

VOTE SHEET

June 6, 2006

Docket No. 980876-WS – Application for certificates to operate a water and wastewater utility in Marion County by Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.

Issue 1: What are the appropriate initial rates and charges and return on investment for Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.?

Recommendation: The rates and charges as discussed in the analysis portion of staff's May 25, 2006 memorandum should be approved. The utility should be required to charge its approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code, the effective date of the tariffs should be the stamped approval date. A return on equity of 11.78% plus or minus 100 basis points should also be approved. Within 180 days of the date of a Consummating Order, the utility should be required to provide an executed and recorded warranty deed in the name of the utility for the land upon which the utility facilities are intended to be constructed.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Deason, Arriaga, Carter

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DISSENTING

J. Deason

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate service availability policy and charges for Ocala Springs Utilities Inc.?

Recommendation: The utility's proposed service availability policy and charges set forth within the analysis portion of staff's May 25, 2006 memorandum are reasonable and should be approved effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no timely protest is received to the proposed agency action on initial rates and charges, the Order will become final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order. However, the docket should remain open pending receipt of an executed and recorded warranty deed in the name of the utility. Upon receipt and confirmation of proof of ownership, the docket should be administratively closed.

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