

BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 160144-WU

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF  
CERTIFICATE NO. 288-W IN PASCO  
COUNTY FROM ORANGELAND WATER  
SUPPLY TO ORANGE LAND UTILITIES,  
LLC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 8

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN  
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ  
COMMISSIONER JIMMY PATRONIS  
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
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Tallahassee, Florida

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Moving on to Item 8. My  
3 understanding is -- I believe that Mr. Smallridge is,  
4 who's on this -- who's the utility, is traveling still  
5 and intended to be here. Is that correct, Mr. Futrell?  
6 Is he nearby?

7           **MR. FUTRELL:** I don't know that we have an  
8 ETA. Fifteen minutes.

9           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Okay. We're going to go  
10 ahead with this item. Staff, can you proceed?

11           **MR. LEWIS:** Yes. Good morning. Docket 160144  
12 is staff's recommendation concerning the transfer of  
13 water system of Orangeland Water Supply to Orange Land  
14 Utilities, LLC, located in Pasco County. The Commission  
15 granted the utility a water certificate in 1977, and  
16 there have not been any other certificate actions until  
17 this transfer request. The utility serves approximately  
18 74 customers, and the current rates and charges were  
19 approved by the Commission in 2008.

20           At this time, OPC has not intervened and no  
21 protests have been made in opposition to the transfer.  
22 Staff is recommending approval of the transfer and is  
23 available to answer any questions.

24           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you, Mr. Lewis. I do  
25 have a question on this.

1           Mr. Smallridge, I believe, is the owner of  
2 this, if we approve this docket, and he also is part of  
3 another docket on the -- on today's agenda.

4           If I recall, in one of our previous Commission  
5 Agenda Conferences, we urged Mr. Smallridge to -- or we  
6 asked -- he promised the Commission that he was not  
7 going to acquire any more systems during the Agenda  
8 Conference discussion. Does anybody recall that? No?  
9 Ms. Helton? I know she does.

10           **MS. HELTON:** I --

11           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** I believe he made a  
12 statement.

13           **MS. HELTON:** I know there was discussion about  
14 that. I don't remember specifically whether he made a  
15 statement. But Mr. Maurey has come up; he might have a  
16 better memory than me.

17           **MR. MAUREY:** Good morning.

18           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Good morning.

19           **MR. MAUREY:** There was a discussion on that  
20 point. It was a suggestion that he digest the systems  
21 he had acquired before acquiring new systems, but it was  
22 not ordered not to --

23           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Didn't he make the  
24 representation, though, that he was not going to acquire  
25 any up until a certain date?

1           **MR. MAUREY:** I can't recall that  
2 representation.

3           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** We'll have an opportunity to  
4 ask him that. This -- I know that this particular  
5 system has some costs and charges that we just recently  
6 approved that are a little bit higher than -- in this  
7 case than they were in maybe a sister company. Can you  
8 guys go into some of the detail, particularly on page  
9 14, on the convenience charge? I mean, I think we just  
10 approved one of his sister utilities for -- that was  
11 \$3 last month, and now this is -- I know it's a nominal  
12 amount of an increase, but what type of justification,  
13 if you could?

14           **MS. FRIEDRICH:** Commission staff -- this is  
15 Marissa with Commission staff. We've been in contact  
16 with Mr. Smallridge about the consistency for his  
17 charges, along with the miscellaneous service charges  
18 and the meter tampering that he's also been requesting  
19 with his other utilities. He is aware that we are  
20 looking to be consistent for all of his utilities, but  
21 the reason that this charge went up 43 cents was because  
22 of the credit card machine increase.

23           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Employee of the month?

24           **MS. HUDSON:** Marissa is correct with regards  
25 to why the charge has gone up, and actually that charge

1 was approved in January of 2016. So it's been a year  
2 since the \$3 was approved for Charlie Creek.

3 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Uh-huh.

4 **MS. HUDSON:** But he did indicate that the  
5 charge was for the machine cost going up since that  
6 time.

7 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Okay. All right.

8 **MS. HUDSON:** But he is trying -- the 3.43, I  
9 believe is what we're recommending, seems to be -- the  
10 charge is going to be consistent with --

11 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** All the others.

12 **MS. HUDSON:** -- with all the others.

13 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** All right. Thanks. Thank  
14 you, ladies.

15 Commissioners, any other questions?

16 Commissioner Brisé.

17 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** So when you say the  
18 machine charge goes up, so that's the transaction -- per  
19 transaction fee?

20 **MS. HUDSON:** That's been assessed to him, yes.

21 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you.

22 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** All right. Commissioners, if  
23 there are no other questions, I'll take a motion.

24 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** I move staff  
25 recommendation on all issues.

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**COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Second.

**CHAIRMAN BROWN:** All those in favor, say aye.

(Vote taken.)

Motion passes.

Thank you. Thank you for your work on it.

(Agenda item concluded.)


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