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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. to establish residential wastewater only rates.

DOCKET NO. 120157-WS ORDER NO. PSC-12-0662-TRF-WS ISSUED: December 19, 2012

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

RONALD A. BRISÉ, Chairman LISA POLAK EDGAR ART GRAHAM EDUARDO E. BALBIS JULIE I. BROWN

ORDER APPROVING RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER ONLY RATES

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUF or Utility) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aqua America, Inc. (AAI). AUF is a Class A utility providing water and wastewater service to 58 water and 27 wastewater systems in 17 counties under our jurisdiction. Water and wastewater rates were last established for this Utility in Docket No. 100330-WS. In that case, AUF requested approval of uniform residential wastewater only (RWO) service rates for all systems included in its filing. In the alternative, RWO rates were calculated for customers on a per service area basis. By Order No. PSC-12-0259-FOF-WS, we approved a capband rate structure for AUF, including two residential rate bands and one general service rate band for the Utility's wastewater customers, and RWO rates for service areas having existing RWO customers. We further established RWO rates for those systems within wastewater rate bands 1 and 2 which had existing RWO customers. These systems were the Valencia Terrace system in rate band 1, the Sunny Hills and Zephyr Shores systems in rate band 2, and the Lake Gibson Estates system in rate band 3. For those areas with no RWO customers, no rate was established.²

Pursuant to Section 367.091(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), a utility may only impose and collect rates and charges approved by us for a particular class of service. Therefore, the Utility has requested that a RWO rate be established that would apply to all systems within each of the two wastewater rate bands which serve residential customers. By Order No. PSC-12-0355-PCO-

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¹ See Order No. PSC-12-0102-FOF-WS, issued March 5, 2012, in Docket No. 100330-WS, In re: Application for increase in water/wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Symter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc.