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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20190146-WS

PETITION FOR LIMITED
ALTERNATIVE RATE INCREASE
IN LAKE COUNTY BY LAKESIDE
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, December 10, 2019

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

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. On to the last item
3 on the agenda, No. 12.

4 MR. SIBLEY: Good morning. I am Matthew
5 Sibley, speaking on behalf of Commission staff.
6 Item No. 12 addresses Lakeside Waterworks, Inc.'s,
7 application for a limited alternative rate case in
8 Lake County. The utility is a Class C utility
9 providing water and wastewater service to
10 approximately 183 customers.

11 Staff has determined that the utility has met
12 the eligibility requirement for the limited
13 alternative rate case under Rule 25-30.457. The
14 rule allows for the eligible utility to apply for
15 an increase in rates no greater than 20 percent.

16 A customer meeting was held and one customer
17 complaint has been received since the meeting
18 concluded.

19 A representative of OPC and the utility are
20 present. OPC would like to address Item No. 12.
21 Staff is prepared to answer any questions at this
22 time.

23 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

24 OPC.

25 MR. DAVID: Yes, thank you. Tad David for the

1 Office of Public Counsel. Again, thank you this
2 morning.

3 OPC does not object to or oppose the
4 recommended rate increase in this docket. I would
5 just like to note our objection to the current
6 procedure and language of the limited alternative
7 rate increase.

8 I'll also note, once again, on this record,
9 the amendments to all of the rules related to the
10 LARI procedures are currently in the rule-
11 development process and, hopefully, the resulting
12 provisions will address all of our -- all of OPC's
13 concerns. And that being said, once again, we're
14 not going to oppose the recommendation in this
15 particular docket.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Mr. Rendell?

18 MR. RENDELL: Good morning, Commissioners.
19 Troy Rendell on behalf of Lakeside. I'm here
20 basically to answer questions and support staff's
21 recommendation.

22 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Commissioners.

23 Commissioner Brown.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I kind of share probably
25 similar concerns with the current LARI rule. So,

1 I'm happy to see that it is in rulemaking and look
2 forward to seeing what the provisions are. I don't
3 like the way the rule is, quite frankly. It's very
4 vague.

5 Troy, what is the 20-percent increase going to
6 be used for? I'm curious.

7 MR. RENDELL: It's stated in staff's
8 recommendation, the current -- utility is currently
9 earning like 2-percent rate of return. There's
10 been significant improvements made to the system.
11 And the last staff-assisted rate case, in
12 response to staff's -- customers' comments at the
13 customer meeting, we did make improvements to some
14 high-service pumps. We had indicated at that time
15 we'd probably be coming in for a limited proceeding
16 for those items, but we did not. We elected not
17 to.

18 So, it was really to cover the -- the increase
19 in the capital expenditures that -- that's occurred
20 since the last staff-assisted rate case.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. That's all.

22 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any --

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I would move -- move
24 approval of all issues in this item.

25 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and second,
2 staff recommendation on Item No. 12. Any further
3 discussion?

4 Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

7 By your action, you have approved staff rec on
8 that item.

9 A couple of things, No. 1 -- I failed to
10 mention this earlier -- the memorial service for
11 Ruth is going to be tomorrow at 3:00 at Culley --

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Today --

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Today -- sorry. Today at
14 3:00, at Culley Meadowood's funeral home.

15 I failed to mention -- I want to thank J.R.
16 and OPC for what they've done for us -- to me --
17 (laughter) -- for this -- the last two years, this
18 term.

19 Now, J.R. and I've got a great relationship.
20 He's got a role. We all have a role here. And
21 thank you very much for -- I'm a huge proponent of
22 stipulations and settlements. And when -- when you
23 guys do that and you guys come together, as I say,
24 and sing Kumbaya, I think it's fantastic. And my
25 hat goes off to you. You do a dil- -- a dil- -- a

1 very diligent job and you stay on a professional
2 level and I appreciate all you've done for us.

3 I want to thank both Mary Anne and Keith
4 because they have my back, day in and day out, when
5 I'm fighting J.R. and when I'm fighting the -- and
6 I'm fighting the utilities. So, I appreciate you
7 guys always being there with me.

8 I failed to mention, state of Florida being
9 the third-largest state in the United States, and
10 we have one of our Commissioners now on the exec
11 board for NARUC, which is Julie Brown.
12 Congratulations to Julie Brown.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: We need and deserve to have
15 somebody at the table when those things -- the
16 decisions are made and the debates are happening
17 and I -- I think we couldn't have picked a better
18 person for that. And so, thank you for that.

19 And this being my last agenda meeting, I am
20 ready to hand this off to somebody.

21 Commissioner Clark, you can adjourn us.

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, very much.
23 Mr. Chairman. Appreciate you.

24 Wow. Feels different over here.

25 (Laughter.)

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Again, I -- I wanted to
2 say thank you to Chairman Graham for the
3 outstanding leadership, the outstanding work that
4 he's done, and to the staff for the support they've
5 given. Thank you to my colleagues for your
6 support, for your confidence in me.

7 My commitment is to you -- to you is to do my
8 absolute best to make sure that we move this
9 organization forward in a positive and -- and true
10 direction.

11 So, with that, we stand adjourned today.
12 Thank you.

13 (Agenda item concluded.)

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