

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 6

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20240130-WS – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water and wastewater utility in Citrus County, by CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC.

Issue 1: Should CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC’s application for grandfather water and wastewater certificates in Citrus County be acknowledged?

Recommendation: Yes. CSWR’s statutory right should be acknowledged and the Utility should be granted Certificate Nos. 694-W, and 587-S, effective May 28, 2024, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated May 21, 2025. The resultant order should serve as CSWR’s certificate and 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 rates and charges should be approved for CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC?

Recommendation: Of the Utility’s rates, charges, and deposits for water and wastewater services that were approved by Citrus County and in effect when Citrus County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, the rates and charges shown on Schedule Nos. 1A and 1B of staff’s memorandum dated May 21, 2025, should be approved. In addition, the Utility’s existing violation reconnection charge for water should be approved. This charge, as well as the rates and charges shown in Schedule Nos. 1A and 1B, should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should be required to charge the approved violation reconnection charge for water as well as the rates and charges shown in Schedule Nos. 1A and 1B, until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 3: Should the Utility’s current terms of payment be revised to conform to Rule 25-30.335(6), F.A.C.?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility’s current terms of payment should be revised to conform to Rule 25-30.335(6), F.A.C.

APPROVED

Issue 4: What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for CSWR?

Recommendation: The appropriate initial customer deposit should be \$40 for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter sizes for water and \$60 for wastewater. The initial customer deposits for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill for water and wastewater. Staff recommends that the residential rental deposit of \$60 for water and \$75 for wastewater be removed. The approved initial customer deposits should be effective for services rendered or 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 deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: What are the appropriate meter test deposit charges for CSWR?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the appropriate meter test deposits be revised to conform to Rule 25-30.266(2)(a), F.A.C.

APPROVED

Issue 6: What are the appropriate water and wastewater miscellaneous service charges for CSWR?

Recommendation: With the exception of the Utility's existing violation reconnection charge for water (which is discussed in Issue 2), the appropriate miscellaneous service charges shown on Table 6-2 of staff's memorandum dated June 19, 2025, should be approved. The Utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the tariff sheets will be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the proposed customer notice is adequate.

APPROVED

Issue 7: Should the Commission approve the removal of the CIAC Tax Impact charge from the Utility's current tariff?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the Utility's CIAC Tax Impact charge from its current tariff.

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Issue 8: 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 if no timely protest has been filed.

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