

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 4

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Docket No. 110260-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lee County by Useppa Island Utilities Co., Inc.

**Issue 1:** What are the appropriate revenue increases for Phase II rates?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate revenue increases for Phase II rates are \$9,334 for water and \$9,334 for wastewater.

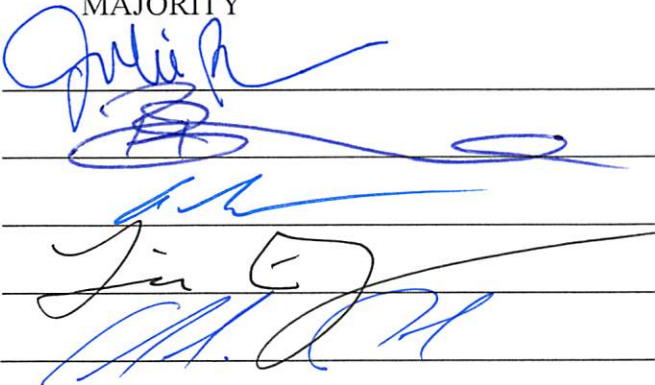
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What is the appropriate Phase I wastewater revenue requirement to be used as a basis for establishing Phase II rates?

**Recommendation:** The Phase I wastewater revenue requirement should be corrected to reflect the stipulated revenue requirement of \$158,183. The revised Phase I wastewater rates shown on Schedule No. 4-B of staff's memorandum dated December 4, 2014, should be used as the basis for implementing the recommended Phase II revenue increase discussed in Issue 1.

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**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate water and wastewater rates for Phase II?

**Recommendation:** The Phase II rate increases of 5.49 percent for water and 5.90 percent for wastewater should be applied across-the-board to the existing Phase I water rates and revised Phase I wastewater rates, respectively. The rates, as shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B of staff's memorandum dated December 4, 2014, should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate amount by which rates should be reduced four years after the established effective date to reflect the removal of the amortized rate case expense as required by Section 367.0816, F.S.?

**Recommendation:** The wastewater rates should be reduced, as shown on Schedule No. 4-B of staff's memorandum dated December 4, 2014, to remove rate case expense grossed up for RAFs and amortized over a four-year period. The expiration of the four-year amortization of rate case expense is October 2016. No change to the four-year rate reduction for water is necessary.

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**Issue 5:** Should the recommended rates be approved for the Utility on a temporary basis, subject to refund, in the event of a protest filed by a party other than the Utility?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Pursuant to Section 367.0814(7), F.S., the recommended rates should be approved for the Utility on a temporary basis, subject to refund, in the event of a protest filed by a party other than the Utility. Useppa should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the temporary rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed notice, and the notice has been received by the customers. Prior to implementation of any temporary rates, the Utility should provide appropriate security. If the recommended rates are approved on a temporary basis, the rates collected by the Utility should be subject to the refund provisions discussed in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated December 4, 2014. In addition, after the increased rates are in effect, pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the Utility should file reports with the Commission Clerk's Office no later than the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total amount of money subject to refund at the end of the preceding month. The report filed should also indicate the status of the security being used to guarantee repayment of any potential refund.

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**Issue 6:** Should the Utility be required to provide proof, within 90 days of an effective order finalizing this docket, that it has adjusted its books for all the applicable National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) primary accounts associated with the Commission-approved adjustments?

**Recommendation:** Yes. To ensure that the Utility adjusts its books in accordance with the Commission's decision, Useppa should provide proof, within 90 days of the final order in this docket, that the adjustments for all the applicable NARUC USOA primary accounts have been made.

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**Issue 7:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within twenty-one days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order will be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. When the tariff and notice actions are complete, this docket may be closed administratively.

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