

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: 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.

DOCKET NO. 20260012-WS  
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0077-PCO-WS  
ISSUED: March 23, 2026

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH, Chairman  
GARY F. CLARK  
MIKE LA ROSA  
BOBBY PAYNE  
ANA ORTEGA

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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, FCRU indicated that many construction cost components have changed; therefore, the Utility is requesting to revise its service availability charges and policy to remain in compliance with our 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 us to vote to suspend FCRU's tariffs is March 7, 2026; at our March 3, 2026 Agenda Conference, we voted to suspend FCRU's tariffs. This Order

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

addresses the suspension of the Utility's requested tariffs, and the charges and policy therein. We have jurisdiction in this case pursuant to Sections 367.081, 367.091, 367.101, and 367.121(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

We find that FCRU's proposed tariffs shall be suspended to allow our staff sufficient time to review the Utility's petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation.

Pursuant to Section 367.081(6), F.S., we 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 we do not withhold consent, the proposed tariff may go into effect after 60 days. We find the reasons stated above are good cause consistent with the requirements of Section 367.081(6), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc.'s proposed tariffs and policy are hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on First Coast Regional Utilities, Inc.'s proposed tariffs and policy.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 23rd day of March, 2026.



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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.