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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

DOCKET NO. 160101-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0530-PAA-WS
ISSUED: November 22, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING RULE VARIANCE

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BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Background

On August 31, 2016, Utilities Inc. of Florida (UIF or Utility) filed an application for approval of interim and final water and wastewater rate increases. By letter dated September 29, 2016, staff advised the Utility that its Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) had several deficiencies. The Utility replied with updated MFRs on October 31, 2016. By letter dated November 17, 2016, staff advised UIF that its MFRs still had several deficiencies. The deadline to correct those deficiencies is December 17, 2016. To date, the official date of filing has not been established for noticing purposes.

The intervention of the Office of Public Counsel was acknowledged by Order No. PSC-16-0189-PCO-WS, issued May 10, 2016, in this docket.

On October 10, 2016, UIF filed a Petition for Variance or Waiver of one specific requirement of Commission Form PSC/AFD 19-W (11/93) which form is incorporated by reference by Rule 25-30.437, F.A.C. The Utility has filed an application for a file and suspend rate increase. Information required in such a case includes the information contained in