

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 16

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20240116-WU – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County by Hash Utilities, LLC. (Lucky Hills Water System)

Issue 1: Should Hash Utilities, LLC’s application for a grandfather water certificate in Citrus County for its Lucky Hills water system be acknowledged?

Recommendation: Yes. Lucky Hills’ application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be granted Certificate No. 691-W, effective May 28, 2024, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated April 24, 2025. The resultant order should serve as Lucky Hills’ certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

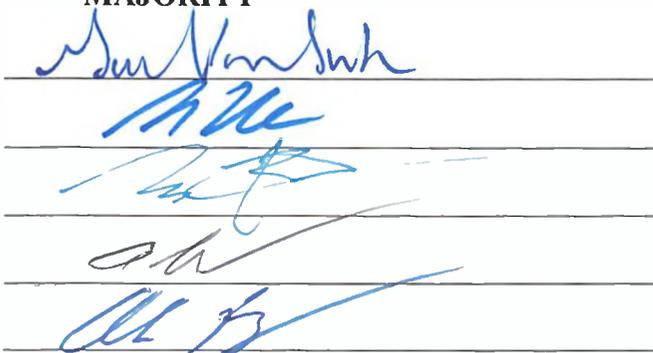
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What rates, charges, and deposits should be approved for Lucky Hills Water System?

Recommendation: Of the Utility's rates, charges, and deposits that were in effect when Citrus County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, only the rates, charges, and initial customer deposit shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated April 24, 2025 are appropriate and should be approved. In addition, the Utility's existing Violation Reconnection Charge, Late Payment Charges, and NSF Charge should be approved. These charges, as well as the rate, charges, and initial customer deposit shown in Schedule No. 1 should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates, charges, and initial customer deposit shown in Schedule No. 1 until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for Lucky Hills Water System?

Recommendation: With the exception of the Utility's existing Violation Reconnection Charge, Late Payment Charge, and NSF Charge (which are approved in Issue 2), the appropriate miscellaneous service charges shown on Table 3-2 of staff's memorandum dated April 24, 2025, should be approved. The Utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice 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 sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the tariff sheets will be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the proposed customer notice is adequate.

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Issue 4: Did Lucky Hills bill the appropriate rates pursuant to Citrus County Final Order 23-03, if not, what is the appropriate action?

Recommendation: The Utility did not bill the appropriate rates pursuant to Citrus County Final Order 23-03. Staff recommends that a docket be opened to investigate the Utility's billing practices and determine the appropriate action.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once this action is complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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