

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 18

VOTE SHEET

December 12, 2017

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Docket No. 20130265-WU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Charlotte County by Little Gasparilla Water Utility, Inc.

Issue 1: What is the appropriate Phase II revenue requirement, return on equity, and overall rate for Little Gasparilla?

Recommendation: The appropriate revenue requirement is \$413,652, resulting in an annual increase of \$69,252 for water (20.11 percent). The appropriate return on equity (ROE) is 11.16 percent with a range of 10.16 percent to 12.16 percent. The appropriate overall rate of return is 6.55 percent.

DEFERRED to January 9, 2018
Commission Conference.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate water rates for Phase II?

Recommendation: The Phase II rate increase of 20.16 percent for water should be applied to the existing rates as shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated November 30, 2017. The utility 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 sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. 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.

Issue 3: 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?

Recommendation: The water rates should be reduced as shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated November 30, 2017, to remove rate case expense grossed-up for RAFs and amortized over a four-year period. The decrease in rates should become effective immediately following the expiration of the four-year rate case expense recovery period. The Utility should be required to file revised tariffs and a proposed customer notice setting forth the lower rates and the reason for the reduction no later than one month prior to the actual date of the required rate reduction. If Little Gasparilla files this reduction in conjunction with a price index or pass-through rate adjustment, separate data should be filed for the price index and/or pass-through increase or decrease and the reduction in the rates due to the amortized rate case expense.

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Issue 4: 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. The Utility 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 November 30, 2017. 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 every 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.

Issue 5: 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 the 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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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 5:09 PM
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Subject: APPROVED Request to Defer Item 18 - Docket No. 20130265-WU Little Gasparilla SARC
Attachments: APPROVED Request to Defer Item 18 - Docket No 20130265-WU.pdf

Please see the attached APPROVED Request to Defer Item 18 – Docket No. 20130265-WU – Little Gasparilla SARC.

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO COMMISSION CONFERENCE



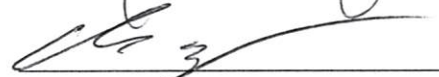

Request Date 12/11/2017 Requested by ECO Greg Shafer
Conference Date 12/12/2017 Item No 18 Docket No 20130265-
WU Title Little Gasparilla SARC

ACTION REQUESTED (see APM 2.11)

- Defer Item to Conference Scheduled for (date) TBD
- Change Order of Item or Take Up at Time Certain (state reason) _____
- Withdraw Item
- Late Filed Recommendation (due no later than 3 p.m. on date approved for late filing). By noon on regular filing date, provide an electronic copy of the front page of recommendation to the Clerk, as a place-holder.
- File Revised Recommendation
- Add Item to Published Agenda (see s. 120.525, F.S.) – issue Addendum and provide Notice

Provide explanation: Deferral was requested by the Office of Public Counsel.

SIGNATURES

Technical  Director 
Legal  General Counsel 

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approved Disapproved Signature  Date 12/11/17

CHAIRMAN

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