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DATE: February 19, 2026

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman)

FROM: Division of Economics (Bethea, Bruce) 
Office of the General Counsel (Farooqi)

RE: Docket No. 20260012-WS – Application for revised service availability charges and policy for water and wastewater service in Duval, Baker, and Nassau Counties, by First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc.

AGENDA: 03/03/26 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Suspension – Participation is at the discretion of the Commission

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: Administrative

CRITICAL DATES: 3/7/2026 (60-Day Suspension Date)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

Case Background

First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc. (FCRU or Utility) is a Class C water and wastewater utility in Duval, Baker, and Nassau Counties. The Commission granted the Utility's original certificates and approved the Utility's initial service availability charges and policy by Order No PSC-2022-0193-FOF-WS, issued May 25, 2022.¹ Currently, there are no active customer connections.

On January 6, 2026, the Utility filed an application to revise its main extension charge, plant capacity charge, and service availability policy for water and wastewater. In its application, the FCRU indicated that many construction cost components have changed; therefore, the Utility is requesting to revise service availability charges and policy to remain in compliance with the

¹ Docket No. 20190168-WS, *In re: Application for water and wastewater service in Duval, Baker, and Nassau Counties, by First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc.*

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Commission rules relative to appropriate service availability charges and to ensure the appropriate portion of total costs are recovered through such charges. FCRU's proposed water tariff reflects a main extension charge of \$759, plant capacity charge of \$1,766, and actual costs for an inspection charge and plan review charge for water. For wastewater, the Utility's proposed tariff reflects a main extension charge of \$994, plant capacity charge of \$9,281, and actual costs for an inspection charge and plan review charge.

The 60-day statutory deadline for the Commission to suspend the FCRU's charges is March 7, 2026. This recommendation addresses the suspension of the Utility's requested charges. The Commission has jurisdiction in this case pursuant to Sections 367.081, 367.091, 367.101, and 367.121(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Discussion of Issues

Issue 1: Should FCRU'S proposed tariff sheets to revise its service availability charges and to implement a new service availability policy for its water and wastewater service be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. FCRU's proposed tariff sheets to revise its service availability charges and to implement a new service availability policy for its water and wastewater service should be suspended pending further investigation by staff. (Bethea)

Staff Analysis: Pursuant to Section 367.081(6), F.S., the Commission may withhold consent to the operation of any or all portions of new rate schedules, by a vote to that effect within 60 days, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding that consent. If the Commission does not withhold consent, the proposed tariff may go into effect after 60 days.

Staff recommends that FCRU's proposed tariffs and policy should be suspended to allow staff sufficient time to review the Utility's petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present the Commission with an informed recommendation. Staff's review of the application will include further examination by rate analysts and staff engineers.

Staff believes the reasons stated above are good cause consistent with the requirements of Section 367.081(6), F.S.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the Utility's requested revised service availability charges and policy for both water and wastewater service. (Farooqi)

Staff Analysis: The docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the Utility's requested revised service availability charges and policy for both water and wastewater service.