

VOTE SHEET

April 4, 2006

Docket No. 050862-WU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Marion County by County-Wide Utility Co., Inc.

Issue 1: Should the request for emergency rates by County-Wide Utility Company, Inc. to recover the additional cost of its water facilities interconnection with the City of Ocala be approved, subject to refund with interest, until a final determination is made by the Commission and, if so, what is the appropriate increase?

Recommendation: Yes. The request for emergency rates by County-Wide Company, Inc. should be approved, in part, subject to refund with interest, until the Commission determines the appropriate final rates for the water interconnection with the City of Ocala. The appropriate revenue increase should be \$139,291 (127.60%). However, the tariffs filed by County-Wide should be denied. If the utility submits revised tariffs reflecting the Commission’s decision on emergency rates, staff recommends it be given administrative authority to approve the submitted tariffs. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, provided customers have received notice. The rates should not be implemented until staff verifies that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission decision, the proposed customer notice is adequate, and the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the emergency rate increase?

Recommendation: The utility should be required to file an escrow agreement to guarantee any potential refunds of water revenues collected under the emergency rates. The utility should deposit in the escrow account each month the difference in revenue between the emergency rates and the previously approved rates. In addition, the escrow agreement should allow for automatic withdrawals each month by the utility for payments to the City of Ocala for purchased water and for payment of interest on the debt incurred in order to construct the facilities necessary for the interconnection. Under no circumstances should the utility be allowed to withdraw any amount of money except for payments to the City of Ocala for purchased water and to Compass Bank for payment of interest. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), Florida Administrative Code, the utility should provide a report to the Division of Economic Regulation by the 20th day of each month indicating in detail the total amount collected from its water customers, the additional revenue collected through the emergency rates and the amount of the withdrawals to the City of Ocala and to Compass Bank, all on a monthly and total basis. The utility should also provide copies of invoices from the City of Ocala and payment coupons for the loan. 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 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open to process the utility's staff-assisted rate case.

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