

VOTE SHEET

FEBRUARY 2, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 981825-SU - Application by Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. for approval of a new class of service for wastewater-only flat rates in Marion County.

Issue 1: Should Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.'s proposed rates and charges for a new class of service to provide flat wastewater rates to general service customers be approved on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pending a final determination by the Commission?

Recommendation: Yes. Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.'s proposed rates and charges for a new class of service to provide flat wastewater rates to general service customers should be approved on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pending a final decision by the Commission. Staff should be given administrative authority to approve Original Tariff Sheet No. 16.1 which was subsequently submitted by the utility, upon verification that the tariff is consistent with the Commission's decision. The Original Tariff Sheet No. 16.1 should be implemented on or after the stamped approval date of the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code, provided customers have received notice. The utility should provide proof that the customers have received notice within 10 days after the date of the notice. The appropriate rates should be those listed in the analysis portion of staff's January 21, 1999 memorandum.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures of Susan Clark, Joe Garcia, and J. Fern Dease on the majority lines.

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate form of security to guarantee the revenues associated with the new class of service?

Recommendation: The utility should be required to file a bond, letter of credit, or escrow agreement as security to guarantee any potential refunds of wastewater flat rate revenues collected subject to refund. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly revenues collected subject to refund.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If Issue 1 and Issue 2 are approved, the docket should remain open so staff can obtain additional information to perform the needed investigation. If a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the order, the tariff sheets should remain in effect, subject to refund, pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should remain open.

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