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October 24, 2006

Docket No. 060246-WS – Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Polk County by Gold Coast Utility Corp.

Issue 1: Should the proposed water and wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Gold Coast's proposed water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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Issue 2: Should an interim revenue increase be granted?

Recommendation: Yes. On an interim basis, the utility should be authorized to collect annual water and wastewater revenues as indicated below:

	<u>Test Year Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Water	\$140,385	\$12,286	\$152,671	8.75%
Wastewater	\$214,728	\$96,963	\$311,691	45.16%

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

Recommendation: The water and wastewater service rates for Gold Coast in effect as of December 31, 2005, should be increased by 8.75% for water and 45.16% for wastewater to generate the recommended revenue increase for the interim period. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered as of the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1)(a), F.A.C. The rates should not be implemented until staff verifies that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission decision, the proposed customer notice is adequate, and the required security has been filed. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days after the date of notice.

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Issue 4: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

Recommendation: The utility should be required to open an escrow account, file a surety bond or a letter of credit to guarantee any potential refund of revenues collected under interim conditions. If the security provided is an escrow account, the utility should deposit 8.75% of water and 45.16% of wastewater revenues into the escrow account each month. Otherwise, the surety bond or letter of credit should be in the amount of \$64,725. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and undertaken in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.

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