

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20240011-WU – Application for certificate to provide water service in St. Johns County, by Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the application of Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc. for a water certificate be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should grant Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc. Certificate No. 686-W to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated February 20, 2025, effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as Riverdale’s water certificate and it should be retained by the Utility. Further, the Utility should file a copy of its recorded deed in the docket file within 60 days of the issuance of the order granting the certificate.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate water rates and return on investment for Riverdale?

Recommendation: Staff’s recommended water rates, shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff’s memorandum dated February 20, 2025, are reasonable and should be approved. The approved rates should 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 should be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The overall cost of capital should be set at 8.64 percent. A return on equity (ROE) of 10.23 percent with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points should also be approved.

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Issue 3: Should Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc.’s requested initial customer deposits be approved?

Recommendation: No. The appropriate initial customer deposit is \$324 for water service for the residential 5/8" x 3/4" meter size. The initial customer deposits for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should 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 should be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 4: What are the appropriate service availability charges for Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc.?

Recommendation: The appropriate service availability charges are shown on Table 4-1 of staff’s memorandum dated February 20, 2025 and should be approved. The recommended main extension and plant capacity charges should be based on an estimated 250 gallons per day (gpd) of water demand. The approved charges should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: Should the temporary meter deposit requested by Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. 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 should be approved. The approved temporary meter deposit should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Riverdale should 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 the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 6: Should Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc.’s request for a meter tampering charge be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility’s request for meter tampering charge at actual cost should be approved. The approved charge should 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. The Utility should be required to charge its approved charge until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 7: What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for Riverdale Utility Holding, Inc.?

Recommendation: The appropriate miscellaneous service charges are shown on Table 7-3 of staff’s memorandum dated February 20, 2025 and should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved miscellaneous service charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 8: 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, the utility has verified in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision, and that the utility has submitted the executed and recorded warranty deed within 60 days of the Commission's Order.

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