

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for authorization to maintain accounting records outside of the State of Florida, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), F.A.C., by Ni Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 120259-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-12-0644-FOF-WS
ISSUED: December 7, 2012

ORDER AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE OF
ACCOUNTING RECORDS OUTSIDE THE STATE

On October 16, 2012, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Ni Florida, LLC (Ni Florida or Company) filed a request that this Commission authorize the Company to maintain its accounting records at the Company's principal offices in Houston, Texas. According to the application, Ni Florida is a limited liability company whose single member is Ni America Capital Management, LLC. Ni America Capital Management provides accounting and other services for all regulated water and wastewater utilities owned by its subsidiaries in Florida, Texas, and South Carolina. Centralizing this function reduces costs that would otherwise be incurred by each individual utility, and maintaining duplicate records within Florida would create an additional and unnecessary expense.

In addition, Ni Florida requests to maintain its customer billing records at the office of Ni America Capital Management's subsidiary in Elgin, South Carolina. Approximately 90 percent of the customers served by Ni Capital Management subsidiaries are located in South Carolina and are served through the centralized customer response system provided from this location. Moving and consolidating Ni Florida's customer billing function will permit more efficient and cost-effective service. According to its application, Ni Florida understands and will comply with the requirements of Rule 25-30.110(1)(c), F.A.C., regarding reimbursements of travel expenses associated with Commission staff travel to review Company records located outside of Florida. Ni Florida has also provided accounting information to staff electronically in support of its applications, which has avoided the need for staff to travel out-of-state to inspect those records.

We hereby grant Ni Florida's request to maintain its records out-of-state, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), F.A.C. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.121(1)(k), Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Ni Florida, LLC's request for authorization to maintain accounting records outside of the State of Florida, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of December, 2012.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request:

- 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or
- 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.