

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 2

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20160220-WS – Application for original water and wastewater certificates in Sumter County, by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC.

Issue 1: What are the appropriate water and wastewater rates and return on investment for South Sumter Utility Company, LLC?

Recommendation: Staff's recommended water and wastewater rates, shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B of staff's memorandum dated April 26, 2018, are reasonable and should be approved. The approved rates should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. A return on equity of 8.74 percent plus or minus 100 basis points should also be approved.

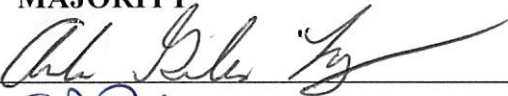
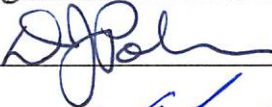
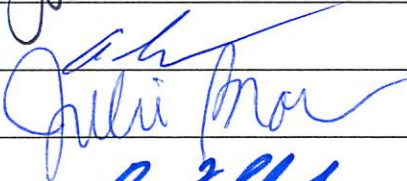

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the miscellaneous service charges requested by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested miscellaneous service charges of \$35.13 should be approved. The charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. SSU should be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 3: Should the late payment charge requested by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's request to implement a \$5.50 late payment charge is recommended and should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 4: Should the Utility's request to implement a backflow prevention assembly testing charge be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested backflow prevention assembly testing charge for general service customers at actual cost should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. SSU should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: Should the temporary meter deposit requested by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested temporary meter deposit for general service customers at actual cost pursuant to Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C., is reasonable and should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. SSU should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 6: Should the investigation of meter tampering charge requested by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested investigation of meter tampering charge of \$35.13 is reasonable and should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. SSU should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 7: Should the collection device cleaning charge requested by South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested collection device cleaning charge for general service customers should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. SSU should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 8: Should South Sumter Utility Company, LLC be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Charges?

Recommendation: Yes. SSU should be authorized to collect NSF charges pursuant to Section 68.065 F.S. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 9: Should the Utility's requested initial customer deposits be approved?

Recommendation: No. The appropriate initial customer deposits are \$41.28 for water and \$50.34 for wastewater service for the residential 5/8" x 3/4" meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 10: What are the appropriate service availability charges for South Sumter Utility Company, LLC?

Recommendation: The appropriate service availability charges are a meter installation charge of \$402 for a 5/8" x 3/4" meter and a main extension charge of \$1,916 per ERC for the Utility's water system. Additionally, a main extension charge of ~~\$2,610~~ per ERC and a plant capacity charge of \$450 per ERC for the Utility's wastewater system should be approved. The recommended main extension and plant capacity charges should be based on an estimated 86 gallons per day (gpd) of water demand. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

\$1801

APPROVED as modified at Commission Conference this date. Includes change requested by utility, of \$1801 for main extension charge.

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Issue 11: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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