

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

AUGUST 2, 2005

RE: Docket No. 050318-WU - Request for increase in service connection charges in Highlands County by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

Issue 1: Should Placid Lakes' proposed tariff sheet to implement a service connection charge be approved as filed?

Recommendation: No. Fourth Revised Sheet No. 23.0, filed on May 16, 2005, should be denied as filed. Staff recommends that the appropriate service connection charge should be \$460.15 and the meter installation charge should be \$283.06. If the utility files a revised tariff sheet within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, which is consistent with the Commission's vote, staff should be given administrative authority to approve the revised tariff sheet upon staff's verification that the tariff is consistent with the Commission's decision. If the revised tariff sheet is filed and approved, the service connection charge and meter installation fee should become effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code, if no protest is filed.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners on a set of four horizontal lines.

Four horizontal lines for dissenting signatures, currently blank.

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

07441 AUG-2 05

VOTE SHEET

AUGUST 2, 2005

Docket No. 050318-WU - Request for increase in service connection charges in Highlands County by Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.

(Continued from previous page)

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. Upon expiration of the protest period, if a timely protest is not filed, a Consummating Order should be issued and the docket should remain open for 30 days from the issuance date of the Consummating Order, to allow the utility time to file the revised tariff sheet. Upon staff's verification that the tariff sheet complies with the order, the tariff sheet should be stamped approved and the docket should be closed administratively. In the event that a timely protest is filed, and the utility files revised tariff sheets reflecting the approved charges, the tariff should remain in effect with any increases held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no protest is filed and the utility does not file another revised tariff sheet consistent with the approved service connection charge and meter installation charge within 30 days of the Consummating Order, the Third Revised Tariff Sheet No. 23.0 should remain in effect, and this docket should be closed administratively.

**APPROVED**