

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 971220-WS - Application for transfer of Certificates Nos. 592-W and 509-S from Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd. to Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. in Polk County.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Water Certificates No. 592-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 509-S from Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd. to Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. be granted?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of Certificates Nos. 592-W and 509-S from Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd. to Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. should be approved. In addition, Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. should be ordered to provide warranty deeds in the name of the utility for the land upon which the facilities are located within 60 days of the date the order is issued.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*[Handwritten signatures in the Majority column]*

*[Empty lines in the Dissenting column]*

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS: Commissioner Garcia participated by *video* telephone. He concurred  /dissented  in the majority vote and will sign the vote sheet upon his return to Tallahassee.

*teleconference.*

*Commissioner Deason dissented on issue 3.*

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Issue 2: What is the rate base of Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd., at the time of transfer?

Recommendation: The rate base, which for transfer purposes reflects the net book value, is \$617,609 for the water and \$921,439 for wastewater systems as of December 31, 1997. The utility should be required to comply with the Uniform Systems of Accounts.

**APPROVED**

Issue 3: Should a negative acquisition adjustment be approved?

Recommendation: No. A negative acquisition adjustment should not be included in the calculation of rate base for transfer purposes.

**APPROVED**

*Commissioner Deason Dissented*

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Issue 4: Should Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. continue to charge the rates and charges approved in Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd.'s tariffs? In addition, should Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. be authorized to implement a cap of 8,000 gallons per month for the monthly wastewater charge and a charge for installation of irrigation meters using the residential water rates?

Recommendation: Yes. Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. should continue to charge the rates and charges approved for Cypress Lakes Associates, Ltd. The rates and charges that are detailed in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated June 18, 1998 should be approved. The tariffs should reflect a cap of 8,000 gallons per month for the monthly wastewater charge for residential customers and allow for the installation of irrigation meters using the residential water rates. The tariff should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the tariff.

Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. This docket should be closed if no timely protests are filed to the proposed agency action issues.