

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APRIL 23, 2002

RE: Docket No. 011401-WU - Application for authority to transfer facilities of Heartland Utilities, Inc., holder of Certificate No. 420-W in Highlands County, to AquaSource Utility, Inc., holder of Certificate No. 424-W, and for cancellation of Certificate No. 420-W.

ISSUE 1: Should the transfer of facilities of Heartland to AquaSource, the cancellation of Certificate No. 420-W, and the amendment of Certificate No. 424-W be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The transfer of facilities of Heartland to AquaSource is in the public interest and should be approved. Certificate No. 420-W, held by Heartland, should be cancelled, and Certificate No. 424-W, held by AquaSource, should be amended to include the territory served by Heartland. A description of the territory being transferred is appended to staff's April 11, 2002 memorandum as Attachment A.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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ISSUE 2: What is the rate base of Heartland at the time of transfer?

RECOMMENDATION: The rate base, which for transfer purposes reflects the net book value, is (\$13,206) for the water system as of October 31, 2001. AquaSource should be reminded of its obligation to maintain its books and records pursuant to Rule 25-30.115(1), Florida Administrative Code.

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ISSUE 3: 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.

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ISSUE 4: Should the rates and charges approved for this utility be continued?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. AquaSource should continue charging the rates and charges approved for Heartland 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.

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ISSUE 5: 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 the expiration of the protest period. Should no timely protests be received, the docket should be closed.

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