

VOTE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 980695-WS - Disposition of gross-up funds collected by Lake Grove Utilities, Inc. in Lake County.

Issue 1: Should Lake Groves Utilities, Inc. be required to refund excess gross-up collections for 1996?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility should refund \$16,654 for 1996 plus accrued interest through the date of refund, for gross-up collected in excess of the above-the-line tax liability resulting from the collection of taxable CIAC. According to Orders Nos. 16971 and 23541, all amounts should be refunded on a pro rata basis to those persons who contributed the taxes. The refunds should be completed within 6 months of the effective date of the order. Within 30 days from the date of the refund, the utility should submit copies of canceled checks, credits applied to monthly bills or other evidence that verifies that the utility has made the refunds. Within 30 days from the date of the refund, the utility should also provide a list of unclaimed refunds detailing the contributor and amount, and an explanation of the efforts made to make the refunds.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. Upon expiration of the protest period, this docket should remain open pending staff's verification of refunds. Staff should be given administrative authority to close the docket upon verification that the refunds have been completed, and there are no unclaimed refunds.

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