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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for amendment of Certificate No. 226-S to add territory in Seminole County by Florida Water Services Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 971638-SU
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COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-0470-PCO-SU, issued April 1, 1998, the Commission Staff (staff) files its prehearing statement as follows:

A. Witnesses

Staff intends to call the following persons as witnesses:

JoAnn Chase of the Florida Public Service Commission Division of Policy Analysis and Intergovernmental Liaison, formerly of the Division of Water and Wastewater. She will testify to staff's experience in water and wastewater certification cases involving the issue of compliance with local comprehensive plans, to discuss the relationship of certification applications with local comprehensive plan issues, and to explain the purpose and elements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Commission, relative to certification cases before the Commission.

Charles R. Gauthier of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Pursuant to the MOU between the Commission and DCA, Mr. Gauthier provided comments to the Commission on Florida Water Services Corporation (FWSC or utility)'s application to extend its territory. Mr. Gauthier's comments were provided via memorandum dated March 6, 1998. He will testify as to his comments, and to authenticate the March 6, 1998 memorandum.

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- APP _____
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B. Exhibits

Staff has identified a list of exhibits which it intends to utilize at hearing which are appended hereto as Appendix A. Staff reserves the right to identify additional exhibits at the Prehearing Conference and at hearing for purposes of cross-examination. Staff intends to sponsor the following exhibits:

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CRG-1: Resume of Charles R. Gauthier

CRG-2: Memorandum dated March 6, 1998 from PSC to Charles Gauthier

JC-1: Analysis of Comprehensive Plan

JC-2: Memorandum of Understanding

C. Basic Position

The information gathered through the prehearing process and prefiled testimony indicates that both the City of Longwood and FWSC have the financial and technical ability to serve the requested territory to be amended by FWSC. It also appears, at this point, that there is a need for service in the area requested to be amended by FWSC. Whether it is in the public interest to grant the amendment of territory to FWSC cannot be determined until the evidence presented at hearing is analyzed.

D. Issues of Fact, Law and Policy

The following are issues identified by Staff and its positions on these issues. Staff's positions are preliminary, are based upon materials filed by the utility or obtained through discovery and are intended to inform the parties of Staff's preliminary positions. Staff's final positions will be based upon an analysis of the evidence presented at the hearing.

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for service in the area requested to be amended by FWSC?

POSITION: Yes, a need for central wastewater service exists for the area requested to be amended by FWSC.

ISSUE 2: How soon can the requested area be served by FWSC or in the alternative, the City of Longwood?

POSITION: FWSC has a 10 inch gravity collection main less than 300 feet from the disputed territory. The City of Longwood must receive a variance from the CSX Railroad to put sewer pipes under the CSX railroad tracks, which would

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then be connected to a collection main approximately 500 feet from the disputed territory.

ISSUE 3: What is the estimated cost to serve the disputed area by FWSC and the City of Longwood.

POSITION: FWSC's estimated construction cost to serve the area is \$130,000. The City of Longwood's estimated cost to serve the area is \$216,950 with an additional cost of \$20,000 in engineering expenses.

ISSUE 4: Does FWSC have the financial and technical ability to serve the requested area?

POSITION: Yes.

ISSUE 5: Does the City of Longwood have the financial and technical ability to serve the requested area?

POSITION: Yes.

ISSUE 6: Is the provision of reuse services to the requested area appropriate and if so, can it be provided?

POSITION: Yes, reuse service should be made available whenever possible. FWSC can provide reuse. The City of Longwood cannot provide reuse.

ISSUE 7: If FWSC's application is approved, should its tariffed rates and charges be applied to the territory at issue?

POSITION: Yes.

ISSUE 8: What are FWSC's tariffed rates and charges?

POSITION: The rates and charges of FWSC are:

Florida Water Services Corporation

| Service Availability Charges for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | |
|---|---|
| Description | FWSC - Florida Central Commerce Park |
| System Capacity Charge | \$ N/A |
| Main Extension Charge | \$480 per ERC |
| Meter Installation Charge | \$ N/A |
| Wastewater - Service Installation Charge per connection | Taps are normally done by developers. (1) |
| Plant Capacity Charge | \$1,300 per ERC |
| Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested | \$1,203.69 - Collection System \$1,300.00 - Treatment and Disposal |
| Date: 1999 | |
| Total | \$4,283.69 |

(1) If Florida Water Services makes a connection, the charge would depend upon the size of the connection and the nature of the road under which the tap would be placed. In that case, the charges would be as listed below:

Service Installation Charge:

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|------------------------------|----------|
| 4" Connection - Unpaved Road | \$170.00 |
| 6" Connection - Unpaved Road | \$227.00 |
| 4" Connection - Paved Road | \$548.00 |
| 6" Connection - Paved Road | \$605.00 |

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| Florida Water Services Corporation Rates and Charges for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | |
|---|------------|
| | Wastewater |
| Base Facility Charge for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | \$36.40 |
| Gallorage/1,000 gallons | \$4.93 |
| Typical Bill using 5,000 gallons | \$61.05 |
| Typical Bill using 10,000 gallons | \$85.70 |

ISSUE 9 : What are the service rates and charges of the City of Longwood?

POSITION: The rates and charges of the City of Longwood are:

City of Longwood

| Service Availability Charges for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | |
|---|---|
| Description | City of Longwood Wastewater |
| System Capacity Charge | \$11.50/gallon/day |
| Main Extension Charge | \$ N/A |
| Wastewater - Service Installation Charge per connection Paved 6 inch | \$ 750.00 commercial \$ 550.00 residential |
| Plant Capacity Charge | \$ N/A |
| Other Charges | Figures not available |
| Total | Figures not available |

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| City of Longwood's Rates and Charges for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | |
|---|--|
| | Wastewater |
| Base Facility Charge for a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter | \$ 31.70 flat rate - residential \$ 31.70/1st 9,000 gallons |
| Gallage/1,000 gallons | 9.001-10,000 - \$18.66 10,001-13,000 - \$3.85 13.001-18,000 - \$4.03 18,001-23,000 - \$4.20 23,001-28,000 - \$4.38 28,001-33,000 - \$4.55 33,001-40,000 - \$4.73 40,001- up per thou - \$4.79 |
| Typical Bill using 5,000 gallons | \$31.70 |
| Typical Bill using 10,000 gallons | \$50.36 |

ISSUE 10: Is it in the public interest to grant the amendment of territory to FWSC?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

E. Stipulated Issues

There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

F. Pending Matters

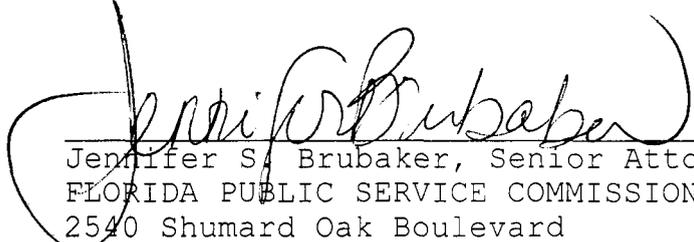
There are no matters pending at this time.

G. Requirements That Cannot Be Complied With

There are no requirements of Order No. PSC-98-0470-PCO-SU that cannot be complied with at this time.

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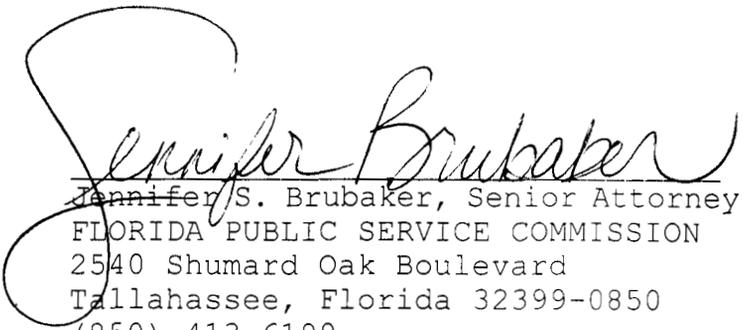
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the
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Attached for filing is COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT
in the above-referenced docket.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Messer, Redemann)

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