

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 12

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200155-WU – Application for certificate to operate water utility in Okaloosa County and application for pass through increase of regulatory assessment fees, by Okaloosa Waterworks, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the application for a water certificate by OWI be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. OWI should be granted Certificate No. 676-W to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated September 24, 2020, effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as OWI’s water certificate and it should be retained by the Utility.


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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners


COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES


MAJORITY

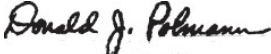
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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate rates and charges for OWI?

Recommendation: The appropriate rates and charges, as shown on Schedule 1 of staff’s memorandum dated September 24, 2020, should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 3: Should OWI’s request to revise miscellaneous service charges be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The miscellaneous service charges identified in Table 3-5 are appropriate and should be approved. OWI should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges 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 charges should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. OWI 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 4: Should OWI’s request to implement a late payment charge of \$6.50 be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. OWI’s request to implement a late payment charge of \$6.50 should be approved. OWI 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. OWI 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 OWI’s request to revise the existing initial customer deposits be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. OWI’s request to revise the existing initial customer deposits should be approved. The appropriate initial customer deposit for water should be \$73.30 for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved initial customer deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 6: Should OWI be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Charges?

Recommendation: Yes. OWI should be authorized to collect NSF charges. OWI 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. OWI 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 7: Should OWI’s requested meter installation charge be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility’s requested meter installation charge of \$353 for the 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size should be approved. The Utility should file a tariff sheet and a proposed customer notice. OWI should provide notice to potential customers who have requested service within 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed and up until this Order becomes final.¹ The approved charge should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of notice.

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¹ Order No. PSC-2019-0223-PAA-SU, issued June 3, 2019, in Docket No. 20190075-SU, *In re: Revision of wastewater service availability charges for Ni Florida in Pasco County.*

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Issue 8: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notices have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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