

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 15

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20190075-SU – Revision of wastewater service availability charges for Ni Florida in Pasco County.

**Issue 1:** Should Ni Florida's existing wastewater service availability charges be revised, and if so, what are the appropriate charges?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Ni Florida’s existing wastewater service availability charges should be revised. Staff recommends a main extension charge of \$1,710 per equivalent residential connection (ERC) be approved because it is reasonable and within the guidelines of Rule 25-30.580, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The existing plant capacity charge should be discontinued. The recommended main extension charge should be based on an estimated 173 gallons per day per ERC of treated wastewater demand. The utility should file a revised tariff sheet and a proposed notice to reflect the Commission-approved main extension charge. Ni Florida should provide notice to property owners who have requested service beginning 12 months prior to the establishment of this docket. The approved charge should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet. The utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering the approved notice.

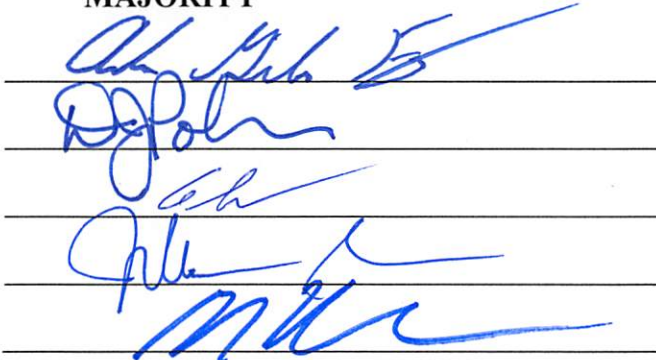
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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**Issue 2:** Should Ni Florida be required to refund service availability charges collected in excess of the revised main extension charge?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Ni Florida should be required to refund service availability charges collected in excess of the revised main extension charge because it would allow customers to pay only their pro rata share of the wastewater collection system. The refund should be made with interest in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C. The utility should be required to file monthly reports on the status of the refund by the twentieth of the following month pursuant to Rule 25-30.311(7), F.A.C.

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**Issue 3:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** The docket should remain open pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheet and notice have been filed by Ni Florida and approved by staff. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the tariff should remain in effect with the charge held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. Also, the docket should remain open to allow staff to verify that the utility has properly refunded the service availability charges collected in excess of the revised service availability charges. If no timely protest is filed, a consummating order should be issued and, once staff verifies that the notice of the charge has been given to customers and the completion of the refund, the docket should be administratively closed.

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