

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 7

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Docket No. 20170223-SU – Application for establishment of wastewater allowance for funds prudently invested (AFPI) charges in Highlands, Lake, Marion, Pasco and Pinellas Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

Issue 1: Should UIF be authorized to collect the proposed AFPI charges for its Labrador, Lake Placid, Mid-County, and UIF-Marion wastewater systems?

Recommendation: Yes. UIF should be authorized to collect the proposed AFPI charges, shown on Attachment A of staff's recommendation dated February 16, 2018, from future wastewater customers in its Labrador, Lake Placid, Mid-County, and UIF-Marion systems. After December 31, 2020, the utility should be allowed to collect the constant charge until the projected ERCs included in the calculation of the charge have been added, upon which the charges should be discontinued. The AFPI charges should apply to future connections of 155 ERCs for Labrador, 226 ERCs for Lake Placid, 203 ERCs for Mid-County, and 45 ERCs for the UIF-Marion system.

UIF should provide notice to property owners who have requested service during the 12 months prior to the month the request for AFPI charges was filed. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of providing its approved notice.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING



REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should UIF be authorized to collect the proposed AFPI charges for its LUSI wastewater system?

Recommendation: No. UIF's proposed tariff as filed should be denied. UIF should be given the option to file a revised tariff within 10 days of the Commission's vote, for administrative approval by staff, that reflects the non U&U costs associated with the LUSI WWTP, pursuant to Order No. PSC-2017-0361-FOF-WS, and accrued beginning January 1, 2016.

Upon staff's administrative approval, UIF should be authorized to collect the proposed AFPI charges from future wastewater customers in its LUSI system. After December 31, 2020, the utility should be allowed to collect the constant charge until the projected ERCs included in the calculation of the charge have been added, upon which the charges should be discontinued. The AFPI charges should apply to 1,471 future ERCs.

UIF should provide notice to property owners who have requested service during the 12 months prior to the month the request for AFPI charges was filed. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of providing its approved notice.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the docket should remain open pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and notice have been filed by the utility and approved by staff. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the approved tariff should remain in effect with the charge held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, a consummating order should be issued.

If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 2, UIF timely files a revised AFPI tariff for its LUSI wastewater system, and a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the revised tariffs should remain in effect, with any revenues held subject to refund, pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and notice have been filed by the utility and approved by staff; the docket should remain open pending resolution of the protest. If UIF timely files a revised AFPI tariff for its LUSI wastewater system and no timely protest is filed with respect to that issue, the docket should remain open pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and notice have been filed by the utility and approved by staff, a consummating order should be issued, and the docket should be closed administratively.

If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 2, UIF does not timely file a revised AFPI tariff meeting the conditions of the order, and a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the tariffed charges originally requested by UIF could be placed into effect, with any revenues held subject to refund, pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and notice have been filed by the utility and approved by staff; the docket should remain open pending resolution of the protest. If UIF does not timely file a revised AFPI tariff with respect to its LUSI wastewater system and no timely protest is filed, a consummating order should be issued, and the docket closed administratively.

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