

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20190114-WU

APPLICATION FOR
STAFF-ASSISTED RATE CASE IN
ALACHUA COUNTY, AND REQUEST
FOR INTERIM RATE INCREASE
BY GATOR WATERWORKS, INC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 12

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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Tallahassee, Florida

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the State of Florida at Large

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: And to the bottom of the
3 agenda, Item No. 12.

4 MS. BRUCE: Sonica Bruce speaking on behalf of
5 Commission staff.

6 Item No. 12 addresses interim rates in Alachua
7 County by Gator Waterworks, Incorporated. The
8 utility provides 354 residential water customers.

9 On May 13th, 2019, Gator Waterworks filed its
10 application for a staff-assisted rate case. In its
11 application, the utility has requested interim
12 rates. Staff is recommending an interim increase
13 of 37.42 percent for water.

14 There has been no customer contact.

15 Staff is prepared to answer any questions you
16 may have.

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

18 Commissioners, any questions of staff on Item
19 No. 12?

20 Commissioner Polmann.

21 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr.
22 Chairman.

23 Just a quick question. For this particular
24 utility, are we aware of changes in ownership over
25 a period of time? I am just curious, because

1 this -- the case background here indicates a
2 grandfather certificates in 1993, and that this
3 utility has had price index increases since that
4 period, but they've never been in for a rate
5 increase.

6 MS. BRUCE: That's correct.

7 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. Commissioners,
8 this is just an observation here, not specifically
9 limited to this utility, but I think this is just a
10 comment as to one of the challenges this commission
11 faces with some of the smaller water and wastewater
12 type utilities, where they are operating here with
13 a need for additional revenue to help improve their
14 system, and this has been quiet a long period of
15 time, decades, where they have not come in for a
16 rate case or a review that our staff can make
17 themselves available to assist the utility.

18 So that's one of the many challenges that we
19 face in the water, wastewater utility. So I am
20 looking forward to trying to provide assistance to
21 these types of businesses in the future.

22 Mr. Chairman, if there is no other comments, I
23 would like to move staff recommendation on all
24 issues.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and second
2 staff recommendation on all issues on Item No. 12.

3 Is there any further discussion?

4 Seeing none. All in favor, say aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: By your action, you have
9 approved the staff rec on Item No. 12.

10 (Agenda item concluded.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF LEON)

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DATED this 16th day of July, 2019.



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