

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 9

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Docket No. 20200169-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lake County, and request for interim rate increase, by Lake Yale Utilities, LLC.

**Issue 1:** Should an interim revenue increase be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Lake Yale should be authorized to collect interim revenues as indicated below:

|            | Test Year Revenues | \$ Increase | Revenue Requirement | % Increase |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| Water      | \$68,906           | \$0         | \$68,906            | 0.00%      |
| Wastewater | \$55,021           | \$9,966     | \$64,987            | 18.11%     |

Test year revenues are sufficient to cover staff-adjusted operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses for the water system, but not the wastewater system. As such, an interim revenue increase is warranted for the wastewater system but not the water system.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

**Recommendation:** The interim rate increase of 18.11 percent should be applied as an across-the-board increase to the wastewater service rates in effect as of December 31, 2019. The rates, as shown on Schedule No. 1 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), Florida Administrative Code (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 the notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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**Issue 3:** What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

**Recommendation:** The Utility should be required to open an escrow account or secure a surety bond or letter of credit to guarantee any potential refund of revenues collected under interim conditions. If the security provided is an escrow account, the Utility should deposit \$831 into the escrow account each month. Otherwise, the surety bond or letter of credit should be in the amount of \$6,648. 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 4:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. Staff recommends that this docket should remain open to address the merits of Lake Yale's staff-assisted rate case.

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