

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

MARCH 19, 2002

RE: Docket No. 010119-WS - Application for transfer of facilities of Steeplechase Utility Company, Inc., holder of Certificate Nos. 515-W and 447-S in Marion County, to Florida Water Services Corporation, holder of Certificate Nos. 373-W and 322-S, for cancellation of Certificates 515-W and 447-S, and for amendment of Certificates 373-W and 322-S. (Deferred from March 5, 2002 conference; revised recommendation filed.)

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission order Steeplechase or Florida Water to show cause, in writing within 21 days, why it should not be fined for failing to charge its authorized wastewater rates, in apparent violation of Section 367.081(1), Florida Statutes?

RECOMMENDATION: No. The Commission should not order Steeplechase and/or Florida Water to show cause, in writing within 21 days, why it should not be fined for failing to charge its authorized wastewater rates, in apparent violation of Section 367.081(1), Florida Statutes. Staff recommends that the utility should impute the revenues that would have been generated if the tariffed gallonage cap had been billed for residential wastewater service. Florida Water should be required to pay its regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) based upon the imputed amount through June 1, 2003. Florida Water should be put on notice that after June 1, 2003, the utility should commence billing in accordance with its tariff, and should continue doing so until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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proceeding. Further, staff recommends that FWSC's proposed plan, including the customer notice and proposed meeting, is a reasonable solution to giving the customers notice of its intent to begin billing based on the 10,000 gallon cap in June, 2003.

**APPROVED**

ISSUE 2: Should the transfer of facilities of Steeplechase to Florida Water, the cancellation of Certificates Nos. 515-W and 447-S, and the amendment of Certificates No. 373-W and 322-S be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The transfer of facilities of Steeplechase to Florida Water, the cancellation of Certificates Nos. 515-W and 447-S, and the amendment of Certificates No. 373-W and 322-S should be approved. A description of the territory being transferred can be found on Attachment A of staff's March 7, 2002 memorandum.

**APPROVED**

ISSUE 3: What is the rate base of Steeplechase at the time of transfer?

RECOMMENDATION: The rate bases, which for transfer purposes reflect the net book value, are \$115,815 for the water system and (\$139,747) for the wastewater system as of December 31, 2000.

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ISSUE 4: Should an acquisition adjustment be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: No. An acquisition adjustment was not requested; therefore, an acquisition adjustment should not be included in the calculation of rate base for transfer purposes.

**APPROVED**

ISSUE 5: Should the rates and charges approved for this utility be continued?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Florida Water should continue charging the rates and charges approved for this utility system until authorized to change by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff pages reflecting the transfer should be effective for services provided or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The utility should be required to file a tariff prior to providing reuse service.

**APPROVED**

ISSUE 6: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If no timely protest is received to the proposed agency action issues, a Consummating Order should be issued upon expiration of the protest period. Should no timely protests be received, the docket should be closed.

**APPROVED**