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MAY 16, 2000

RE: DOCKET NO. 991643-SU - Application for increase in wastewater rates in Seven Springs System in Pasco County by Aloha Utilities, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the utility's proposed final rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Aloha's proposed final wastewater rates should be suspended. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission (for this decision)

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Issue 2: Should an interim rate increase be approved?

Recommendation: Based on the test year ending September 30, 1999, the utility was earning below the minimum of its authorized rate of return and would be entitled to increased interim revenues as indicated below.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Wastewater	\$2,500,310	\$9,039	0.36%

However, subsequent to the test year, the utility implemented a price index which increased its rates greater than 0.36%. Therefore, the utility is already charging rates greater than the rates that would result from the interim increase calculation, and thus no further increase is warranted at this time.

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