

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of limited proceeding to restructure wastewater rates for Florida Water Service Corporation's Tropical Isles service area in St. Lucie County.

DOCKET NO. 970409-SU  
ORDER NO. PSC-00-1197-PCO-SU  
ISSUED: July 3, 2000

ORDER GRANTING JOINT  
MOTION FOR ABATEMENT AND CONTINUANCE

On June 21, 2000, Florida Water Services Corporation (Florida Water or utility) and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), filed their Joint Motion for Abatement and Continuance (Motion).

In the Motion, Florida Water and OPC specifically request a full abatement and continuance of all controlling dates, including the hearing dates established by Order No. PSC-00-2034-PCO-SU, issued June 12, 2000. Florida Water, OPC, and representatives of the Tropical Isles customers, have been meeting over the past several months to reach an agreement on the sale of Florida Water's facilities to an exempt entity comprised of/controlled by the Tropical Isles customers. Therefore, Florida Water and OPC maintain that the time and resources of the parties, the Commission and our staff, would be conserved by the abatement and continuance of this proceeding pending the disposition and closure of the sale of the Tropical Isles facilities. Further, the parties state that they will file a progress report by July 31, 2000, concerning the status of the sale of the utility.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Joint Motion for Abatement and Continuance by Florida Water and OPC shall be granted, and with approval of the Chairman, all controlling dates, including the hearing dates shall be held in abeyance for a period of 60 days pending the potential disposition and closure of the sale of the Tropical Isles facilities. The parties shall apprise the Commission of progress made in this regard by filing a progress report by July 31, 2000.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that the Joint Motion for Abatement and Continuance filed by

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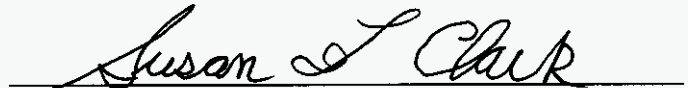
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Florida Water Services Corporation and the Office of Public Counsel is granted as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that all controlling dates, including the hearing dates established by Order No. PSC-00-2034-PCO-SU, are held in abeyance for a period of 60 days. The parties shall file a progress report by July 31, 2000, concerning the status of the sale of the utility.

By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark as Prehearing Officer, this 3rd day of July, 2000.

  
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SUSAN F. CLARK  
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida

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Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.