

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificate to provide
wastewater service in Charlotte County by
Environmental Utilities, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

DATED: January 7, 2025

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2024-0324-PCO-SU, filed August 12, 2024, modified by Order No. PSC-2024-0443-PCO-SU, filed October 14, 2024, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Has Environmental Utilities met the filing and noticing requirements pursuant to Rules 25-30.030 and 25-30.033, Florida Administrative Code?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for service in EU's proposed service territory?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: Is EU's application consistent with Charlotte County's Comprehensive Plan and/or Sewer Master Plan?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Will the certification of EU result in the creation of a utility which will be in competition with or duplication of any other system?

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POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Does EU have the financial ability to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Does EU have the technical ability to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Will EU have sufficient plant capacity to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 8: Has EU provided evidence that it has continued use of the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are or will be located?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 9: Is it in the public interest for EU to be granted a wastewater certificate for the territory proposed in its application?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What is the appropriate return on equity for EU?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What are the appropriate rates and rate structures for EU?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for EU?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 13: What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for EU?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 14: What are the appropriate service availability charges for EU?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 15: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to any witness qualifications as an expert.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2024-0324-PCO-SU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of January, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with
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electronic mail this 7th day of January, 2025:

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