

VOTE SHEET

AUGUST 6, 2002

RE: Docket No. 020248-WU - Request for approval to increase meter installation fees to conform to the current cost in Marion County by Windstream Utilities Company.

ISSUE 1: Should Windstream's proposed tariff sheet to increase its meter installation fee to \$180 be approved as filed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. Original Sheet No. 21.1 filed on March 14, 2002 should be denied as filed. Staff recommends that the appropriate meter installation fee should be \$165. If the utility files a revised tariff sheet within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, which is consistent with the Commission's vote, staff should be given administrative authority to approve the revised tariff sheet upon staff's verification that the tariff is consistent with the Commission's decision. If the revised tariff sheet is filed and approved, the meter installation fee should become effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code, if no protest is filed.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Kathy Bradley

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G. Terry Deaso

Michael A. Peraldi

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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ISSUE 2: Should the docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. Upon expiration of the protest period, if a timely protest is not filed, a Consummating Order should be issued and the docket should remain open for 30 days from the issuance date of the Consummating Order, to allow the utility time to file the revised tariff sheet. Upon staff's verification that the tariff sheet complies with the order, the tariff sheet should be stamped approved and the docket should be closed administratively. In the event that a timely protest is filed, the tariff should remain in effect and the applicable revenues should be held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest.

APPROVED