

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

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Docket No. 20190195-WS – Application for transfer of water and wastewater systems of Regency Utilities, Inc., and transfer of Certificate Nos. 641-W and 551-S to Duval Waterworks, Inc., in Duval County.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Certificate Nos. 641-W and 551-S in Duval County from Regency to DWI, be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of the water and wastewater systems and Certificate Nos. 641-W and 551-S is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The existing rates should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariffs reflecting the transfer should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariffs, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). DWI should be responsible for filing annual reports and paying Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) for 2020 and all future years.


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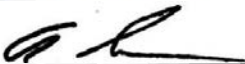
COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY


DISSENTING





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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate net book value for DWI's water and wastewater system for transfer purposes?

Recommendation: For transfer purposes, the net book value (NBV) is \$125,116 for the water system and \$20,577 for the wastewater system as of September 30, 2019. Within 90 days of the date of the final order, DWI should be required to notify the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision. The adjustments should be reflected in DWI's 2020 Annual Report when filed.

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Issue 3: Should an acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

Recommendation: Yes. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371, F.A.C., a negative acquisition adjustment of \$48,567 for the water system and \$7,987 for the wastewater system should be recognized for ratemaking purposes. Beginning with the date of the issuance of the order approving the transfer, 50 percent of the negative acquisition adjustment, which is \$24,283 for the water system and \$3,994 for the wastewater system, should be amortized over a seven-year period and the remaining 50 percent should be amortized over the remaining life of the assets.

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Issue 4: Should DWI's request to revise the existing late payment charge to \$6.50 be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. DWI's request to revise the existing late payment charge to \$6.50 should be approved. DWI should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charge. The approved charge should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. DWI should provide proof of the date notice was given no less than 10 days after the date of the notice.

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Issue 5: Should DWI be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds Charges?

Recommendation: Yes. DWI should be authorized to collect NSF charges. DWI should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved NSF charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. DWI should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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Issue 6: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no protest to the proposed agency action is filed by a substantially affected person within 21 days of the date of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued and the docket should be closed administratively upon Commission staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed, the Buyer has notified the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision, and proof that appropriate noticing has been done pursuant to Rule 25-30.4345, F.A.C.

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