

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 4

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20240126-WU – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County, by Cinnamon Ridge Utilities, Inc.

**Issue 1:** Should Cinnamon Ridge Utilities, Inc.’s application for a grandfather water certificate in Citrus County be acknowledged?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Cinnamon Ridge’s application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be granted Certificate 695-W, effective May 28, 2024, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated March 26, 2026. The resultant order should serve as Cinnamon Ridge’s certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*Ara Otey*  
*[Signature]*  
*Mark Smith*  
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*Bobby Payne*

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What rates and charges should be approved for Cinnamon Ridge Utilities, Inc.?

**Recommendation:** Of the Utility's rates and charges that were in effect when Citrus County Water and Wastewater Authority (CCWWA) transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, only the rates, late payment charge, and system capacity charges shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated March 26, 2026, are appropriate and should be approved. The rates and charges shown in Schedule No. 1 should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. Cinnamon Ridge should be required to charge the approved rates and charges shown in Schedule No. 1 until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** Should Cinnamon Ridge's current initial customer deposits be approved?

**Recommendation:** No. The appropriate initial customer deposit for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size should be \$90. The initial customer deposits for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Cinnamon Ridge should be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** What are the appropriate revisions to miscellaneous service charges for Cinnamon Ridge Utilities?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate revisions to miscellaneous service charges shown on Table 4-2 of staff's memorandum dated March 26, 2026, 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 should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the proposed customer notice is adequate.

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**Issue 5:** Should Cinnamon Ridge'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. Cinnamon Ridge should file revised tariff sheets to reflect the appropriate terms of payment pursuant to Rule 25-30.335(6), F.A.C. The approved tariffs should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the tariff sheets should 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 6:** What are the appropriate meter test deposits for Cinnamon Ridge?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the appropriate meter test deposits be revised to conform to Rule 25-30.266(2)(a), F.A.C. The Utility should file a revised tariff sheet to reflect the appropriate meter test deposits pursuant to Rule 25-30.335(6), F.A.C. The approved tariff should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. In addition, the tariff sheet should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the proposed customer notice is adequate.

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**Issue 7:** Should Cinnamon Ridge be authorized to increase its meter installation charge and, if so, what is the appropriate charge?

**Recommendation:** Yes. A \$395 meter installation charge for the 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size and actual costs for other meter sizes should be approved. Cinnamon Ridge should file a tariff sheet and a proposed customer notice. The Utility should provide notice to potential customers who have requested service within 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed, and up until the Order becomes final. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet. Cinnamon Ridge should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of notice.

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**Issue 8:** Should Cinnamon Ridge be approved for a tap-in charge and, if so, what is the appropriate charge?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Staff recommends a tap-in charge of \$1,075 be approved. Cinnamon Ridge should file a tariff sheet and a proposed customer notice. The Utility should provide notice to potential customers who have requested service within 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed, and up until the Order becomes final. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet. Cinnamon Ridge should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of notice.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 9:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** If no person with substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of this order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that notice has been provided to customers, and 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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