

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 4

VOTE SHEET

February 4, 2020

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**Docket No. 20190147-WS** – Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Brevard County by River Grove Utilities, Inc.

**Issue 1:** Should the application for water and wastewater certificates by River Grove be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Granting the application is in the public interest and River Grove should be granted Certificate Nos. 674-W and 575-S to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated January 23, 2020, effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as River Grove’s water and wastewater certificates and it should be retained by the Utility.

**APPROVED**

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**

  
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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What are the appropriate water and wastewater rates and return on investment for River Grove?

**Recommendation:** The recommended monthly water and wastewater rates, as shown on Schedule No. 4 attached to staff's memorandum dated January 23, 2020, are reasonable and should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The approved rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. A return on equity of 10.55 percent, with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points, should also be approved.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** Should the miscellaneous service charges requested by River Grove be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The Utility's requested miscellaneous service charges of \$30 and wastewater violation reconnection charge of actual cost should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The Utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering the approved notice.

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**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate late payment charge for River Grove?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate late payment charge for River Grove is \$7.50. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charge. The approved charge should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The Utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering the approved notice.

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**Issue 5:** Should River Grove be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds Charge (NSF)?

**Recommendation:** Yes. River Grove should be authorized to collect NSF charges. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved NSF charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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**Issue 6:** What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for River Grove?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate initial customer deposits are \$175 for water and \$99 wastewater for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved initial customer deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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**Issue 7:** Should River Grove's requested meter installation charges be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The Utility's requested meter installation charge of \$353 for the 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size and actual cost for all other meter sizes should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice. River Grove should provide notice to potential customers who have requested service within 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed and up until this Order becomes final.<sup>1</sup> The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of notice.

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<sup>1</sup>Order Nos. PSC-2019-0223-PAA-SU, issued June 3, 2019, in Docket No. 20190075-SU, *In re: Revision of wastewater service availability charges for Ni Florida in Pasco County.*

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**Issue 8:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** If no person whose substantial interest are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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