

VOTE SHEET

March 27, 2007

Docket No. 060368-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.

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

**Recommendation:** Yes. The utility’s proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 2:** Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The appropriate interim revenue requirements are as shown in Attachment A of staff’s March 15, 2007, memorandum.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*Katrina J. McMurrian*  
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**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate interim rates are shown on Schedules No. 4-A and 4-B of staff's March 15, 2007, memorandum for water and wastewater, respectively. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1)(a), F.A.C., provided customers have received notice. The rates should not be implemented until staff verifies that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission decision, the proposed customer notice is adequate, and the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

**APPROVED**

**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, Aqua America, Inc. (Aqua), and written confirmation of Aqua's attestation that ~~it does not have any outstanding~~ guarantees on behalf of Aqua-owned utilities in other states. Aqua should be required to file a corporate undertaking on behalf of its subsidiaries to guarantee any potential refunds of revenues collected under interim conditions. Aqua's total guarantee should be an amount of \$2,671,026. 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.

*the amount of  
Aqua*

*is capped at 40 million.*

**APPROVED**

*with noted modifications.*

**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.

**APPROVED**