

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase
in water rates for Seven Springs
System in Pasco County by Aloha
Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 010503-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1981-PCO-WU
ISSUED: October 5, 2001

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

By Petition to Intervene (Petition) served on the staff attorney on September 24, 2001, and subsequently filed with the Public Service Commission on October 2, 2001, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District), by and through its counsel, Margaret M. Lytle, requests leave to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, the District states that it is a regulatory agency created by the State of Florida to preserve and protect the water resources of the District. The District states that it regulates consumptive uses of water, and that Aloha Utilities, Inc. (Aloha), holds Water Use Permit No. 203182.004 (Permit) from the District for the water supply system which is the subject of this case.

The District notes that Aloha is located in the Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area (NTBWUCA), an area of the District where the water resources are under severe stress. The District states that Aloha is overpumping its Permit and that permittees within the NTBWUCA are required to take special measures to conserve water and protect the water resource. Aloha has indicated to the District that its ability to comply with the Permit and take water conservation measures desired by the District will be affected by the Commission's decision concerning this docket. The District concludes that its substantial interests will be affected in this docket, and that its intervention in this docket to present information concerning Aloha, its overpumpage, and water conservation would be relevant to this matter. No response in opposition to the Petition has been filed.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that the District's substantial interests will be affected by this proceeding. Therefore, the Petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, the District takes the case as it finds it.

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Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition to Intervene, filed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents that are hereinafter filed in this proceeding, to:

Margaret M. Lytle, Esquire
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 5th day of October, 2001.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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