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April 8, 2008

Docket No. 070391-WS – Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Sumter County by Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc.

Issue 1: What are the appropriate initial water and wastewater rates and return on equity for this utility? **Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the water and wastewater rates described in the staff analysis and shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated March 27, 2008, should be approved. OBU should charge these rates until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The rates should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code. A return on equity of 12.01% with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points should be approved. Should the utility propose to provide reuse in the future, the utility should return to the Commission for an approved reuse rate.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate service availability policy and charges for Orange Blossom Utilities, Inc? **Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the utility's proposed service availability policy and charges set forth within the analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated March 27, 2008, are appropriate and should be approved. The charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

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Issue 3: Should the utility's requested customer deposits, miscellaneous service charges, and late fee be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility's requested customer deposits, miscellaneous service charges, and late fee should be approved. The deposits and charges should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code.

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Issue 4: Should an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) rate be approved for OBU? **Recommendation:** Yes. An annual AFUDC rate of 7.80% and a discounted monthly rate of 0.649868% should be approved.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

<u>Recommendation</u>: No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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