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NOVEMBER 19, 2002

RE: Docket No. 020409-SU - Application for rate increase in Charlotte County by Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven.

ISSUE 1: Should the utility's proposed wastewater rates be suspended?
RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Sandalhaven's proposed wastewater rates should be suspended. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

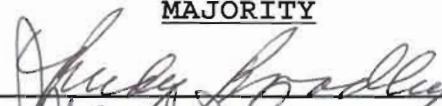
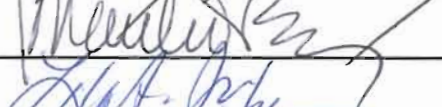
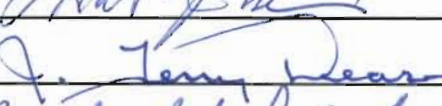

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ISSUE 2: Should an interim revenue increase be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. On an interim basis, the utility should be authorized to collect annual wastewater revenues as indicated below:

| | <u>Revenues</u> | <u>\$ Increase</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Wastewater | \$276,505 | \$54,601 | 24.61% |

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ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

RECOMMENDATION: The service rates for Sandalhaven in effect as of December 31, 2001, should be increased by 25.22% to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, provided the customers have received notice. Also, the rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

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ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

RECOMMENDATION: The utility should be required to file a corporate undertaking by the parent company to guarantee any potential refunds of wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions. The corporate undertaking should be in the amount of \$36,615. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a

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report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, Florida Administrative Code.

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