

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NOVEMBER 2, 2004

RE: Docket No. 030747-SU - Application for transfer of assets and Certificate No. 285-S in Pasco County to HV Utility Systems, L.L.C., by Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of wastewater facilities and Certificate No. 285-S from Hacienda Utilities, Ltd. to HV Utility Systems, L.L.C. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer is in the public interest and should be approved. The territory being transferred is described in Attachment A of staff's October 21, 2004 memorandum. The effective date for the transfer of certificate should be the date of the Commission vote. HV Utility Systems, L.L.C. should be responsible for filing annual reports and paying RAFs for 2004 and subsequent years.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Charles M. Dantz
Frank J. ...
Mauro ...
Tom ...
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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the rate base for Hacienda Utilities, Ltd.'s wastewater systems at the time of the transfer?

Recommendation: The rate base is \$ 445,897 for the wastewater system as of December 31, 2002. Within 60 days of the date of the order, the utility should be required to provide a statement from its accountant indicating that the utility's books have been adjusted to reflect the Commission approved rate base adjustments and balances.

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Issue 3: Should an acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

Recommendation: No. An acquisition adjustment should not be included in the calculation of rate base for transfer purposes.

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Issue 4: Should the utility's existing rates and charges be continued?

Recommendation: Yes. The existing rates and charges for the utility should be continued until authorized to change by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The utility should be required to continue to bill Hacienda Village monthly for lot usage. In addition, the utility should be required to record CIAC for any new connections to the wastewater system. The tariff sheets reflecting the existing rates and charges should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no timely protest is received to the proposed agency action issues on rate base and acquisition adjustment, the Order will become final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order. However, the docket should remain open pending receipt of the statement from the utility's accountant indicating that the utility's books have been adjusted to reflect the Commission approved rate base adjustments and balances. Upon receipt of such statement, the docket should be administratively closed.

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