

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 9

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200195-WU – Application of Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. for grandfather water certificate in Leon County and pass through of regulatory assessment fees.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.’s request for waiver or variance of Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C.?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility has demonstrated that the underlying purpose of the statute will be or has been achieved by other means, and that strict application of the rule would place a substantial hardship on the Utility. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission approve Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.’s request for a waiver or variance of Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., until such time as the Utility is authorized to increase its rates pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), F.S., or within three months of the Commission’s vote on the waiver, whichever occurs first.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING









REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.’s application for a grandfather water certificate in Leon County be acknowledged?

Recommendation: Yes. Lake Talquin’s application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be issued Certificate No. 678-W, effective August 4, 2020, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated February 18, 2021 . The resultant order should serve as Lake Talquin’s certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

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Issue 3: What rates and charges should be approved for Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.?

Recommendation: The Utility’s monthly service rates and charges that were in effect when Leon County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, shown on Schedule No. 1, should be approved. The Utility’s revised late payment charge and initial customer deposit, and non-sufficient funds charge, are separately addressed in Issues 4, 5, and 6. The rates and charges should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 4: Should Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. late payment charge be revised?

Recommendation: Yes. Lake Talquin’s late payment charge should be revised to \$6.50. The Utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charge. The approved charge should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge 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 no less than 10 days after the date of the notice.

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Issue 5: Should Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. be authorized to collect NSF charges?

Recommendation: Yes. Lake Talquin should be authorized to collect NSF charges. Staff recommends that the Utility revise its tariffs to reflect the NSF charges currently set forth in Section 68.065, F.S. The NSF charges should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. Furthermore, the charges 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 the notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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Issue 6: Should Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.'s initial customer deposit be revised?

Recommendation: Yes. Lake Talquin's initial customer deposit should be revised to reflect \$86 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 this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation 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 have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once this action is complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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