

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 8

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20190118-WU – Application for increase in water rates in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the Utility's proposed final water rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Lighthouse's proposed final water rates should be suspended.

APPROVED

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the Utility's requested rate increase.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Oral Modification, assigned DN 09103-2019, is attached.

Brian Schultz

From: Asha Maharaj-Lucas
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Braulio Baez; Mark Futrell; Apryl Lynn; Andrew King; Keith Hetrick; Mary Anne Helton; Judy Harlow; Tom Ballinger; Cindy Muir; CLK - Agenda Staff; Commissioners & Staffs; Dylan Andrews; Amber Norris; Bart Fletcher; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Wesley Thurmond; Sonica Bruce; Shannon Hudson; Emily Knoblauch; Luis Salvador; Kristen Simmons; Jennifer Crawford
Cc: Kate Hamrick; Nancy Harrison; Jacqueline Moore
Subject: FW: Staff's request for Oral Modification to Item 8 on the 10/3/2019 Agenda - Lighthouse Application for increase in water rates

Please see the approved oral modification to Item 8, Docket No. 20190118-WU, for the October 3, 2019, Agenda.

Thanks

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From: Braulio Baez
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Andrew Maurey; Mark Futrell; Mary Anne Helton
Cc: Asha Maharaj-Lucas; Kate Hamrick; Nancy Harrison; Judy Harlow; Tom Ballinger
Subject: Re: Staff's request for Oral Modification to Item 8 on the 10/3/2019 Agenda -Lighthouse Application for increase in water rates

Approved. Thank you.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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From: Andrew Maurey <AMaurey@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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Subject: Staff's request for Oral Modification to Item 8 on the 10/3/2019 Agenda -Lighthouse Application for increase in water rates

Staff is requesting approval to make an oral modification to its recommendation filed in Docket No. 20190118-WU, Application for increase in water rates in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (Lighthouse Utilities or Utility) currently scheduled for the October 3, 2019 Agenda Conference. Staff's proposed modifications relate to the Utility waiving the statutory deadline to suspend final rates in this docket.

As a result of Hurricane Dorian's potential threat to areas of the State of Florida, the September 5, 2019 Agenda Conference was cancelled. The 60-day statutory deadline for the Commission to suspend final rates was September 10, 2019. By letter dated September 5, 2019, Lighthouse Utilities agreed to waive the Commission's statutory deadline under 367.081(6), Florida Statutes, to withhold consent to the operation of the Utility's request for a rate increase in Docket No. 20190118-WU to October 3, 2019.

These changes do not affect staff's recommendation to suspend final rates.

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DATE: August 22, 2019

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman)

FROM: Division of Accounting and Finance (D. Andrews, Norris)
Division of Economics (Bruce, Hudson)
Division of Engineering (Knoblauch, Salvador)
Office of the General Counsel (Simmons, Crawford)

RE: Docket No. 20190118-WU – Application for increase in water rates in Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

AGENDA: 9/5/19 – Regular Agenda – Decision on Suspension of Rates – Interested Persons May Participate. Company has waived the statutory deadline to October 3, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: Clark

CRITICAL DATES: 9/10/19 10/3/19 (60-Day Suspension Date)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

Case Background – Last Paragraph on Page 2:

The 60-day statutory deadline for the Commission to suspend Lighthouse’s requested final rates is September 10, 2019. On September 5, 2019, the Utility filed a letter waiving through October 3, 2019, the Commission’s deadline to suspend Lighthouse’s requested final rates in this docket. This recommendation addresses the suspension of Lighthouse’s requested final rates. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.081, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Staff Analysis – First Paragraph under Staff Analysis on page 3:

Staff Analysis: Section 367.081(6), F.S., provides that the rates proposed by a utility shall become effective within sixty days after filing unless the Commission votes, for good cause, to withhold consent of implementation of the requested rates. As noted in the Case Background, Lighthouse Utilities has waived the deadline of September 10, 2019, to October 3, 2019. Further, Section 367.081(10), F.S., permits the proposed final rates to go into effect under bond, escrow, or corporate undertaking five months after the official filing date unless final action has been taken by the Commission or the Commission’s action is protested by the Utility.