

VOTE SHEET

November 21, 2006

Docket No. 060253-WS – Application for increase in Water and Wastewater rates in Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.

Issue 1: Should the utility’s proposed final water and wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. UIF’s proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Katrina J. Lee

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J. Terry ...

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility should be authorized to collect annual water and wastewater revenues as indicated below:

<u>County</u>	<u>Adjusted Test Year Revenues</u>	<u>Revenue \$ Increase</u>	<u>Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Orange – Water	\$97,500	\$10,504	\$108,004	10.77%
Pasco – Water	\$586,632	\$210,002	\$796,634	35.80%
Pasco – Wastewater	\$379,088	\$52,229	\$431,317	13.78%
Pinellas – Water	\$76,988	\$37,482	\$114,470	48.69%
Seminole – Water	\$681,344	\$128,491	\$809,835	18.86%
Seminole – Wastewater	\$590,501	\$193,188	\$783,689	32.72%

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The service rates for UIF in effect as of December 31, 2005, should be increased as shown below to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period.

<u>County</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Orange – Water	10.77%
Pasco – Water	35.80 %
Pasco – Wastewater	13.78%
Pinellas – Water	48.69%
Seminole – Water	18.86%
Seminole – Wastewater	32.72%.

The approved rates as shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's November 8, 2006 memorandum should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C., provided the customers have received notice. The rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed and proper notice has been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice.

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Issue 4: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

Recommendation: A corporate undertaking is acceptable contingent upon receipt of the written guarantee of the parent company, Utilities, Inc. (UI), and written confirmation of UI's continued attestation that it does not have any outstanding guarantees on behalf of UI-owned utilities in other states. UI should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of revenues collected under interim conditions. UI's total guarantee should be a cumulative amount of \$1,092,473 which includes an amount of \$373,898 subject to refund in this docket. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C. In no instance should maintenance and administrative costs associated with any refund be borne by the customers. These costs are the responsibility of, and should be borne by, the utility.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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