

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

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Docket No. 130294-WU – Application for transfer of water systems and Certificate No. 579-W in Highlands County from Holmes Utilities, Inc. to Country Walk Utilities, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Holmes Utilities, Inc.’s water system and Certificate No. 579-W to Country Walk Utilities, Inc. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of Holmes’ water system and Certificate No. 579-W to Country Walk is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as the certificate and should be retained by Country Walk. The existing rates and charges should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff pages reflecting the transfer should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Country Walk should be responsible for filing the 2013 Annual Report and paying the 2014 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAFs) and should be responsible for filing all future annual reports and RAFs.


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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners


COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES


MAJORITY

DISSENTING









REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate net book value for the water system as of September 4, 2013?

Recommendation: For transfer purposes, the net book value (NBV) of the water system is \$31,955, as of September 4, 2013. Within 30 days of the date of the final order, Country Walk should be required to provide general ledgers which show its books have been updated to reflect the Commission-approved balances as of September 4, 2013. The adjustments should be reflected in the utility's 2014 Annual Report when filed.

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Issue 3: Should an acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

Recommendation: Yes. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371, F.A.C., a negative acquisition adjustment of \$20,064 for the water system should be recognized for ratemaking purposes. Beginning with the date of the issuance of the order approving the transfer, 50 percent of the negative acquisition adjustment, which is \$10,032, should be amortized over a 7-year period and the remaining 50 percent should be amortized over the remaining life of the assets.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no protest to the proposed agency action is filed by a substantially affected person within 21 days of the date of the order, a consummating order should be issued and the docket should be closed administratively after Country Walk has provided proof that its general ledgers have been updated to reflect the Commission-approved balances as of September 4, 2013.

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