

VOTE SHEET

JANUARY 19, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 971185-WS - Application for original certificates for an existing utility providing water and wastewater service in Polk County by New River Ranch, L.C. d/b/a River Ranch.

Issue 1: Should New River Ranch, L.C. d/b/a River Ranch (NRR) be ordered to show cause, in writing within 21 days, why it should not be fined for apparent violation of Section 367.031, Florida Statutes?

Recommendation: No. A show cause proceeding should not be initiated.

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Issue 2: Should the application of New River Ranch, L.C., for an original certificate for an existing system providing water and wastewater service in Polk County be granted?

Recommendation: Yes. New River Ranch should be granted Water Certificate No. 603-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 519-S.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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Issue 3: What rates and charges should be approved for this utility?

Recommendation: The rates and charges as detailed in the staff analysis portion of staff's January 7, 1999 memorandum should be approved. The utility should be instructed to bill all of its residential customers based on metered consumption. The utility should retain its present billing practice for service provided to the condominium village and the RV park, but only until meters can be installed. Further, the utility should install meters to measure actual usage by any presently unmetered commercial customers. NRR should be ordered to submit a schedule that shows the expected installation period for the various commercial areas. A six month period to complete installation of meters appears reasonable. The tariffs should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the tariff, *provided customers have received notice*. The utility should notice the customers within 7 days of issuance of the order. The rates should not be implemented until

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proper notice has been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of the notice.

Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. This docket should be closed if no timely protests are filed to the proposed agency action issue.

DENIED