

VOTE SHEET

April 25, 2013

Docket No. 130052-WU – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Charlotte County by Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.

Issue 1: Should Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.'s application for a grandfather water certificate in Charlotte County be acknowledged?

Recommendation: Yes. Little Gasparilla's application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be issued Certificate No. 661-W, effective February 12, 2013, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated April 12, 2013. The resultant order should serve as Little Gasparilla's certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

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**Issue 2:** What rates and charges should be approved for Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.?

**Recommendation:** The Utility's rates and charges that were in effect when Charlotte County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated April 12, 2013, should be approved. The rates and charges 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. Little Gasparilla should be required to charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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**Issue 3:** Should the utility be authorized to charge a meter tampering charge and, if so, what is the appropriate charge?

**Recommendation:** Yes. A \$50 meter tampering charge should be approved effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), F.A.C. The revised tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision. If revised tariff sheets are filed and approved, the meter tampering charge should become effective on or after the stamped approval date on the revised tariff sheets, if no protest is filed and provided customers have been noticed. Little Gasparilla should be required to charge the approved meter tampering charge until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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**Issue 4:** Should the Utility be authorized to collect late payment fees and, if so, what is the appropriate charge?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The \$5 late fee should be approved effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), F.A.C. The revised tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision. When the revised tariff sheets are filed and approved, the late payment fee shall become effective on or after the stamped approval date on the revised tariff sheets, if no protest is filed and provided customers have been noticed. Little Gasparilla should be required to charge the approved late payment fee until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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**Issue 5:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. The certification portion of this recommendation will become final agency action upon the Commission's vote. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation, Issues 3 and 4, files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once this action is complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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