

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DECEMBER 7, 2004

RE: Docket No. 041141-WS - Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Lake County by Hidden Valley SPE LLC d/b/a Orange Lake.

Issue 1: Should the Hidden Valley SPE LLC d/b/a Orange Lake application for water and wastewater certificates be granted?

Recommendation: Yes. Hidden Valley SPE LLC d/b/a Orange Lake should be granted Certificate Nos. 625-W and 536-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff's November 23, 2004 memorandum effective the date of the Commission's vote.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*Chuck M. Drost*

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*Ruby Brasley*

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate initial water and wastewater rates and return on investment for this utility?

Recommendation: The utility's proposed water and wastewater rates and miscellaneous service charges described in the analysis portion of staff's November 23, 2004 memorandum should be approved. Orange Lake should charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The utility should be required to notice all customers of the approved rates prior to billing for monthly water and wastewater service. The utility should also be required to file a proposed customer notice reflecting the Commission-approved rates within ten days of the date of the consummating order. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code. A return on equity of 11.40% plus or minus 100 basis points should be approved.

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate service availability charges for Hidden Valley SPE LLC d/b/a Orange Lake?

Recommendation: The proposed meter installation charge of \$200 should be approved for new connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no timely protest is filed by a substantially affected person to proposed agency action Issues 2 and 3, a consummating order should be issued upon expiration of the protest period and the docket should be closed.

**APPROVED**