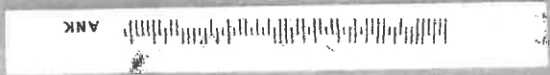


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RE: Docket No. 20210122-WS – Proposed amendment of Rules 25-30.025, 25-30.4345, 25-30.445, 25-30.446, 25-30.455, 25-30.456, and 25-30.565, F.A.C., related to water and wastewater utilities.

AGENDA: 10/12/21 – Regular Agenda – Rule Proposal – Interested Persons May Participate

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: La Rosa

RULE STATUS: Proposal May Be Deferred

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

Case Background

This rulemaking was initiated to update water and wastewater utility rules related to applications for service availability charges, allowance for funds prudently invested, limited proceedings, and staff assistance in rate cases and in alternative rate setting. The draft amendments are intended to make these rules consistent with rule amendments recently adopted by the Commission in other electric, gas, water and wastewater rules¹ that decrease the number of paper copies that utilities are required to file or distribute for public inspection; require utilities to notify customers that applications may be accessed on the Commission's website; change the responsibility for

¹ Docket No. 20200193-PU, *Proposed amendment of Rules 25-6.043, 25-7.039, 25-22.0406, 25-22.0407, 25-30.436, and 25-30.437, and repeal of Rules 25-30.438, 25-30.4385, 25-30.440, and 25-30.443, F.A.C.*; Docket No. 20200044-WS, *Proposed amendment of Rule 25-30.457, F.A.C., Limited Alternative Rate Increase.*

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determining the official date of filing to the Director of the office of primary responsibility; and clarify application filing requirements.

This recommendation addresses whether the Commission should propose the amendment of:

- Rule 25-30.025, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Official Date of Filing;
- Rule 25-30.4345, F.A.C., Notice of Requests for New or Revised Service Availability Charges or Policies and Notice of Requests for Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI) Charges;
- Rule 25-30.445, F.A.C., General Information and Instructions Required of Water and Wastewater Utilities in an Application for a Limited Proceeding;
- Rule 25-30.446, F.A.C., Notice of and Public Information for Application for Limited Proceeding Rate Increase;
- Rule 25-30.455, F.A.C., Staff Assistance in Rate Cases;
- Rule 25-30.456, F.A.C., Staff Assistance in Alternative Rate Setting; and
- Rule 25-30.565, F.A.C., Application for Approval of New or Revised Service Availability Policy or Charges.

The Notice of Rule Development for these rules appeared in the April 7, 2021 edition of the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 47, No. 67. No workshop was requested and none was held. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 120.54, 350.127(2), 367.081, 367.0812, 367.0814, 367.0822, 367.083, 367.091, 367.121, and 367.145(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.).

- No adverse impact on small business.
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

(2) A "Small City" is defined by Section 120.52, F.S., as any municipality that has an unincarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census. A "small county" is defined by Section 120.52, F.S., as any county that has an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

- No impact on small cities or small counties.
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

F. Any additional information that the Commission determines may be useful.
[120.541(2)(f), F.S.]

- None.

Additional Information:

G. A description of any regulatory alternatives submitted and a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule. [120.541(2)(g), F.S.]

- No regulatory alternatives were submitted.
- A regulatory alternative was received from
 - Adopted in its entirety.
 - Rejected. Describe what alternative was rejected and provide a statement of the reason for rejecting that alternative.