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SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

RE: Docket No. 001551-WS - Application for transfer of Certificate Nos. 544-W and 474-S in Highlands County from Highlands Ridge Associates, Inc. to Highlands Ridge Utilities, LLC.

ISSUE 1: Should the transfer of Certificate Nos. 544-W and 474-S from Highlands Ridge Associates, Inc. to Highlands Ridge Utilities, LLC, be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the transfer of Certificate Nos. 544-W and 474-S from Highlands Ridge Associates, Inc. to Highlands Ridge Utilities, LLC, should be approved. The utility is current on its 2000 regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) and annual reports. HRA is responsible for remitting its pro rata share of the 2001 RAFs accruing prior to closing to the Commission. Once the closing has occurred, HRU will be responsible for payment of the balance of 2001 RAFs accruing after closing and all future RAFs and annual reports that should be submitted to the Commission. HRU should be put on notice that it is required to maintain the utility's books and records in conformance with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Uniform Systems of Accounts (USOA). The utility should submit a statement from its accountant with its 2001 annual report indicating that it has done so. Further, HRU should provide proof

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Michael A. Paley

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that it owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located or that the utility has continued use of the land by October 29, 2001. A description of the territory being transferred is appended to Attachment A of staff's August 23, 2001 memorandum.

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ISSUE 2: Should an acquisition adjustment be included in the calculation of rate base?

RECOMMENDATION: No. HRU has not requested an acquisition adjustment and there are no extraordinary circumstances in this case to warrant the inclusion of an acquisition adjustment. Staff recommends that no acquisition adjustment should be included in the calculation of rate base.

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ISSUE 3: Should the rates and charges approved for this utility be continued?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. HRU should continue charging the rates and charges approved for this utility system until authorized to change by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariff reflecting the change in ownership should be effective for services provided or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

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ISSUE 4: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. If no timely protest is received to the proposed agency action issue, upon the expiration of the protest period a Consummating Order should be issued. The docket should remain open pending receipt of proof that HRU owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located or that the utility has continued use of the land. Upon receipt and verification of such proof, the docket should be administratively closed.

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