

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for water and wastewater service in Duval, Baker, and Nassau Counties, by First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20190168-WS

DATED: January 11, 2022

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0112-PCO-WS, filed April 17, 2020, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Has First Coast met the filing and noticing requirements pursuant to Rules 25-30.030 and 25-30.033, Florida Administrative Code?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for service in First Coast's proposed service territory and, if so, when will service be required?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: Is First Coast's application inconsistent with Duval County's, Nassau County's, or Baker County's comprehensive plans?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Will the certification of First Coast result in the creation of a utility which will be in competition with, or duplication of, any other system?

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POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Does First Coast have the financial ability to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Does First Coast have the technical ability to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Does First Coast have sufficient plant capacity to serve the requested territory?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: Has First Coast provided evidence that it has continued use of the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are or will be located?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 9: Is it in the public interest for First Coast to be granted water and wastewater certificates for the territory proposed in its application?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What is the appropriate return on equity for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What are the appropriate rates and rate structures for the water and wastewater systems for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13: What are the appropriate late payment charge for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14: What are the appropriate Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charges for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 15: What are the appropriate service availability charges for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 16: What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for First Coast?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: No position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

None at this time.

6. Pending Motions

None at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

The Staff has no objections to the qualifications as an expert of any witness at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2020-0112-PCO-WS

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of January, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 11th day of January, 2022:

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