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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20220171-WS

Proposed amendments to Rule 25-30.110,
F.A.C., Records and Reports; Annual
Reports, and Rule 25-30.420, F.A.C.,
Establishment of Price Index, Adjustment
of Rates; Requirement of Bond; Filings
After Adjustment; Notice to Customers.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 1

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

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

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: All right. Now, if you would
3 like, you can stand and join Commissioner La Rosa
4 in the pledge and invocation.

5 (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.)

6 CHAIRMAN FAY: All right. Thank you,
7 Commissioner La Rosa.

8 Commissioners, before we get started on our
9 agenda items, I just want to recognize our
10 Executive Director briefly for some comments this
11 morning.

12 Mr. Baez, you are recognized.

13 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
14 morning, Commissioners.

15 Well, sort in keeping with the festive spirit
16 and the spirit of recognitions and stuff, the end
17 of the year is always bittersweet in many ways, and
18 at least for me personally. I have two
19 recognitions that I wanted to throw out there, and
20 sadly these are integral members of our staff and
21 take up a large part of the good work that the
22 staff does year in and year out.

23 We have two employees that are leaving us.
24 These -- this is their last Agenda, and I wanted to
25 recognize them, and thank you for letting meet do

1 so.

2 The first is Mr. Jim Breman. Most of you know
3 Jim. He is a fixture here. Personally, he is a
4 man who I think embodies the professional staff in
5 the best way possible here at the PSC. He joined
6 us in 1988. So that's 35 years for him with the
7 Commission. He was awarded the Gunter Award for
8 Distinguished Service in 2016.

9 If ever -- and I think most prominently, and
10 certainly in my memory the last several years,
11 wherever the Commission has had a new statute, a
12 new area of regulation created, anything that took
13 a certain type of thinking and special treatment,
14 Jim was at the heart of it. The nuclear regu-- the
15 nuclear construction regulation, nuclear project
16 cost, storm hardening legislation and environmental
17 cost recovery, things of that nature, the new
18 envir-- or new and improved environmental clean air
19 acts, Jim was at the heart of the Commission
20 staff's approach to that. So to say we owe him an
21 incalculable debt of it gratitude would be an
22 understatement, and I am all about understatement.
23 He has this terrific combination of deadpan and
24 knowledge, and a way to explain things. And as a
25 beneficiary of his education, or his efforts,

1 anyway, I can attest to all of them.

2 So join me in wishing Jim El Jefe, a fond
3 farewell. He will be missed, and he is always
4 greatly appreciated.

5 (Applause from the audience.)

6 MR. BAEZ: Thank you for that. And
7 congratulations, Jim.

8 Next up, and I should say last but not least,
9 and I mean that, and it was hard to choose in what
10 order we were going to do this, but today is Bev
11 DeMello's last Agenda. And she -- and she's been
12 with the staff since June of '87, when she joined
13 as a Public Information Specialist.

14 And wherever there has been a public campaign,
15 a public information campaign of any sort of low
16 these last, you know, 30 some odd years -- I can't
17 do math at this moment -- Bev has been, and I say
18 this with all due love and affection to the rest of
19 the PIO staff, she's been at the heart and brains
20 of it both.

21 She has been Director of Consumer Information,
22 Assistant Director of Consumer Affairs, as it has
23 evolved, and several other many positions with the
24 staff always -- always keeping her eye on how best
25 to have the information and the work of the

1 Commission be placed in the most favorable light as
2 it deserves.

3 It's good work that they do, and she has had a
4 lot to do with -- with how that good work is
5 perceived. It's a -- it's a difficult job, and a
6 difficult effort that she's undertaken.

7 I want to thank her personally because she
8 always has this knowing smile, and you know that
9 she's doing what she needs to be doing but she
10 would so much rather be kicking back and laughing
11 at the absurdity of some of the situations that
12 she's helping us work through.

13 I don't know, I am sure by now everybody knows
14 that Bev is an accomplished playwright, and has had
15 many, many works produced and shown here in
16 Tallahassee, and perhaps even abroad. That part I
17 don't know. But if you have never had a chance to
18 witness her real work, her real passion, I urge you
19 all to take the first opportunity. Hopefully am
20 more opportunities will avail themselves.

21 So, Bev, thanks from all of us. Thank you
22 from me. Don't be a stranger. I need -- I need
23 your -- I need your laugh around. It's important,
24 and you have been important. So thank you very
25 much and good luck to you.

1 (Applause from the audience.)

2 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN FAY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Baez. I
4 know those will be great losses to the agency, and
5 Jim has tolerated my questions, and Bev has
6 tolerated me wandering the hall near her office
7 unfortunately located probably too close to the
8 Commission suite. But thank you both for what you
9 have done for this state and for this agency. We
10 are just so appreciative of the way you carry
11 yourselves and the work you have done, so thank you
12 again.

13 With that, Commissioners, we will move in
14 today's Agenda. I have Items 1 through 9, 11 and
15 13 that are placed on the move staff list. Are
16 there any other items Commissioners would like to
17 pull off at this time? With that, we have Items 10
18 and 12 that have been removed for further
19 discussion.

20 With that, we will move into our move staff
21 items list and start with Item 1.

22 Ms. Sapoznikoff, you are recognized. Good
23 morning.

24 MS. SAPOZNIKOFF: Good morning, Commissioners.
25 I am Susan Sapoznikoff with the Office of General

1 Counsel.

2 In Item 1, staff recommends proposed
3 amendments to two water and wastewater rules
4 related to the filing of annual reports, a
5 notification of the establishment of price index.

6 Staff's recommended amendments update and
7 clarify the language of the rules, as well as the
8 forms that are incorporated in the rules by
9 reference. In particular, the proposed amendments
10 include allowing the Commission to use email to
11 send annual report forms, the price index
12 application, and the proposed agency action order
13 establishing the index to utilities, and allowing
14 utilities to file their annual reports by email.

15 Staff is available to answer any questions.
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you.

18 With that, Commissioners, you have heard a
19 summary and presentation of Item No. 1. I will
20 entertain a motion on that item.

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move approval of the
22 item, Mr. Chairman.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. We have a motion and a
25 second.

1 All that approve say aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 CHAIRMAN FAY: With that, none opposed. Show

4 Item No. 1 passing unanimously.

5 Thank you, Ms. Sapoznikoff.

6 (Agenda item concluded.)

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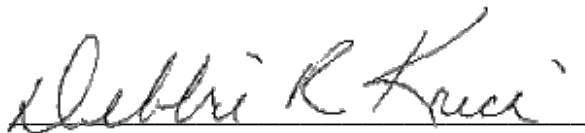
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