

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

MAY 4, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 980242-SU - Petition for limited proceeding to implement two-step increase in wastewater rates in Pasco County by Lindrick Service Corporation.

Issue 1: Should the request for emergency rates by Lindrick Service Corporation to recover the additional cost of its wastewater facilities being interconnected with the City of New Port Richey be approved, subject to refund, until a final determination is made by the Commission? If so, what is the appropriate increase?

Recommendation: Yes. The request for emergency rates by Lindrick Service Corporation should be approved, in part, subject to refund, until the Commission determines the appropriate final rates for the wastewater interconnection with the City of New Port Richey. The appropriate revenue increase should be \$480,394 (59.89%). However, the tariffs filed by Lindrick should be denied. If the utility submits revised tariffs reflecting the Commission's decision on emergency rates, staff should be given administrative authority to approve the submitted tariffs. 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 customers have received notice. The rates should not be implemented until proper notice has been received

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures in the majority column: Susan A. Clark, Joe Garcia, and J. Terry Deas.

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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by the customers. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice. In addition, the utility should provide proof of the interconnection with the City of New Port Richey.

APPROVED

Issue 2: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the emergency rate increase?

Recommendation: The utility should be required to file an escrow agreement to guarantee any potential refunds of wastewater revenues collected under the emergency rates. The utility should deposit in the escrow account each month the difference in revenue between the emergency rates and the previously approved rates. In addition, the escrow agreement should allow for withdrawals each month by the utility, only with prior Commission approval, for payments to the City of New Port Richey for bulk wastewater service. Under no circumstances should the utility be allowed to withdraw any amount of money except for payments to the City of New Port Richey for bulk wastewater service. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360.(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a report by the 20th day of each month indicating in detail the total amount collected from its wastewater customers, the additional revenue collected through the emergency rates and the amount of the withdrawals to the City of New Port Richey, all on a monthly and total basis.

MODIFIED

The company will be allowed to file either a letter of credit or bond that reflects the revenue requirement increase recommended by staff.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open to process the utility's application for a limited proceeding.

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