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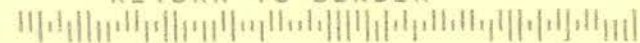
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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-17-0243-FOF-WS
ISSUED: June 23, 2017

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
RONALD A. BRISÉ
JIMMY PATRONIS
DONALD J. POLMANN

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
AND DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2017, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Strike Portions of the Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Utilities, Inc. of Florida (UIF) witness Flynn. By Order No. PSC-17-0147-PCO-WS, issued May 2, 2017, the Prehearing Officer denied OPC's Motion to Strike (Order Denying the Motion to Strike). On May 10, 2017, OPC filed its Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-17-0147-PCO-WS (Motion for Reconsideration). Along with the Motion for Reconsideration, OPC filed a Request for Oral Argument. On May 16, 2017, UIF filed its Response in Opposition to OPC's Motion for Reconsideration. The motion and response were timely filed pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The technical hearing for this docket was held on May 8-10, 2017. This motion was heard by the full Commission on June 5, 2017, during which, we denied OPC's Motion for Reconsideration after hearing oral argument from OPC and UIF. We will consider the remaining issues at the Special Agenda on August 3, 2017

We have jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 367, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.060, F.A.C.