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Item 14

**Docket No. 20240106-WU** – Application for a revenue-neutral uniform water rate restructuring limited proceeding in Alachua, Duval, Leon, Okaloosa, and Washington Counties, by North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc.

**Issue 1:** Should North Florida Community Water System’s request for a revenue-neutral restructuring limited proceeding for uniform rates be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The Commission should approve NFCWS’s request for a revenue-neutral rate restructuring limited proceeding for uniform rate.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 2:** What is the appropriate revenue requirement for restructuring the rates?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate revenue requirement for restructuring the water rates is \$1,537,556.

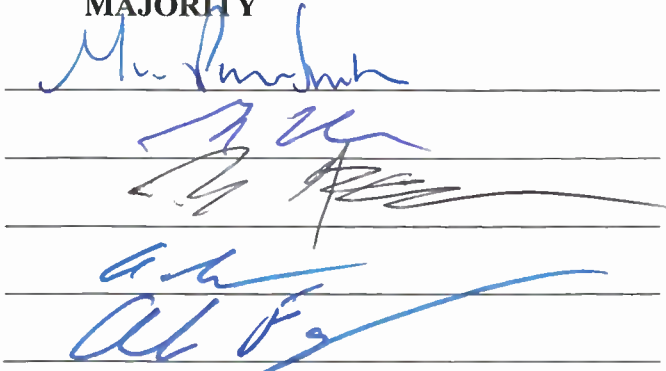
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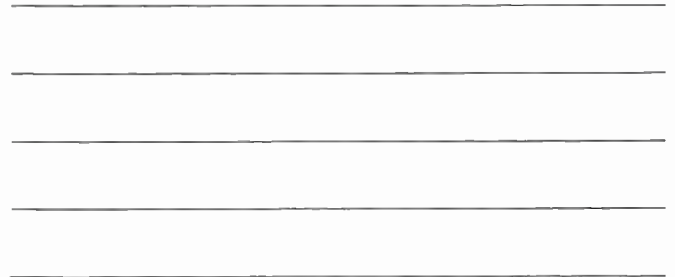
**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**





**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate rate structures and rates for the water systems?

**Recommendation:** The staff recommended rate structure and rates for the water systems are shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated May 21, 2025. 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. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notices and the notices have been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof of the date notices were given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate amount of rate case expense and what is the appropriate amount by which rates should be reduced four years after the published effective date to reflect the removal of the amortized rate case expense?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate amount of rate case expense is \$9,425. The total rate case expense should be amortized over four years, resulting in an annual expense of \$2,467, when grossed-up for RAFs. The rates should be reduced as shown on Schedule Nos. 1-A and 1-B of staff's memorandum dated May 21, 2025, to remove rate case expense grossed-up for RAFs and amortized over a four-year period. In addition, for prior unamortized rate case expense, the rates should be reduced as shown on Schedule No. 2. Pursuant to Section 367.081(8), F.S., the decrease in rates should become effective immediately following the expiration of the rate case expense recovery period. NFCWS should be required to file revised tariffs and a proposed customer notice setting forth the lower rates and the reason for the reduction no later than one month prior to the actual date of the required rate reduction. If the utility files this reduction in conjunction with a price index or pass-through rate adjustment, the utility should file separate data for the price index and/or pass-through increase or decrease and the reduction in the rates due to the amortized rate case expense.

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**Issue 5:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Proposed Agency Action Order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notices have been filed by the utility and approved by staff. Upon staff's approval of the tariff sheets and customer notices, this docket should be closed administratively.

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