

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 7

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200139-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Seminole Counties, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

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

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

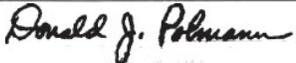
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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. UIF should be authorized to collect annual revenues as indicated below:

	<u>Adjusted Test Year Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Water	\$16,298,944	\$918,223	\$17,217,167	5.63%
Wastewater	\$19,936,921	\$1,051,222	\$20,988,143	5.27%

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The recommended interim rate increase of 5.76 percent for water and 5.46 percent for wastewater should be applied as an across-the-board increase to the service rates in effect as of December 31, 2019. The rates, as shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B of staff’s memorandum dated August 20, 2020 , should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed, staff has approved the proposed customer notice, and the notice has been received by the customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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Issue 4: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

Recommendation: A cumulative corporate undertaking is acceptable contingent upon receipt of the written guarantee of the parent company, Utilities, Inc. (UI or Company), and written confirmation that the cumulative outstanding guarantees on behalf of UI-owned utilities in other states will not exceed \$4.6 million (inclusive of all Florida utilities). UI should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of revenues collected under interim conditions. UI's guaranteed amount subject to refund should be \$1,810,655. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the Utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

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

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