BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in wastewater rates in Seven Springs System in Pasco County by Aloha Utilities, Inc. DOCKET NO. 991643-SU
ORDER NO. PSC-00-2191-PCO-SU
ISSUED: November 17, 2000

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF

By Order No. PSC-00-1747-PHO-SU, issued September 26, 2000, briefs are due to be filed on November 22, 2000. On November 16, 2000, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed its Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief (Motion). In that Motion, OPC notes that transcripts were due to be available on October 16, 2000, and November 9, 2000, for the first and second portions of the hearing, respectively. However, OPC did not receive a copy of the entire transcript until November 14, 2000. Therefore, OPC requests that it be granted an extension of time until November 29, 2000, to file its brief.

OPC states that any extension granted by the Commission should apply to Aloha Utilities, Inc. (Aloha or utility), as well. OPC has consulted with counsel for Aloha and represents that Aloha supports the Motion. However, OPC notes that counsel for Commission staff opposes the Motion.

Upon consideration, I find OPC's request reasonable since OPC did not receive a copy of the entire transcript until November 14, 2000. Therefore, the Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief is granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief filed by the Office of Public Counsel is hereby granted. The Office of Public Counsel and Aloha Utilities, Inc. shall file their briefs on or before November 29, 2000.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Lila A. Jaber as Prehearing Officer, this <u>17th</u> day of <u>November</u>, <u>2000</u>.

LILA A. JABEA

Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

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, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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

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the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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.