

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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JANUARY 18, 2005

RE: Docket No. 050005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

Issue 1: Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments?

Recommendation: The Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 2005 price index by using a fiscal year, four quarter comparison of the Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 2005.

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Issue 2: What percentage should be used by water and wastewater utilities for the 2005 Price Index?

Recommendation: The 2005 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 2.17%.

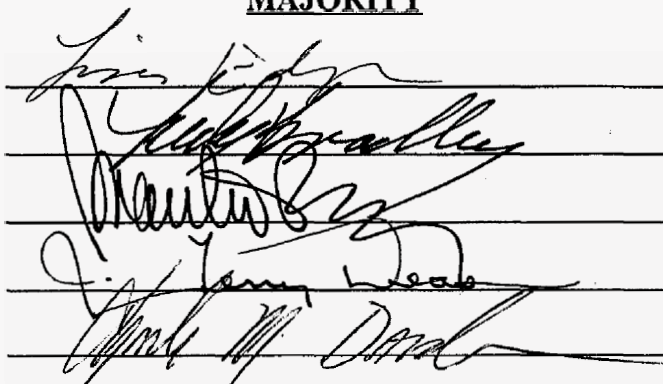
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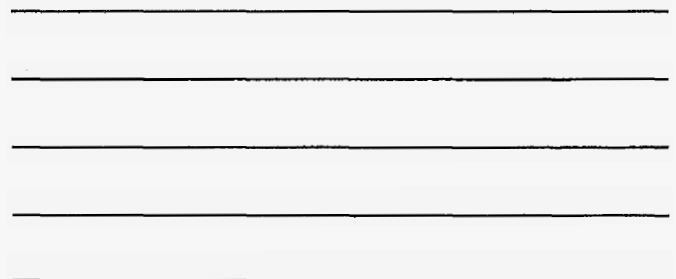
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Issue 3: How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

Recommendation: Pursuant to Rule 25-30.420(1), Florida Administrative Code, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, after the issuance of the Consummating Order, should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which should contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1 of staff's January 6, 2005 memorandum). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 of staff's January 6, 2005 memorandum). If a protest is filed and a hearing is held, the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the final order establishing the index which should contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1 of staff's memorandum). A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 of staff's memorandum).

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. This docket should be closed upon the issuance of the Consummating Order if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the 14-day protest period after issuance of the PAA Order. Any party filing a protest should be required to prefile testimony with the protest.

**APPROVED**