

VOTE SHEET

March 13, 2007

Docket No. 060285-SU – Application for increase in wastewater rates in Charlotte County by Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven.

Issue 1: Should the utility's proposed wastewater system capacity charge of \$2,627.75 per equivalent residential connection and \$13.83 per gallon for all others be approved on a temporary basis?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility's proposed wastewater system capacity charges of \$2,627.75 per equivalent residential connection and \$13.83 per gallon for all others should be approved on a temporary basis, subject to refund, for connections made after the stamped approval date of the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code.

DEFERRED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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**Issue 2:** If the temporary charges are approved, what is the appropriate security to guarantee the temporary increase?

**Recommendation:** A corporate undertaking is acceptable contingent upon receipt of the written guarantee of the parent company, Utilities, Inc. (UI), and written confirmation of UI's continued attestation that it does not have any outstanding guarantees on behalf of UI-owned utilities in other states. UI should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of monies collected under temporary conditions. UI's total guarantee should be a cumulative amount of \$1,216,970, which includes an amount of \$124,497, subject to refund in this docket. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total amount collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.

**Issue 3:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.