

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 3

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Docket No. 150166-WU – Application for transfer of water system and Certificate No. 654-W in Lake County from Black Bear Reserve Water Corporation to Black Bear Waterworks, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Black Bear Reserve Water Corporation’s water system and Certificate No. 654-W to Black Bear Waterworks, Inc. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of the water system and Certificate No. 654-W is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission vote. The resultant order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The existing rates and charges should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariffs reflecting the transfer should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariffs, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The Seller should be responsible for all Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) payable through the date of closing. The Buyer should be responsible for filing the 2015 Annual Report and all future Annual Reports, and RAFs subsequent to the date of closing.

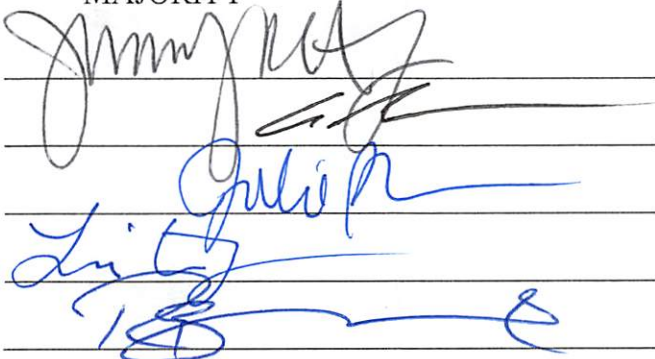
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What is the appropriate net book value (NBV) for the water system for transfer purposes and should an acquisition adjustment be made?

Recommendation: The NBV of the water system for transfer purposes is \$285,371 as of June 30, 2015. An acquisition adjustment should not be included in rate base. To ensure that Black Bear adjusts its books in accordance with the Commission decision, it should notify the Commission, within 90 days of the final order in this docket, confirming that the adjustments to all the applicable National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) accounts have been made to Black Bear's books and records. In the event Black Bear needs additional time to complete the adjustments, notice should be provided to staff within seven days prior to the deadline. Upon providing good cause, staff should be given administrative authority to grant an extension of up to 60 days. The adjustments should be reflected in Black Bear's 2015 Annual Report when filed.

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Issue 3: Should the Commission approve Black Bear's request to implement a convenience charge for customers who opt to pay their water bill by debit or credit card online or by telephone?

Recommendation: Yes. Black Bear's request to implement a convenience charge of \$2.60 for customers who opt to pay their water bill by debit or credit card online or by way of telephone should be approved. The charge should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. Black Bear should provide proof of the date that the notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: The docket should remain open pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by Black Bear and approved by staff. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the tariff sheets should remain in effect with the charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, a consummating order should be issued and, once staff verifies that the notice of the charge has been given to customers, the docket should be administratively closed.

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