

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20220062-WS – Application for transfer of water and wastewater facilities of C.F.A.T. H2O, Inc., water Certificate No. 552-W, and wastewater Certificate No. 481-S to CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC, in Marion County.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Certificate Nos. 552-W and 481-S in Marion County from C.F.A.T. H2O, Inc. to CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of the water and wastewater systems and Certificate Nos. 552-W and 481-S is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date that the sale becomes final. The resultant Order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The Buyer should submit the executed and recorded deed for continued access to the land upon which its facilities are located, copies of its permit transfer application, and a copy of its signed and executed contract for sale to the Commission within 60 days of the Order approving the transfer, which is final agency action. If the sale is not finalized within 60 days of the transfer Order, the Buyer should file a status update in the docket file. The Utility’s existing rates, service availability charges, and initial customer deposits, as shown on Schedule No. 7 of staff’s memorandum dated July 20, 2023, should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff pages reflecting the transfer should be effective 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 Seller is current with respect to annual reports and regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) through December 31, 2022. The Buyer should be responsible for filing annual reports and paying RAFs for all future years.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate net book value for CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company LLC's water and wastewater system for transfer purposes?

Recommendation: For transfer purposes, the net book value (NBV) of the water and wastewater systems is \$228,698 and \$99,918, respectively, as of February 28, 2022. Within 90 days of the date of the Consummating Order, CSWR-CFAT should be required to notify the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision. The adjustments should be reflected in the Utility's 2023 Annual Report when filed.

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Issue 3: Should a positive acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

Recommendation: No. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371, F.A.C., a positive acquisition adjustment should not be granted as the Buyer failed to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

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Issue 4: Should CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC's miscellaneous service charges be revised to conform to amended Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C.?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends the miscellaneous service charges be revised to conform to the recent amendment to Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C. The tariff should be revised to reflect the removal of initial connection and normal reconnection charges. CSWR-CFAT 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 charge should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given no less than 10 days after the date of the notice. CSWR-CFAT should be required to charge the approved miscellaneous services charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no protest to the proposed agency action is filed by a substantially affected person within 21 days of the date of the issuance of the Order, a Consummating Order should be issued and the docket should be closed administratively upon Commission staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed, that proof has been provided that appropriate noticing has been done pursuant to Rule 25-30.4345, F.A.C., the Buyer has notified the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision, that the Buyer has submitted the executed and recorded warranty deed, that the Buyer has submitted a copy of its application for permit transfer to the DEP, and that the Buyer has submitted a signed and executed copy of its contract for sale within 60 days of the Commission's Order approving the transfer.

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