

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to establish rate base value of
acquired system using alternative procedure,
by Sunshine Water Services Company.

DOCKET NO. 20260031-WS

DATED: July 9, 2026

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2026-0079-PCO-WS, filed March 24, 2026, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is the proposed transaction expected to result in improvements in the overall quality of service provided to Placid Lakes' customers pursuant to 367.0811(9)(a), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is the proposed transaction expected to result in improvements in regulatory compliance for the Placid Lakes' systems pursuant to 367.0811(9)(b), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What reasonable performance goals, if any, should the Commission set, pursuant to 367.0811(10), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Is the proposed transaction under 367.0811(9)(c), F.S., expected to result in rate reductions or rate stability over a long-term period?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What is the projected rate impact of the proposed transaction under 367.0811(5)(e), F.S., over the next five years?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: If the transaction under 367.0811(5)(h), F.S., is approved, should the Commission institute a rate stabilization plan for Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Is the proposed transaction under 367.0811(9)(d), F.S., expected to provide cost efficiencies?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 8: Is the proposed transaction under 367.0811(9)(f), F.S., expected to generate economies of scale?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 9: Has Sunshine Water Services Company demonstrated that the purchase of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. is being made as part of an arms-length transaction under 367.0811(9)(e), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 10: Has Sunshine Water Services Company demonstrated that it has a greater access to capital than Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. under 367.0811(9)(h), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What is Sunshine Water Services Company's net book value compared to the proposed rate base value of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. under 367.0811(9)(g), F.S.?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What is the appropriate alternative rate base value if the proposed transaction is found to be in the public interest?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 13: Is the proposed transaction by Sunshine Water Services Company under 367.0811(9), F.S., in the public interest?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 14: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulations at this time.

6. Pending Motions

There are no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There are no pending confidentiality requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to any witness at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2026-0079-PCO-WS

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of July, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with
the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by
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