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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 20190194-WS

Application for original
water and wastewater
certificates and approval
of initial rates, charges
and standard service agreements
in Lee County, by CPI Citrus
Park Utility TRS, L.L.C.
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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 10

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

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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Tallahassee, Florida

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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. I hope we can
3 move these next couple of items quick before we
4 take a lunch break. I am really hungry, so we are
5 going to go ahead and knock these items out before
6 we take a lunch break, that's my plan.

7 Item No. 10, application for original water
8 and wastewater certificates, Mr. Futrell.

9 MR. FUTRELL: Commissioners, Item 10 is
10 staff's recommendation on the application for
11 original water and wastewater certificates and
12 approval of initial rates charges and standard
13 service agreements in Lee County by CPI Citrus Park
14 Utility TRS, LLC.

15 CPI Citrus provides bulk water and wastewater
16 service to a mobile home and RV park, which, in
17 turn, serves approximately 1,531 customers with
18 associated common area buildings. CPI Citrus also
19 provides bulk water service to a homeowners'
20 association, which serves 127 customers.

21 There has been no customer correspondence
22 regarding this docket.

23 Staff has made an oral modification to the
24 recommendation that has been provided to your --
25 each of your offices and placed in the docket file.

1 This clarifies that Issues 2 through 5 in the
2 recommendation are proposed agency action.

3 Staff is available for questions.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Commissioners, do
5 you have any questions of staff on this item?

6 Commissioner Brown.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I will be very quick.
8 Just one question. It's on Issue 4, regarding the
9 late payment charge.

10 We are in such a digitalized age here, and
11 this utility seems been pretty sophisticated enough
12 to have one of the best law firms in the state
13 represent them in this filing, as well as a
14 consulting firm. So they should be pretty adept at
15 processing paperwork. Yet, they have -- once
16 again, we are seeing a clerical employee that
17 processes late payments \$20 an hour, 15 minutes,
18 along with a supervisor at \$25. This would be the
19 highest late payment fee, even above Utilities
20 Inc., which is a Class A, that we have ever seen.

21 And we are -- we are continuing -- utilities
22 are continuing to push the high-end here, and I
23 just -- I think there is some overcharging going
24 on. They can put in any cost justification they
25 want, but really the question is what's there?

1 Having a clerical person as well as a supervisor
2 process each late payment, again, this is a very
3 sophisticated utility. It just -- it just doesn't
4 make sense, and I -- I have got to say I would -- I
5 would reject the additional supervisor labor.

6 That's my only comments.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Good comment.

8 Any other questions from any Commissioners?

9 Commissioner Brown, would you like to make a
10 motion that resolves your issues?

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 I would move staff recommendation on all
13 issues except for Issue 4, which I would remove the
14 seller's supervisor labor from the late payment
15 charge, and give staff the administrative authority
16 to process any issues as a result of that decision.

17 COMMISSIONER FAY: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. I have a motion and a
19 second to approve staff recommendation with a
20 modification that supervisory labor be eliminated,
21 and staff be given the authority to clean that and
22 fix it up; is that right, Commissioner Brown?

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, along with the oral
24 modification that was made.

25 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Along with the oral

1 modifications, yes.

2 All right. Any questions on the motion?

3 Seeing none. All in favor, say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: The motion is approved

8 unanimously.

9 (Agenda item concluded.)

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