

VOTE SHEET

April 25, 2013

Docket No. 090459-WS – Application for original certificates for proposed water and wastewater system and request for initial rates and charges in St. Lucie County by Bluefield Utilities, LLC.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County settlement agreements with Bluefield?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve the settlement agreements. If the Commission agrees, then the Commission should address the remaining issues. If the Commission does not approve the settlement agreements, the formal hearing for these protests should be rescheduled.

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** all items approved with oral modification.*

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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*Oral modification, assigned
DN 02160-13, is attached to this vote sheet.*

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Issue 2: Should the application for original water and wastewater certificates by Bluefield Utilities, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Bluefield should be granted Certificate Nos. 660-W and 566-S to serve the territory described in Attachment C of staff's memorandum dated April 12, 2013, effective the date of the Commission's vote. The resultant order should serve as the Utility's water and wastewater certificates and it should be retained by the Utility. Bluefield should be required to file executed copies of its water and wastewater lease agreements, containing legal descriptions of the water and wastewater treatment sites, within 30 days after the date of the order granting the certificates.

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate potable water and wastewater rates and return on investment for Bluefield Utilities, LLC?

Recommendation: Bluefield's potable water and wastewater rates shown on Schedule Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, of staff's memorandum dated April 12, 2013, are reasonable and should be approved. The approved rates should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Bluefield should be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. A return on equity of 11.16 percent plus or minus 100 basis points should also be approved.

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Issue 4: What are the appropriate water and wastewater service availability policy and charges for Bluefield Utilities, LLC?

Recommendation: Bluefield's proposed service availability policy and charges shown on Schedule Nos. 1 and 2 should be approved. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Bluefield should be required to collect its approved service availability charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: Should Bluefield Utilities, LLC's proposed miscellaneous service charges be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Bluefield's proposed miscellaneous service charges should be approved and effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Bluefield should be required to charge its approved miscellaneous service charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 6: What is the appropriate Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) rate for Bluefield Utilities, LLC?

Recommendation: An annual AFUDC rate of 7.980 percent and a discounted monthly rate of 0.64184974 percent should be approved and applied to the qualified construction projects beginning on or after the date the certificates of authorization are issued.

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Issue 7: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The certification portion of this recommendation will become final agency action upon the Commission's vote. The docket should remain open pending receipt of executed copies of Bluefield's water and wastewater lease agreements, containing legal descriptions of the water and wastewater treatment sites. If no timely protest to the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation with respect to initial rates and charges is filed with the Commission by a substantially affected person, a Consummating Order should be issued. Following the expiration of the protest period with no timely protest, the issuance of a Consummating Order, and the Utility's submission of the lease agreements, the docket should be closed administratively.

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Ann Cole

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From: Carlotta Stauffer on behalf of Braulio Baez
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Tom Ballinger
Cc: Chuck Hill; Lisa Harvey; Curt Kiser; Mary Anne Helton; Jim Dean; Marshall Willis; Braulio Baez; Carlotta Stauffer; Kate Hamrick; Apryl Lynn; Jacqueline Moore; Lisa Harvey; Commissioners Advisors; Pamela Paultre; Cristina Slaton; Kay Posey; Kathleen Stewart; Betty Leland; Terri Fleming; Ann Cole; Catherine Potts
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From: Tom Ballinger
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Subject: Request for Oral Modification to Item #3 of the 4/26/13 Commission Conference

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Staff has identified a typo on page 34 of Item # 3 under the heading Wastewater Service Availability Charges. The numbers were transposed and the correct values are shown below:

Plant Capacity Charge	
Residential (ERC =270 GPD)	\$ 765.00
All Others – per gallon	2.83
Main Extension Charge	
Residential (ERC = 270 GPD)	\$ 2,268.00
All Others – per gallon	8.40

Please let me know if you approve.

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