

VOTE SHEET

FEBRUARY 17, 2004

RE: Docket No. 020896-WS - Petition by customers of Aloha Utilities, Inc. for deletion of portion of territory in Seven Springs area in Pasco County.

ISSUE 1: Should the requests to remove this docket from abeyance be granted and a public hearing scheduled? RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The requests to remove the docket from abeyance should be granted, and a customer service hearing on the audit report and the implications of its findings should be scheduled in Aloha's Seven Springs service area in the near future. Because the audit report and the implications of its findings may affect all customers in the Seven Springs service area, Aloha should be required to give written notice of the date, time, location, and purpose of the customer service hearing to each of its customers in the Seven Springs service area no less than fourteen days prior to the service hearing. The utility should be required to utilize first class mail for notices sent to customers with out of town mailing addresses. The notice should include a statement that any comments regarding the results of the audit report should be addressed to the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and that such comments should identify the docket number assigned to this proceeding. A ruling on the two customer petitions and all other pending motions should be deferred until the audit report has been fully analyzed. Staff should be directed to fully analyze the findings of the audit report and the information gathered at the customer service hearing, and to thereafter file a recommendation concerning the disposition of the petitions and pending motions.

APPROVED

with a date certain to be set by the Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jaber participated in the conference by telephone. (She agreed with/dissented from the majority vote and will sign the vote sheet upon return to the office.)

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open until the two customer petitions and all pending motions are resolved.

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