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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint of K W Resort Utilities Corp. against Monroe County, Florida for alleged entitlement to collect certain capacity reservation fees for excess capacity used. DOCKET NO. 130086-SU ORDER NO. PSC-13-0657-PCO-SU ISSUED: December 12, 2013

## ORDER GRANTING MONROE COUNTY'S FIFTH UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO KW RESORT UTILITIES CORPORATION'S COMPLAINT

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

KW Resort Utilities Corporation's (KWRU) initiated this docket by filing its complaint against Monroe County, Florida (County) with the Commission on April 18, 2013. On May 8, 2013, the County filed an Unopposed Motion for the Extension of Time to Respond to KWRU's Complaint which was granted via Order No. PSC-13-0221-PCO-SU. That order granted the County an extension of time in the amount of 15 days (up to and including June 6, 2013) to file pleadings responsive to the complaint.

On June 3, 2013, the County filed its Second Unopposed Motion for the Extension of Time to Respond to KWRU's Complaint (Motion). In its Motion the County specified that the parties are actively pursuing settlement negotiations that have the potential to resolve all issues raised in KWRU's complaint and thereby avoid the need for the County to file pleadings responsive to the complaint. The County was granted the extension of time, via Order No. PSC-13-0255-PCO-SU on June 7, 2013, in the amount of 30 days (up to and including July 8, 2013), to file pleadings responsive to the complaint.

On July 3, 2013, the County filed its Third Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to KWRU's Complaint (Third Motion). The Third Motion specified that the County and KWRU had agreed to the conceptual terms of a settlement that would resolve all issues raised in KWRU's Complaint. The Third Motion further asserted that additional time was necessary to encourage the settlement process and to ensure that the settlement agreement could be reviewed and approved by KWRU's board and the County Commission. The County was granted an additional extension of time of 60 days (up to and including September 6, 2013) in Order No. PSC-13-0310-PCO-SU issued July 10, 2013, to allow the County to file pleadings responsive to the Complaint and to work towards finalizing the settlement.

On September 4, 2013, the County filed its Fourth Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to KWRU's Complaint (Fourth Motion). The Fourth Motion reiterated that the County and KWRU had agreed to the conceptual terms of a settlement that will resolve all issues raised in KWRU's Complaint and thus avoid the need for the County to file pleadings responsive to the Complaint. The Fourth Motion further specified that the County and KWRU are in the

process of finalizing a settlement agreement which will then be subject to approval by KWRU's board and the County Commission. The County was granted an additional extension of time of 90 days (up to and including December 5, 2013) in Order No. PSC-13-0418-PCO-SU issued September 10, 2013, to allow the County file pleadings responsive to the Complaint and to work towards finalizing the settlement.

On December 5, 2013, the County filed its Fifth Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to KWRU's Complaint (Fifth Motion). The Fifth Motion reiterated that the County and KWRU have agreed to the terms of a settlement that will resolve all issues raised in KWRU's Complaint and thus avoid the need for the County to file pleadings responsive to the Complaint. The Fifth Motion further specified that the County and KWRU prepared a settlement agreement which KWRU approved and which the County Commission approved at the County Commission meeting on November 20, 2013. The County is now in the process of formally executing the settlement agreement in accordance with County procedures. The County requested an additional extension of time of 90 days (up to and including March 5, 2014) to allow the parties sufficient time to finalize the settlement.

In consideration of the above and to facilitate the parties' efforts to finalize the settlement, the County's Fifth Motion shall be granted. Thus, the County shall be granted an extension of time in the amount of 90 days (up to and including March 5, 2014) to file pleadings responsive to the complaint.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Art Graham as Prehearing Officer, that Monroe County's Fifth Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond the KW Resort Utilities Corporation's Complaint is hereby granted as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Monroe County shall notify the Commission of the status of their negotiations no later than March 5, 2014.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>12th</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>2013</u>.

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