### FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### VOTE SHEET

#### December 17, 2013

**Docket No. 130180-WS** – Application for original certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Lake County by Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.

**<u>Issue 1</u>**: Should the application of Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C. for water and wastewater certificates be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The Commission should grant Sunlake water and wastewater Certificate Nos. 665-W and 569-S, respectively, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, effective the date of the Commission's vote. The resultant order should serve as the Utility's water and wastewater certificates and should be retained by the Utility as such.

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### COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

### **COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES**

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:** Commissioner Brown Participated via telephone

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**Issue 2:** What are the appropriate initial water and wastewater rates and return on equity for Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.?

**Recommendation:** Staff's recommended monthly water and wastewater rates shown on Schedule Nos. 2 and 3 of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, are reasonable and should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for services rendered on or after the stamped approval date of the revised tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice. The Utility should provide proof of the date the notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. A return on equity of 11.16 percent as shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points, should also be approved.

APPROVED as modified at Commission Conference this date. Two-tier rate Structure with 5,000 gallon non-discrictionary usage.

**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges fees for Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.? **Recommendation:** The miscellaneous service charges identified in Schedule 4 of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, are reasonable and should be approved. Sunlake should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved miscellaneous service charges. The approved charges should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved charges should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given no less than 10 days after the date of the notice.

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**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate initial customer deposit for Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends an initial residential customer deposit of \$60.00 for water, \$88.00 for watewater, and two-times the average bill for the initial general service customer deposit, as shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, should be approved. The Utility should file a revised tariff sheet and proposed notice consistent with the Commission's vote. The initial customer deposits should become effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date of the revised tariff sheet after the customers have been notified.

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**Issue 5:** Should Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.'s proposed service availability policy and meter installation charge be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The Utility's proposed service availability policy described in the staff analysis and meter installation charge shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated December 5, 2013, are consistent with the guidelines contained in Rule 25-30.580(1)(a), F.A.C., and should be approved. Sunlake should be required to apply its approved service availability policy and to collect its approved service availability charges until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The approved policy and charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C.

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### Issue 6: Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** If no timely protest to the proposed agency action issues is filed with the Commission by a substantially affected person, a Consummating Order should be issued. However, the docket should remain open to allow Sunlake to file a proposed customer notice reflecting the Commission-approved water and wastewater rates and charges and to provide proof of the date notice was given no less than 10 days after the date of the notice. Upon completion by the Utility of the above required actions, the docket should be closed administratively.

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