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November 20, 2007

Docket No. 070627-WU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lake County by Raintree Utilities, Inc.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should Raintree's proposed water plant capacity charge of \$2,900 per residential connection be approved on an temporary basis?

Recommendation: Yes. Raintree's proposed water plant capacity charge of \$2,900 per residential connection should be approved on a temporary basis, subject to refund, for connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), Florida Administrative Code.

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<u>Issue 2</u>: If the temporary charges are approved, what is the appropriate security to guarantee the temporary increase?

Recommendation: Raintree should be required to file an escrow agreement to guarantee the amount of plant capacity charges collected subject to refund. Pursuant to an escrow agreement, Raintree would be required to deposit the monthly amount of plant capacity charges collected, until completion of this investigation. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should be required to provide a report by the 20th day of each month indicating the monthly and total amount of plant capacity charges collected subject to refund as of the end of the preceding month. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.

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Issue 3: 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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