#### **VOTE SHEET**

### October 28, 2008

**Docket No. 080247-SU** – Application for increase in wastewater rates in Lee County by Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge.

**Issue 1**: Should the utility's proposed final wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Eagle Ridge's proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

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<u>Issue 2</u>: Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

Recommendation: Yes, the Utility should be authorized to collect annual wastewater revenues as indicated below:

Adjusted TestRevenueYear Revenues\$ IncreaseRequirement% IncreaseWastewater\$795,355\$246,392\$1,041,74730.98%

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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<u>Issue 3</u>: What are the appropriate interim wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The wastewater service rates for Eagle Ridge in effect as of December 31, 2007, should be increased by 31.01 percent to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period. 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), Florida Administrative Code (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.

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<u>Issue 4</u>: 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 equal to the outstanding amount of \$528,209 plus the amount approved by the Commission in this docket and Docket Nos. 080248-SU, 080249-WS, and 080250-SU. 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.

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**Issue 5**: Should the 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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