposal capacity to serve additional customers?
Recommendation: Yes.

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Issue 2: Which of the proposed reuse plans should be approved?
Recommendation: Residential Scenario No. 4 contained in the utility's engineering study should be approved.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 3: Should a reuse availability fee be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. A reuse availability fee should be approved applicable only in the new territory where there are no existing customers. The utility should be required to put the developers on notice of the reuse availability fee through the developer agreements so that developers may notify potential homebuyers of the fee. Further, the utility's application for wastewater service for the applicable areas should contain a statement advising the customers of the availability of reuse service and that they will be required to pay the reuse availability fee if they choose not to receive reuse service for irrigation. The utility should be required to file proposed language for the wastewater application consistent with this decision for approval by staff.

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Issue 4: What are the appropriate rates and charges for implementation of the reuse plan?

Recommendation: The rates and charges shown as "Staff Recommended Option 1" in Table 4-1 of staff's February 5, 1998 memorandum are appropriate. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, provided the existing reuse customer, the Ekana Golf Course, has received notice. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice. The service availability charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code. Further, the utility should be required to place a clause in the application for reuse service stating that if, in the future, service is provided under a metered rate structure, the customer is responsible for the cost of the meter.

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Issue 5: Should the utility be required to file a long-range plan for the provision of reuse service within its certificated wastewater territory?
Recommendation: Yes. The utility should be required to prepare a long-range plan, as discussed in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum, for the provision of reuse service within its wastewater territory. Alafaya should be given six months from the effective date of the order to file the long-range reuse plan. A copy of the long-range plan should be provided to the City for its information. The utility should also be encouraged to meet with its existing customer groups to discuss the results of the plan.

DENIED

with understanding that utility will work with the city to develop a memorandum of understanding regarding provision of reuse service if the city is able to provide service + utility is not.

Issue 6: Should the Commission direct staff to investigate the need for statutory revisions and rulemaking proceedings regarding the provision of reuse service by utilities under its jurisdiction?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff should be directed to investigate the issues surrounding the provision of reuse service by regulated utilities, including conducting workshops to determine the need for possible statutory changes and rulemaking regarding the points described in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum. Staff should be instructed to report back to the Commission by January, 1999, so that statutory changes, if needed, can be addressed in the 1999 legislative session.

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Issue 7: Should this docket be closed?
Recommendation: Yes, if no substantially affected person files a protest within 21 days of the order, no further action will be necessary and the docket should be closed.

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