

VOTE SHEET

DATE: October 9, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 960234-WS - Application for increase in rates and service availability charges in Lee County by Gulf Utility Company. (Deferred from the October 8, 1996 Commission Conference due to Tropical Storm Josephine.)

Issue 1: Recommendation that Gulf's proposed water and wastewater rates and service availability charges should be suspended.

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Issue 2: Recommendation that, on an interim basis, the annual water and wastewater revenues should be as follows:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Water	\$1,796,651	-\$329,920	-15.51%
Wastewater	\$1,288,391	+\$170,821	+15.29%

Since the utility has requested to reduce its water rates concurrently with its interim wastewater rate increase, the additional amount of annual water revenues held subject to refund should be \$186,220. This recognizes that 9.39% of the annualized water revenues collected should be held subject to refund on a perspective basis.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: CL DS GR

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

[Handwritten signatures: Robert J. Clark, J. Terry Hearns, and others]

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

PSC/RAR33 (5/90) RAR note 10/28/96: Although the vote sheet and recommendation did not include Docket No. 960234-WS, this docket was included in staff's DOCU recommendation, and the Commissioners approved staff's recommendation in its entirety. 960234-WS is included on the vote sheet by way of this note.

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Issue 3: Recommendation that the interim wastewater service rates for Gulf should be designed to allow the utility the opportunity to generate annual operating revenues of \$1,288,391 for its wastewater system, excluding miscellaneous revenues. Gulf's proposed water rate reduction should be approved to allow the utility the opportunity to generate interim water revenues of \$1,948,052, excluding miscellaneous service revenues. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Section 25-30.475(1), F.A.C., provided the customers have received notice. The rates should not be implemented until proper notice has been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof to staff of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

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Issue 4: Recommendation that the utility be required to file a bond, letter of credit or escrow agreement as security to guarantee any potential refunds of wastewater revenues collected under interim conditions. This security must also include the amount held subject to refund per Order No. PSC-96-0501-POF-WS, and any additional potential overearnings. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility shall provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund.

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