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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (BAYÓ)

FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (MASSOUDI, RENDELL) *mm*
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (KEATING) *Watt*

RE: DOCKET NO. 020485-WS - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF FILING TO MODIFY SERVICE AVAILABILITY POLICY FOR STONECREST (STEEPLECHASE) BY FLORIDA WATER SERVICES CORPORATION IN MARION COUNTY.

AGENDA: 07/09/02 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: JULY 7, 2002

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\020485.RCM.

CASE BACKGROUND

Steeplechase Utility Company, Inc. (Steeplechase or utility) is located within the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) serving approximately 897 water customers and 636 wastewater customers in Marion County. The utility was granted Water Certificate No. 515-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 447-S by Order No. 21063, issued April 18, 1989, in Docket No. 890145-WS. Steeplechase's service territory was amended to include additional territory pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1508-FOF-WS, issued November 26, 1997, in Docket No. 970897-WS. The utility's 2000 annual report indicates revenues of \$212,889 and \$120,597 and net operating losses of \$29,239 and \$96,135 for water and wastewater, respectively.

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By Order No. PSC -02-0485-PAA-WS, issued on April 8, 2002, in Docket No. 010119-WS, the Commission approved the transfer of facilities of Steeplechase Utility Company, Inc. to Florida Water Services Corporation (FWSC). As part of the transfer to FWSC, the Commission approved the existing water and wastewater Services Availability Policies for Steeplechase.

FWSC is requesting a tariff revision to delete the concluding paragraph from both the water and wastewater Service Availability Policies, namely, the statement that reads, "The Utility will install all plant and lines receiving no property contributions." The Commission has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to Section 367.101, Florida Statutes.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the utility's request for a tariff filing to modify the service availability policy for Stonecrest (Steeplechase) by Florida Water Services Corporation in Marion County be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The utility's request for a tariff filing to modify the service availability policy for Stonecrest (Steeplechase) by FWSC in Marion County should be approved. Therefore, the utility's revised tariff sheets filed on June 3, 2002 should be approved as filed. (MASSOUDI, KEATING)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Rule 25-30.585, Florida Administrative Code:

Service availability charges for real estate developments shall not be less than the cost of installing the water transmission and distribution facilities and sewage collection system and not more than the developer's hydraulic share of the total cost of the utility's facilities and the cost of installing the water transmission and distribution facilities and sewage collection system.

Since the existing tariff contradicts this rule, staff recommends that FWSC's request for tariff filing to modify the Service Availability Policy for Stonecrest (Steeplechase) in Marion County should be approved, which deletes the existing statement: "The utility will install all plant and lines receiving no property contributions."

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If Issue 1 is approved, the revised tariff should become effective on or after the stamped approval date in accordance with Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code. In the event that a timely protest is filed, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order. (MASSOUDI, KEATING)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If Issue 1 is approved, and there are no timely objections to the revised tariff, no further action will be required and the docket should be closed. In this case, the revised tariff should become effective on or after the stamped approval date. In the event that a timely protest is filed, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest.