BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service and approval of initial rates and charges in Lake County, by North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC. | DOCKET NO. 20240023-WS  ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0380-PAA-WS  ISSUED: August 28, 2024 |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MIKE LA ROSA, Chairman

ART GRAHAM

GARY F. CLARK

ANDREW GILES FAY

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

ORDER ESTABLISHING INITIAL RATES AND CHARGES

AND

FINAL ORDER GRANTING ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE NOS. 683-W AND 583-S FOR

NORTH LAKE COUNTY WATER & SEWER COMPANY LLC

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein, except for the granting of original certificates, is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Background

On January 23, 2024, North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC (North Lake or Utility) filed its application for original water and wastewater certificates in Lake County.[[1]](#footnote-1) The area is in the St. John River Water Management District (SJWMD) and is in a water use caution area. The Utility anticipates providing water and wastewater services to approximately 535 residential and three commercial customers. The Utility intends to begin serving customers in the first quarter of 2025.

The Utility’s initial application was found to be deficient and our staff issued a deficiency letter on February 22, 2024.[[2]](#footnote-2) North Lake filed a response to the deficiencies on March 04, 2024.[[3]](#footnote-3) The application was still found to be deficient, and our staff issued a second deficiency letter dated March 14, 2024.[[4]](#footnote-4) North Lake filed a response to the second deficiency letter on March 18, 2024.[[5]](#footnote-5) However, the application remained deficient, resulting in a third deficiency letter from staff on March 26, 2024.[[6]](#footnote-6) North Lake cured the deficiencies on April 17, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 367.031, Florida Statutes (F.S.), we shall grant or deny an application for a certificate of authorization within 90 days of the official filing date of the completed application. The application was deemed complete on April 17, 2024, which is considered the official filing date. North Lake waived the 90-day statutory deadline through August 06, 2024.[[7]](#footnote-7) In its application, the Utility proposed miscellaneous service charges; however, on July 23, 2024, the Utility withdrew its request.

At our August 8, 2024 Agenda Conference, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) presented to us an agreement reached with North Lake that morning that modified our staff’s recommendation with respect to the appropriate initial rates and charges. OPC contended that certain estimated costs proposed by the Utility and recommended by staff were too low, resulting in artificially low rates, which would result in rate shock during a future rate case. The agreement increased North Lake’s estimated initial water rates by approximately 3.5 percent by adding $16,000 for a purchased power expense estimate and $1,000 for an insurance expense estimate. Furthermore, the agreement increased North Lake’s estimated initial wastewater rates by approximately 10.7 percent by adding $40,000 for a purchased power expense estimate and $4,000 for an insurance expense estimate. Based on the representations made by OPC, with North Lake’s agreement, we voted to approve our staff’s recommendation, as modified by OPC’s agreement with North Lake.

This order addresses the application for original water and wastewater certificates and the appropriate rates and charges for the Utility. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 367.031 and 367.045, F.S.

**Decision**

1. **North Lake’s Application for Water and Wastewater Certificates**

On January 23, 2024, North Lake filed an application for original water and wastewater certificates in Lake County. Upon review, our staff determined the original filing was deficient and sent three deficiency letters, as well as three data requests to the Utility seeking additional information. North Lake corrected the deficiencies on April 17, 2024, which is considered the official filing date for the application. This Utility’s application is in compliance with the governing statutes, Section 367.031 and Section 367.045, F.S., and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for original certificates.

Pursuant to Section 367.045(1)(b), F.S., the Utility provided a letter from GPK Harris Lake LLC,[[8]](#footnote-8) the developer of the community, requesting water and wastewater services from North Lake. In a separate letter, the Utility also stated that no other water or wastewater service providers exist within geographical proximity to the area.[[9]](#footnote-9) This Utility’s application is in compliance with the governing statutes, Sections 367.031 and 367.045, F.S., and our administrative rules concerning an application for original certificates.

**Notice**

On April 08, 2024, North Lake filed proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C. The notice of application for an initial certificate of authorization for water and wastewater certificates was provided to property owners on April 5, 2024, mailed to the entities required on April 08, 2024, and published as required on April 11, 2024. No objections to the notice of application have been received and the time for filing has expired.

**Land Ownership and Service Territory**

North Lake provided adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description as required by Rule 25-30.033, F.A.C. The legal description of the service territory is appended to this order as Attachment A. North Lake’s application contained two recorded warranty deeds, executed June 24, 2021, and May 15, 2023, as evidence that the Utility has access to the land upon which the water and wastewater treatment facilities are located pursuant to Rule 25-30.033(1)(m), F.A.C.

**Financial and Technical Ability**

Rule 25-30.033(1)(h), F.A.C., requires a statement showing the financial ability of the applicant to provide service, a detailed financial statement, and a list of all entities upon which the applicant is relying to provide funding. Regarding financial ability, North Lake’s ownership is comprised of three entities which also comprise the party developing the subdivision (collectively known as the Developer) in the proposed service area. The Utility stated that the Developer has provided the necessary start-up funding as well as funds sufficient to cover operational shortfalls during the Utility’s initial year of operation. We have traditionally allowed reliance on the parent company's financial ability.[[10]](#footnote-10) Our reasoning has been the logical vested interest of a parent company in the financial stability of its related parties. The application contains North Lake’s recent financial statements and the Utility provided the personal financial statements of Mr. Sen Zhang, a member of the Developer group.[[11]](#footnote-11) We have reviewed North Lake’s financial statements as well as the Developer’s financial statements and find that the Utility has shown adequate and stable funding reserves. Therefore, we find that North Lake has demonstrated that it will have access to adequate financial resources to operate the Utility.

Rule 25-30.034(1)(i), F.A.C., requires the applicant to demonstrate the technical abilities to provide service. Within its application, the Utility stated that it has the technical ability to provide service. The Utility has retained water and wastewater engineers from Wicks Engineering to design the water and wastewater systems. North Lake further stated that for operations, the Utility retained General Utilities Corporation, along with RCM Utilities, LLC for meter reading and billing. The Utility also retained the law firm of Dean Mead to provide legal regulatory advice to the Utility.

Consequently, we find that North Lake has demonstrated the financial and technical ability to provide service to the proposed service territory.

**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, we find that it is in the public interest to grant North Lake Certificate Nos. 683-W and 583-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A, effective the date of our vote. The resultant order shall serve as North Lake’s water and wastewater certificates and it shall be retained by the Utility.

1. **Water and Wastewater Rates and Return on Investment for North Lake**

**Projected Rate Base**

Consistent with our practice in applications for original certificates, rate base is identified only as a tool to aid in setting initial rates and is not intended to formally establish rate base. Based on North Lake’s growth projections, the Utility anticipates operating at 80 percent of its design capacity in 2029. The Utility’s proposed water and wastewater rate base calculations, as well as our adjustments, are described herein.

North Lake proposed utility plant in service balances (UPIS) of $6,597,287 for water and $6,770,776 for wastewater. The Utility’s initial filing did not include meters in the UPIS balance for water as they are being contributed by the developer. Despite being contributed, it is still appropriate to reflect the assets just as the Utility reflected all other contributed assets. In its response to our staff’s third data request, the Utility provided its calculation for the contributed meters.[[12]](#footnote-12) Based on the addition of meters, water UPIS shall be increased by $356,000, resulting in a balance of $6,953,287. We do not have any adjustments to wastewater. As such, we find that UPIS balances of $6,953,287 for water and $6,770,776 for wastewater are appropriate.

The Utility proposed land and land rights balances of $425,000 for both water and wastewater. We have no adjustments to the Utility’s proposed balances; therefore, we find that land and land rights balances of $425,000 for both water and wastewater are appropriate.

North Lake proposed an accumulated depreciation balance of $874,656 for water and $1,056,162 for wastewater. We recalculated accumulated depreciation using the depreciation rates established by Rule 25-30.140, F.A.C. As a result, accumulated depreciation shall be increased by $44,353 for water and decreased by $4,118 for wastewater. As such, we find that accumulated depreciation balances of $919,009 for water and $1,052,044 for wastewater are appropriate.

In its filing, the Utility proposed contributions in aid of construction (CIAC) balances of $3,431,203 for water and $4,127,925 for wastewater. CIAC balance for water shall be increased by $356,000 to reflect the meters discussed above. Additionally the Utility’s work papers supporting the Utility’s filing indicated that $143,750 for lift stations should be reflected in wastewater CIAC, but was not included in the Utility’s balance. In response to our staff’s second data request, North Lake stated that lift stations are contributed and should be included in CIAC.[[13]](#footnote-13) As such we find that an adjustment to increase the wastewater CIAC balance by $143,750 to account for the lift stations is appropriate. Based on the above, we approve CIAC balances of $3,787,203 for water and $4,271,675 for wastewater.

North Lake proposed accumulated amortization of CIAC balances of $343,815 for water and $466,762 for wastewater. We recalculated accumulated amortization of CIAC using the correct accounts and deprecation rates. As a result, we find that accumulated amortization of CIAC shall be increased by $44,100 for water and $28,076 for wastewater. As such, we approve accumulated amortization of CIAC balances of $387,915 for water and $494,838 for wastewater.

North Lake proposed a working capital allowance of $7,368 for water and $7,368 for wastewater based on one-eighth of the estimated operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses for each system. We have previously allowed this methodology in original certificate cases as the O&M expenses are estimated.[[14]](#footnote-14) Based on the adjustments discussed in the subsequent O&M expenses section, and based on the additional expenses agreed to by the Utility and OPC at our August 8, 2024 Agenda Conference, we find an increase of $1,217 for water and $4,592 for wastewater is appropriate. As a result, we approve a working capital allowance of $8,585 for water and $11,960 for wastewater.

In total, the Utility proposed a rate base of $3,067,611 for water and $2,485,819 for wastewater. Based on the adjustments discussed herein, the rate base shall be increased by $964 for water and decreased by $106,965 for wastewater. Therefore, we approve an adjusted rate base of $3,068,575 for water and $2,378,855 for wastewater. Rate base calculations for the water and wastewater systems are shown on Schedule Nos. 1-A and 1-B, respectively. Our adjustments are shown on Schedule No. 1-C.

**Cost of Capital**

North Lake proposed return on equity (ROE) of 8.54 percent, based on the leverage formula in effect at the time of filing.[[15]](#footnote-15) However, it has been our practice to use the leverage formula currently in effect to determine a Utility’s ROE.[[16]](#footnote-16) As such, we find that the Utility’s ROE shall be based on the current leverage formula in effect.[[17]](#footnote-17) Using the current leverage formula, we approve an ROE of 8.66 percent, with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points, as shown on Schedule No. 2. As such, we approve an ROE of 8.66 percent and an overall cost of capital of 8.42 percent.

**Net Operating Income**

The Utility originally projected net operating income (NOI) for the water and wastewater systems of $252,465 and $204,582, respectively, but the Utility’s projections were modified by its agreement with OPC. Based on the forgoing, we calculated an NOI of $258,419 for water and $200,334 for wastewater. The calculated NOI for the water and wastewater systems are shown in Schedule Nos. 3-A and 3-B, respectively.

**O&M Expenses**

North Lake originally proposed total O&M expenses of $58,947 for water and $58,947 for wastewater. The Utility calculated contractual services-billing expense of $36,318 for both water and wastewater based on equivalent residential connections (ERCs) at 100 percent buildout. We have recalculated the expense based on ERCs at 80 percent buildout. As such, we find it necessary to decrease expenses by $7,264 for water and wastewater. Additionally, based on our approval of OPC’s requested increase to customer rates, O&M expenses have been increased by $17,000 for water and $44,000 for wastewater. Based on these adjustments, we approve an O&M expense of $68,683 ($58,947 - $7,264 + $17,000) for water and $95,683 ($58,947 - $7,264 + $44,000) for wastewater.

**Net Depreciation Expense**

The Utility reflected depreciation expense, net of CIAC amortization, of $107,104 for water and $111,490 for wastewater. No adjustments to water depreciation expense are necessary. Based on our adjustments to wastewater rate base, a corresponding adjustment shall be made to decrease net depreciation expense by $7,210 for wastewater. As such, we approve a net depreciation expense of $107,104 for water and $104,280 ($111,490 - $7,264) for wastewater.

**Amortization Expense**

North Lake reflected amortization expense balances of $255 for water and $255 for wastewater to reflect amortization of organization costs. We made no adjustments to North Lake’s calculations. As such, we approve an amortization expense of $255 for both water and wastewater.

**Taxes Other than Income**

In its filing, North Lake included taxes other than income (TOTI) expense of $68,372 for water and $52,497 for wastewater. North Lake’s calculation of proposed property tax expense for each system was based on the Lake County millage rate from 2023. We recalculated the property tax expense for each system using the most recent millage rate. Therefore, an adjustment shall be made to increase property tax by $7,776 for water and $2,805 for wastewater. As such, we approve a total TOTI expense of $77,254 for water and $56,625 for wastewater.

**Revenue Requirement**

The Utility’s projected revenues include O&M expenses, net depreciation expenses, taxes other than income, as well as a return on investment. As a limited liability company North Lake has no income tax expense. The Utility proposed revenue requirements for water and wastewater of $487,143 and $427,771, respectively. We approve adjusted revenue requirements of $511,715 for water and $457,178 for wastewater to be used to set initial rates for service. The calculation of North Lake’s projected water and wastewater revenue requirements are shown on Schedule Nos. 3-A and 3-B, respectively. Our adjustments are shown on Schedule 3-C.

**Rates and Rate Structure**

North Lake’s proposed rates are in accordance with Rule 25-30.033(2), F.A.C., which requires that a base facility charge (BFC) and usage rate structure, as defined in Rule 25-30.437(6), F.A.C., be utilized for metered service. The Utility’s proposed rates were designed to generate the Utility’s requested revenue requirements of $487,143 for its water system and $427,771 for its wastewater system.

We approve water rates on Schedule No. 4-A that reflect our approved revenue requirement of $511,715 for the water system less projected miscellaneous revenues of $3,375. The Utility projects an average residential consumption of approximately 9,125 gallons per month. The Utility proposed a residential rate structure consisting of a BFC and two-tier inclining blocks with rate blocks of 1) 0-7,000 gallons and 2) all usage in excess of 7,000 gallons per month. The Utility’s proposed rate structure for the general service water customers consists of a BFC and uniform gallonage charge rate structure. The Utility proposed water rates to allow recovery of 50 percent of the water revenues through the BFC. It is our practice to allow recovery of no more than 40 percent of water revenues through the BFC, with the exception of a seasonal customer base. In this case, North Lake’s customer base will be non-seasonal. However, in response to our staff’s second data request, the Utility indicated that it had no objection to a different allocation of the revenues through the BFC. Therefore, we approve that the water rates recovery of 40 percent of the water revenues through the BFC. We find that the subsequent rate structure is consistent and reasonable with our methodology in determining the water rate structure.

The approved wastewater rates on Schedule No. 4-B reflect a revenue requirement of $457,178 for the wastewater system less projected miscellaneous revenues of $3,375. The Utility’s proposed wastewater rate structure consists of a BFC and uniform gallonage charge rate structure for its residential and general service customers. The residential wastewater rate includes a gallonage cap of 10,000 gallons. The Utility proposed recovering 50 percent of the revenues through the BFC. We find that the Utility’s proposed wastewater rate structure is reasonable and consistent with our methodology in determining wastewater rate structures and rates.

Based on the above, we find that the water and wastewater rates, shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B, are reasonable and are hereby approved. The approved rates shall be effective for services rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding.

**Conclusion**

We find that the water and wastewater rates, shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B, are reasonable and are hereby approved. The overall cost of capital shall be set at 8.42 percent. An ROE of 8.66 percent with a range of 100 basis points shall also be approved. The approved rates shall be effective for services rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding.

1. **North Lake’s Requested Initial Customer Deposits**

Rule 25-30.311, F.A.C., contains criteria for collecting, administering, and refunding customer deposits. Rule 25-30.311(1), F.A.C., requires that each company’s tariff shall contain its specific criteria for determining the amount of initial deposits. The Utility requested initial customer deposits of $175 for water and $152 for wastewater for the residential 5/8” x 3/4” meter size and two times the average estimated monthly bill for all others. Customer deposits are designed to minimize the exposure of bad debt expense for the Utility and, ultimately, the general body of rate payers. In addition, collection of customer deposits is consistent with one of the fundamental principles of rate making which ensures that the cost of providing service is recovered from the cost causer.

Rule 25-30.311(7), F.A.C., authorizes utilities to collect new or additional deposits from existing customers not to exceed an amount equal to the average actual charge for water and/or wastewater service for two billing periods for the 12-month period immediately prior to the date of notice. The two billing periods reflect the lag time between the customer’s usage and the Utility’s collection of the revenues associated with that usage. Our practice has been to set initial customer deposits equal to two months’ bills based on the average consumption for a 12-month period for each class of customers. Based on the billing determinants and average residential bill provided in the application, our staff determined that the anticipated average residential usage will be approximately 9,125 gallons per month for both water and wastewater. Consequently, the average residential monthly bill will be approximately $92.69 for water and $88.88 for wastewater service, based on our approved rates.

Based on the above, the appropriate initial customer deposits are $185 for water and $178 for wastewater service for the residential 5/8″ x 3/4″ meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes shall be two times the average estimated bill. The approved initial customer deposits shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding.

1. **Service Availability Charges for North Lake**

North Lake requested a plant capacity charge of $2,000 per ERC for the Utility’s water system and $3,000 per ERC for the wastewater system. The Utility’s proposed ERC is 300 gallons per day (gpd) for water and 250 gpd for wastewater. The Utility’s requested charges are in compliance with Rule 25-30.580, F.A.C., in that at design capacity the CIAC will not be in excess of 75 percent, and will not be less than the percentage of facilities and plant represented by the distribution and collection systems.

Rule 25-30.580(1)(a), F.A.C., provides that the maximum amount of CIAC, net of amortization, should not exceed 75 percent of the total original cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of the Utility's facilities and plant when the facilities and plant are at their design capacity. The maximum guideline is designed to ensure that the Utility retains an investment in the system. Rule 25-30.580(1)(b), F.A.C., provides that the minimum amount of CIAC should not be less than the percentage of such facilities and plant that is represented by the distribution and collection systems.

The Utility’s proposed service availability policy states that the developer will install all infrastructure and the developer/customer will pay the applicable service availability charges. The Utility did not propose a main extension charge because the water distribution and wastewater collection lines are being donated by the developer. The service availability charges are subsequently discussed.

A plant capacity charge allows the Utility to recover each customer’s pro rata share of the cost of treatment facilities and stay within the guidelines prescribed in Rule 25-30.580, F.A.C., which provides minimum and maximum guidelines for designing service availability charges. The Utility proposed plant capacity charges of $2,000 for water and $3,000 for wastewater, which result in contribution levels of 54 percent for water and 66 percent for wastewater. The contribution levels are within the guideline provided in the rule and will allow North Lake to maintain an appropriate level of investment in its system.

Based on the above, the appropriate service availability charges are the Utility’s proposed plant capacity charges of $2,000 per ERC for the water system and $3,000 per ERC for the wastewater system. The plant capacity charges per ERC shall be based on 300 gpd for water and 250 gpd for wastewater. The approved charges shall be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding.

1. **Temporary Meter Deposits**

North Lake requested a temporary meter deposit for general service customers consistent with Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C., which allows the Utility to charge an applicant a reasonable charge to defray the costs of installing and removing facilities and materials for temporary service. This deposit would be collected from commercial entities requesting a temporary meter for construction activities. Once the temporary meter service is terminated, North Lake will credit the customer with the reasonable salvage value of the service facilities and materials consistent with Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C.

Based on the above, the Utility’s requested temporary meter deposit for general service customers at actual cost pursuant to Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C., is reasonable and is hereby approved. The approved deposit shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. North Lake shall be required to collect the approved deposit, which covers the anticipated costs of installing and removing facilities and materials for temporary service, until authorized to change it by us in a subsequent proceeding.

1. **Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing Charge**

The Utility requested a backflow prevention assembly testing charge to recover the costs the Utility would incur for performing annual testing on behalf of non-compliant commercial customers. The basis for the Utility’s request for a backflow prevention assembly testing charge is an agreement through a third party vendor. It is the responsibility of the customer to annually test their backflow prevention assembly. The Utility would only administer this charge if a general service customer fails to test their backflow prevention device in accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requirements. This charge would be imposed after a 30 day notice to the customer and would include an estimate of the amount that will be charged. This noticing period will provide the customer a final opportunity to come into compliance before North Lake performs the necessary testing on the customer’s behalf. The Utility is requesting this charge at actual cost in order to pass on the amount it will incur from a contractor performing the necessary testing. We find the Utility’s requested charge is reasonable.

Based on the above, the Utility’s requested backflow prevention assembly testing charge for general service customers at actual cost is hereby approved. The approved charge shall be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. North Lake shall be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by us in a subsequent proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC is hereby granted Certificate Nos. 683-W and 583-S to service the territory described in Attachment A, which is appended to this order, effective the day of our vote, August 8, 2024. This Order shall serve as North Lake’s water and wastewater certificates and it shall be retained by the Utility. It is further

ORDERED that the water and wastewater rates, shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B, are reasonable and are hereby approved. The overall cost of capital shall be set at 8.42 percent. An ROE of 8.66 percent with a range of 100 basis points shall also be approved. The approved rates shall be effective for services rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that the appropriate initial customer deposits are $185 for water and $178 for wastewater service for the residential 5/8″ x 3/4″ meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes shall be two times the average estimated bill. The approved initial customer deposits shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the appropriate service availability charges are the Utility’s proposed plant capacity charges of $2,000 per ERC for the water system and $3,000 per ERC for the wastewater system. The plant capacity charges per ERC shall be based on 300 gpd for water and 250 gpd for wastewater. The approved charges shall be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility shall be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by us in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that the Utility’s requested temporary meter deposit for general service customers at actual cost pursuant to Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C., is reasonable and is hereby approved. The approved deposit shall be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. North Lake shall be required to collect the approved deposit, which covers the anticipated costs of installing and removing facilities and materials for temporary service, until authorized to change it by us in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that the Utility’s requested backflow prevention assembly testing charge for general service customers at actual cost is hereby approved. The approved charge shall be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. North Lake shall be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by us in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the “Notice of Further Proceedings” attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open for our staff’s verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by our staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket shall be closed administratively.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 28th day of August, 2024.

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|  | /s/ Adam J. Teitzman |
|  | ADAM J. TEITZMAN  Commission Clerk |

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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DISSENT

Commissioner Andrew Fay dissents from the Commission’s decision.

NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

As identified in the body of this order, the action discussed herein, except for granting Certificate Nos. 683-W and 583-S, is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on September 18, 2024. If such a petition is filed, mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective and final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: (1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC**

Lake County

Water and Wastewater Service Area

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

(WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICES)

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 15 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA;

BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22 FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°14'57" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THAT CERTAIN QUIT CLAIM DEED, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5263, PAGE 681, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 670.22 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 48 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN THE FOLLOWING 3 COURSES ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE: NORTH 23°24'43" WEST, 1,531.02 FEET; SOUTH 66°37'55" WEST, 16.97 FEET, NORTH 20°18'28" WEST, 226.54 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 48, RUN THE FOLLOWNG 3 COURSES ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LIME AVENUE: NORTH 20°34'23" WEST, 201.94 FEET; NORTH 20°00'00" WEST, 317.00 FEET; NORTH 19°50'21" WEST, 405.83 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4470, PAGE 2292, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN NORTH 69°59'13" EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 210.05 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUIT CLAIM DEED; THENCE RUN SOUTH 19°51'32" EAST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 406.34 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, A.J. PHARES YALAHA SUBDIVISION AS REFERENCED ON THE MAP OF DRAKE POINT PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 19 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN NORTH 70°07'30" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 622.19 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4452, PAGE 673, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN NORTH 02°08'18" EAST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 961.62 FEET TO A POINT ON THE 62.5 FOOT CONTOUR LINE, BEING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SAFE UPLAND LINE OF THE WATERS OF LAKE HARRIS; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID “SAFE UPLAND” LINE CONTOUR BEING APPROXIMATED BY THE FOLLOWING COURSES: SOUTH 48°13'31" EAST, 171.61 FEET; SOUTH 30°28'21" EAST, 198.50 FEET; SOUTH 89°28'36" EAST, 214.54 FEET; SOUTH 75°33'09" EAST, 163.02 FEET; SOUTH 64°37'20" EAST, 195.83 FEET; SOUTH 81°24'01" EAST, 185.82 FEET; SOUTH 83°21'55" EAST, 150.78 FEET; NORTH 82°35'47" EAST, 145.75 FEET; NORTH 88°37'02" EAST, 289.27 FEET; NORTH 82°48'31" EAST, 99.43 FEET; SOUTH 72°51'05" EAST, 124.28 FEET; SOUTH 49°04'35" EAST, 589.31 FEET; SOUTH 68°28'09" EAST, 696.95 FEET; SOUTH 83°52'42" EAST, 390.31 FEET; NORTH 79°30'03" EAST, 312.29 FEET; SOUTH 77°09'39" EAST, 405.31 FEET; SOUTH 64°24'04" EAST, 290.41 FEET; SOUTH 18°43'07" EAST, 72.17 FEET; SOUTH 32°23'54" WEST, 158.54 FEET; SOUTH 47°59'25" WEST, 306.08 FEET; SOUTH 34°28'28" WEST, 160.69 FEET; SOUTH 22°19'42" WEST, 170.42 FEET; SOUTH 02°47'59" EAST, 173.67 FEET; SOUTH 24°39'51" WEST, 379.39 FEET; SOUTH 20°53'09" WEST, 129.67 FEET; SOUTH 10°47'41" WEST, 262.36 FEET; SOUTH 04°51'48" WEST, 356.75 FEET; SOUTH 06°43'37" WEST, 125.96 FEET, POINT BEING 100.00 FEET EASTERLY OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID SECTION 22; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°32'11" WEST, 100.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID SECTION 22; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°32'11" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 1,350.44 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE, RUN SOUTH 40°37'42"

WEST, 987.97 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01°02'44" WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 578.78 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°13'56" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 47.47 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A DITCH; THENCE RUN THE FOLLOWING 7 COURSES ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID DITCH: SOUTH 31°25'16" WEST, 1.75 FEET; SOUTH 62°36'34" WEST, 98.66 FEET; SOUTH 34°07'05" WEST, 113.15 FEET; SOUTH 67°31'03" WEST, 41.43 FEET; SOUTH 72°42'59" WEST, 159.42 FEET; SOUTH 65°14'08" WEST, 143.37 FEET; SOUTH 76°24'55" WEST, 72.29 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFORESAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 48, SAID POINT IS LYING ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NON-TANGENT CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5,679.57 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°34'40", AN ARC LENGTH OF 354.66 FEET, A CHORD LENGTH OF 354.60 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 24°58'35" WEST TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 23°24'43" WEST NON-TANGENT TO SAID CURVE, 1,423.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND LIES IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CONTAINS 294.311 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Authorizes**

**North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC**

**pursuant to**

**Certificate Number 683-W**

to provide water service in Lake County in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and the Rule, regulations, and Orders of this Commission in the territory described by the Orders of this Commission. This authorization shall remain in force and effect until superseded, suspended, cancelled or revoked by Order of this Commission.

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**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Authorizes**

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**pursuant to**

**Certificate Number 583-S**

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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | | **Schedule No. 1-A** | |
| **Schedule of Water Rate Base** | |  | **20240023-WS** | |
| **80% Design Capacity** | |  |  |  |
|  | **Description** | **Test Year** | **Comm.** | **Comm.** |
|  | **Per** | **Adjust-** | **Adjusted** |
|  | **Utility** | **ments** | **Test Year** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Plant in Service | $6,597,287 | $356,000 | $6,953,287 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Land and Land Rights | 425,000 | 0 | 425,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Accumulated Depreciation | (874,656) | (44,353) | (919,009) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | CIAC | (3,431,203) | (356,000) | (3,787,203) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Amortization of CIAC | 343,815 | 44,100 | 387,915 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Working Capital Allowance | 7,368 | 1,217 | 8,585 |
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| 7 | **Rate Base** | $3,067,611 | $964 | $3,068,575 |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | | | **Schedule No. 1-B** | | |
| **Schedule of Wastewater Rate Base** | | | | **20240023-WS** | | |
| **80% Design Capacity** | | | |  | |  |
|  | **Description** | **Test Year** | **Comm.** | | **Comm.** | |
|  | **Per** | **Adjust-** | | **Adjusted** | |
|  | **Utility** | **ments** | | **Test Year** | |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |
| 1 | Plant in Service | $6,770,776 | $0 | | $6,770,776 | |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |
| 2 | Land and Land Rights | 425,000 | 0 | | 425,000 | |
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| 3 | Accumulated Depreciation | (1,056,162) | 4,118 | | (1,052,044) | |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |
| 4 | CIAC | (4,127,925) | (143,750) | | (4,271,675) | |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |
| 5 | Amortization of CIAC | 466,762 | 28,076 | | 494,838 | |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |
| 6 | Working Capital Allowance | 7,368 | 4,592 | | 11,960 | |
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| 7 | **Rate Base** | $2,485,819 | ($106,965) | | $2,378,855 | |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | **Schedule No. 1-C** | | |
| **Adjustments to Rate Base** | | **20240023-WS** | | |
| **80% Design Capacity** | |  |  |  |
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|  | **Explanation** | **Water** | **Wastewater** |  |
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|  | **Plant In Service** |  |  |  |
|  | To reflect appropriate amount for meters. | $356,000 | $0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Accumulated Depreciation** |  |  |  |
|  | To reflect appropriate amount for meters. | ($44,100) | $0 |  |
|  | To reflect appropriate calculation of accumulated depreciation. | (253) | 4,118 |  |
|  | **Total** | ($44,353) | $4,118 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **CIAC** |  |  |  |
|  | To reflect appropriate level of CIAC. | ($356,000) | ($143,750) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Accumulated Amortization of CIAC** |  |  |  |
|  | To reflect appropriate level of accumulated amortization of CIAC. | $44,100 | $28,076 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Working Capital** | $1,217 | $4,592 |  |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC**  **Capital Structure-13-Month Average**  **80% Design Capacity** | | | |  | | |  | | |  | | | **Schedule No. 2** | | | | | |
|  | | |  | | |  | | | **20240023-WS** | | | | | |
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|  | **Description** | **Total Capital** | **Specific** | **Subtotal** | | | **Pro rata** | **Capital** | **Ratio** | | | **Cost Rate** | | **Weighted Cost** | | | |  | |
|  | **Adjustments** | **Adjusted** | | | **Adjust-** | **Reconciled** |  | |
|  |  | **Capital** | | | **ments** | **to Rate Base** |  | |
| **Per Commission** | |  |  |  | | |  |  |  | | |  | |  | | | |  | |
| 1 | Long-term Debt | $0 | $0 | $0 | | | $0 | $0 | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | | |  | |
| 2 | Short-term Debt | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | | |  | |
| 3 | Preferred Stock | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | | |  | |
| 4 | Common Equity | 5,281,481 | 0 | 5,281,481 | | | (28,571) | 5,252,910 | 96.43% | | | 8.66% | | 8.35% | | | |  | |
| 5 | Customer Deposits | 271,950 | (77,430) | 194,520 | | | 0 | 194,520 | 3.57% | | | 2.01% | | 0.07% | | | |  | |
| 6 | Tax Credits-Zero Cost | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | | |  | |
| 7 | Deferred Income Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | | |  | |
| 8 | **Total Capital** | $5,553,431 | ($77,430) | $5,476,001 | | | ($28,571) | $5,447,430 | 100.00% | | |  | | 8.42% | | | |  | |
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|  |  |  |  |  | | |  | | |  | | | **LOW** | | **HIGH** |  |  | |
|  |  |  |  |  | | RETURN ON EQUITY | | | | |  | | 7.66% | | 9.66% |  |  | |
|  |  |  |  |  | OVERALL RATE OF RETURN | | | | |  | | | 7.46% | | 9.39% |  |  | |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | | | | **Schedule No. 3-A** | | |
| **Statement of Water Operations** | | | | | **20240023-WS** | | |
| **80% of Design Capacity** | | | | |  |  |  |
|  | **Description** | **Proposed Per Utility** | **Comm. Adjust- ments** | **Comm. Adjusted** | **Revenue Increase** | **Revenue Requirement** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | **Operating Revenues:** | $487,143 | $0 | $487,143 | $24,572 | $511,715 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Operating Expenses** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Operation & Maintenance | $58,947 | 9,736 | $68,683 |  | $68,683 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Depreciation | 107,104 | 0 | 107,104 |  | 107,104 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Amortization | 255 | 0 | 255 |  | 255 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Taxes Other Than Income | 68,372 | 7,776 | 76,148 | 1,106 | 77,254 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Income Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | **Total Operating Expense** | 234,678 | 17,512 | 252,190 | 1,106 | 253,296 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | **Operating Income** | $252,465 | ($17,512) | $234,953 | $23,466 | $258,419 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | **Rate Base** | $3,067,611 |  | $3,068,575 |  | $3,068,575 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | **Rate of Return** | 8.23% |  | 7.66% |  | 8.42% |  |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | | | | **Schedule No. 3-B** | | | |
| **Statement of Wastewater Operations** | | |  | **20240023-WS** | | | | |
| **80% of Design Capacity** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Description** | **Adjusted Test Year Per Utility** | | **Comm. Adjust- ments** | **Comm. Adjusted Test Year** | **Revenue Increase** | **Revenue Requirement** |  |
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| 1 | **Operating Revenues:** | $427,771 | | $0 | $427,771 | $29,407 | $457,178 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Operating Expenses** |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Operation & Maintenance | $58,947 | | $36,736 | $95,683 |  | $95,683 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Depreciation | 111,490 | | (7,210) | 104,280 |  | 104,280 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Amortization | 255 | | 0 | 255 |  | 255 |  |
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| 5 | Taxes Other Than Income | 52,497 | | 2,805 | 55,302 | 1,323 | 56,625 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | **Total Operating Expense** | 223,189 | | 32,331 | 255,520 | 1,323 | 256,843 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | **Operating Income** | $204,582 | | ($32,331) | $172,251 | $28,083 | $200,334 |  |
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| 8 | **Rate Base** | $2,485,819 | |  | $2,378,855 |  | $2,378,855 |  |
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| 9 | **Rate of Return** | 8.23% | |  | 7.24% |  | 8.42% |  |
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| **North Lake County Water & Sewer Company LLC** | | **Schedule No. 3-C** | | | | | |
| **Adjustments to Operating Income** | | **20240023-WS** | | | | | |
| **80% Design Capacity** | |  | |  | |  | |
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|  | **Explanation** | | **Water** | | **Wastewater** | |  | |
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|  | **Operation and Maintenance Expense** | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | To reflect correct amount of Contractual Services - Billing expense. | | ($7,264) | | ($7,264) | |  | |
|  | To reflect OPC’s requested increase to customer rates. | | 17,000 | | 44,000 | |  | |
|  | **Total** | | $9,736 | | $36,736 | |  | |
|  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | **Depreciation Expense - Net** | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | To reflect correct calculation of depreciate expense. | | $0 | | ($971) | |  | |
|  | To reflect appropriate depreciate expense for meters. | | 16,000 | | $0 | |  | |
|  | To reflect appropriate accumulated amortization for meters & lift stations. | | (16,000) | | (6,239) | |  | |
|  | **Total** | | ($0) | | ($7,210) | |  | |
|  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | **Amortization-Other Expense** | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | To reclassify amortization expense to depreciation expense. | | $0 | | $0 | |  | |
|  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | **Taxes Other Than Income** | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | To reflect the most current millage rate for property tax calculation | | $7,776 | | $2,805 | |  | |
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| **NORTH LAKE COUNTY WATER & SEWER COMPANY, LLC.** |  | **SCHEDULE NO. 4-A** |
| **MONTHLY WATER RATES** | **DOCKET NO. 20240023-WS** | |
|  | **UTILITY** | **COMM.** |
|  | **REQUESTED** | **APPROVED** |
|  | **RATES** | **RATES** |
|  |  |  |
| **Residential Service and General Service** |  |  |
| Base Facility Charge by Meter Size |  |  |
| 5/8" x 3/4" | $43.82 | $36.66 |
| 3/4" | $65.73 | $54.99 |
| 1" | $109.55 | $91.65 |
| 1-1/2" | $219.10 | $183.30 |
| 2" | $350.56 | $293.28 |
| 3" Turbine | $766.85 | $641.55 |
|  |  |  |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons - Residential Service |  |  |
| 0- 7,000 gallons | $4.59 | $5.80 |
| Over 7,000 gallons | $5.74 | $7.26 |
|  |  |  |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service | $4.77 | $6.03 |
|  |  |  |
| **Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison** | |  |
| 3,000 Gallons | $57.59 | $54.06 |
| 6,000 Gallons | $71.36 | $71.46 |
| 9,000 Gallons | $87.43 | $91.78 |
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| **NORTH LAKE COUNTY WATER & SEWER COMPANY, LLC.** | |  | **SCHEDULE NO. 4-B** |
| **MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES** | **DOCKET NO. 20240023-WS** | | |
|  | **UTILITY** | | **COMM.** |
|  | **REQUESTED** | | **APPROVED** |
|  | **RATES** | | **RATES** |
|  |  | |  |
| **Residential Service** |  | |  |
| Base Facility Charge- All Meter Sizes | $38.44 | | $40.97 |
|  |  | |  |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons- Residential | $4.91 | | $5.25 |
| 10,000 gallon cap |  | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| **General Service** |  | |  |
| Base Facility Charge by Meter Size |  | |  |
| 5/8" x 3/4" | $38.44 | | $40.97 |
| 3/4" | $57.66 | | $61.45 |
| 1" | $96.10 | | $102.43 |
| 1-1/2" Turbine | $192.21 | | $204.85 |
| 2" Turbine | $307.53 | | $327.76 |
| 3" Turbine | $672.73 | | $716.98 |
|  |  | |  |
| Charge per 1,000 gallons - General Service | $5.89 | | $6.29 |
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|  |  | |  |
| **Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison** | | |  |
| 3,000 Gallons | $56.11 | | $56.72 |
| 6,000 Gallons | $73.78 | | $72.47 |
| 10,000 Gallons | $91.45 | | $93.47 |
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1. Document No. 00293-2024, filed January 23, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Document No. 00847-2024, filed February 22, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Document No. 01010-2024, filed March 04, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Document No. 01162-2024, filed March 14, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Document No. 01206-2024, filed March 18, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Document No. 01322-2024, filed March 26, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Document No. 02512-2024, filed April 29, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. Due to Tropical Storm Debby, the Commission Conference scheduled for August 6, 2024, was rescheduled to August 8, 2024. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Document No. 01010-2024, filed March 4, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Document No. 07721-2024, filed July 22, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Order No. PSC-2022-0437-PAA-WS, issued December 27, 2022, in Docket No. 20220088-WS, *In re: Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service and approval of initial rates and charges in Sumter County, by Middleton Utility Company, LLC;* Order Nos. PSC-17-0059-PAA-WS, issued February 24, 2017, in Docket No. 20160220-WS, *In re: Application for original water and wastewater certificates in Sumter County, by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC.;* PSC-13-0484-FOF-WS, issued October 15, 2013, in Docket No. 20130105-WS, *In re: Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Hendry and Collier Counties, by Consolidated Services of Hendry & Collier, LLC;* and PSC-12-0224-PAA-WS, issued April 30, 2012, in Docket No. 20090445-WS, *In re: Application for original certificates for proposed water and wastewater system and request for initial rates and charges in Indian River, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties by Grove Land Utilities, LLC.* [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Document No. 07141-2024, filed July 1, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Document No. 03836-2024, filed May 22, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Document No. 03014-2024, filed May 14, 2024, in Docket No. 20240023-WS. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Order No. PSC-2022-0437-PAA-WS, issued December 27, 2022, in Docket No. 20220088-WS, *In re: Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service and approval of initial rates and charges in Sumter County, by Middleton Utility Company, LLC. p. 6.* [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Order No. PSC-2023-0189=PAA-WS, issued June 28, 2023, in Docket No. 20230006-WS, *In re:* *Water and wastewater industry annual reestablishment of authorized range of return on common equity for water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(f), F.S.* [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Order No. PSC-2022-0404-PAA-WS, issued November 21, 2022, in Docket No. 20200185-WS, *In re: Application for certificated to provide water and wastewater services in Lake and Sumter Counties, by Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC.*; Order No. PSC-2022-0437-PAA-WS, issued December 27, 2022, in Docket No. 20220088-WS, *In re: Application for certificated to provide water and wastewater services and approval of initial rates and changes in Sumter County, by Middleton Utility Company, LLC.* [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Order No. PSC-2024-0189-PAA-WS, issued May, 22, 2024, in Docket No. 20240006-WS, *In re:* *Water and wastewater industry annual reestablishment of authorized range of return on common equity for water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(f), F.S. p. 5.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-17)