

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APRIL 15, 2003

RE: Docket No. 020071-WS - Application for rate increase in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

ISSUE 1: Should any interim revenue increase be approved for the water and wastewater systems in Pasco County and the water systems in Seminole County?

RECOMMENDATION: No. The utility's request for interim revenue increases for the water and wastewater systems in Pasco County and the water systems in Seminole County should be denied because the utility provided county-wide revenue requirements instead of calculations based on individual systems having stand-alone rates.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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ISSUE 2: Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Interim rate increases should be approved for the wastewater systems in Seminole County and the water systems in Marion, Orange and Pinellas Counties. On an interim basis, the utility should be allowed to collect annual water and wastewater revenues as indicated in the analysis portion of staff' April 3, 2003 memorandum. No increase should be approved for the Marion County wastewater system, as it is earning within its authorized rate of return. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

RECOMMENDATION: The service rates for UIF in effect as of December 31, 2001, should be increased as shown below to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period.

<u>System</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Marion Water	10.05%
Orange Water	14.31%
Pinellas Water	6.69%
Seminole Wastewater	51.15%

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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, Utilities, Inc. (UI), to guarantee any potential refunds of water and wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions. The corporate undertaking should be in the cumulative amount of \$763,989. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a 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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ISSUE 5: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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