

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 12

VOTE SHEET

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**Docket No. 160030-WS** – Application for increase in water rates in Lee County and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Ni Florida, LLC.

**Issue 1:** Should the utility's proposed final water and wastewater rates be suspended?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Ni Florida's proposed final water and wastewater rates should be suspended.

**APPROVED** *with oral modification*

**Issue 2:** Should any interim revenue increase be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes, Ni Florida should be authorized to collect annual water and wastewater revenues as indicated below:

	<u>Adjusted Test Year Revenues</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>Revenue Requirement</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Water	\$223,689	\$87,202	\$310,891	38.98%
Wastewater	\$1,932,151	\$332,619	\$2,264,770	17.21%

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

*Oral Modification, assigned DN 03455-16, is attached.*

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**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate interim water and wastewater rates?

**Recommendation:** The recommended interim rate increase of 40.12 percent for water and 17.71 percent for wastewater should be applied as an across-the-board increase to the existing service rates. The rates, as shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B of staff's memorandum dated May 26, 2016, should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. The utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until the required security has been filed, staff has approved the proposed customer notice, and the notice has been received by the customers. The utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate security to guarantee the interim increase?

**Recommendation:** The utility should be required to secure a letter of credit, or alternately an escrow account or surety bond, to guarantee any potential refund of revenues collected under interim conditions. If the security provided is a letter of credit or surety bond, it should be in the amount of \$245,203. Otherwise, the utility should deposit \$34,985 into the escrow account each month. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(6), F.A.C., the utility should provide a report by the 20th of each month indicating the monthly and total revenue collected subject to refund. Should a refund be required, the refund should be with interest and in accordance with Rule 25-30.360, F.A.C.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 5:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** The docket should remain open pending the Commission's PAA decision on the utility's requested rate increase.

**APPROVED**

## Ashley Quick

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**From:** Kathy Shoaf  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** Commissioners & Staffs; CLK - Agenda Staff; Braulio Baez; Keith Hetrick; Mark Futrell; Apryl Lynn; Mary Anne Helton; Cindy Muir; Jennifer Crawford; Kyesha Mapp; Greg Shafer  
**Cc:** Kate Hamrick; Jacqueline Moore; Nancy Harrison  
**Subject:** APPROVED - Request for oral modification for Item 12: Docket No. 160030-WS - Application for increase in water rates in Lee County and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Ni Florida, LLC

Please see [Approved Request for Oral Modification for Item No. 12, Docket No. 160030-WS](#).

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**From:** Braulio Baez  
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**To:** Greg Shafer  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for oral modification for Item 12: Docket No. 160030-WS - Application for increase in water rates in Lee County and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Ni Florida, LLC

Approved. Thank you

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**From:** Greg Shafer  
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**Subject:** Request for oral modification for Item 12: Docket No. 160030-WS - Application for increase in water rates in Lee County and wastewater rates in Pasco County by Ni Florida, LLC

Braulio,

Item 12 relates to an application for an increase in rates by Ni Florida. Staff requests approval to make an oral modification to the Water Rate Schedule (Schedule No. 4-A) on Page 19, and Wastewater Rate Schedule (Schedule No. 4-B) on page 20 to correct rounding and scrivener's errors in the Utility's requested interim and final rates. The changes are highlighted in the tables below. This requested modification does not affect the staff recommendation to suspend the Utility's requested final rates nor the staff recommended interim rates. The specific modifications appear in type and strike format as follows:

Ni Florida, LLC.		Schedule No. 4-A		
Test Year Ended 12/31/2015		Docket No. 160030-WS		
<b>Monthly Water Rates</b>				
	Current Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Staff Recommended Interim
<b><u>Residential and General Service</u></b>				
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size				
5/8 x 3/4"	\$12.64	\$17.70	\$18.34	\$17.71
3/4"	\$18.96	\$26.54	\$27.52	\$26.57
1"	\$31.60	\$44.24	\$45.86	\$44.28
1-1/2"	\$63.21	\$88.49	\$91.73	\$88.55
2"	\$101.13	\$141.57	\$146.76	\$141.68
3"	\$202.27	<del>\$312.69</del> \$283.16	<del>\$324.15</del> \$293.54	\$283.36
4"	\$316.04	\$442.43	\$458.65	\$442.75
6"	\$632.08	\$884.86	\$917.29	\$885.50
8"	\$1,011.20	\$1,415.60	\$1,467.48	\$1,416.80
RV Park	\$1,324.36	\$1,854.00	\$1,921.95	\$1,855.69
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - Residential Service				
0-3,000 gallons	\$4.47	\$6.26	\$6.49	\$6.26
3,001-6,000 gallons	\$5.66	\$7.92	\$8.21	\$7.93
Over 6,000 gallons	\$7.88	\$11.03	\$11.44	\$11.04
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$4.81	\$6.73	\$6.98	\$6.74
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>				
3,000 Gallons	\$26.05	\$36.48	\$37.81	\$36.49
6,000 Gallons	\$43.03	\$60.24	\$62.44	\$60.28
8,000 Gallons	\$58.79	\$82.30	\$85.32	\$82.36

Ni Florida, LLC.		Schedule No. 4-B		
Test Year Ended 12/31/2015		Docket No. 160030-WS		
<b>Monthly Wastewater Rates</b>				
	Current Rates	Utility Requested Interim	Utility Requested Final	Staff Recommended Interim
<b><u>Residential Service</u></b>				
Base Facility Charge - All Meter Sizes	\$20.95	<del>\$25.63</del> \$25.65	<del>\$26.11</del> \$26.12	\$24.66

Charge per 1,000 Gallons- Residential 8,000 gallon cap	\$6.87	<del>\$8.40</del> \$8.41	\$8.56	\$8.09
<b><u>General Service</u></b>				
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size				
5/8 x 3/4"	\$20.95	<del>\$25.63</del> \$25.65	<del>\$26.11</del> \$26.12	\$24.66
3/4"	\$31.43	<del>\$38.45</del> \$38.48	<del>\$39.17</del> \$39.18	\$36.99
1"	\$52.38	<del>\$64.08</del> \$51.30	<del>\$65.28</del> \$65.30	\$61.65
1-1/2"	\$105.46	<del>\$129.01</del> \$128.25	<del>\$131.43</del> \$130.60	\$123.30
2"	\$167.64	<del>\$205.08</del> \$205.20	<del>\$208.92</del> \$208.96	\$197.28
3"	\$335.27	<del>\$410.14</del> \$384.75	<del>\$417.82</del> \$391.80	\$394.56
4"	\$523.86	<del>\$640.85</del> \$641.25	<del>\$652.84</del> \$653.00	\$616.50
6"	\$1,047.73	<del>\$1,281.71</del> \$1,282.50	<del>\$1,305.70</del> \$1,306.00	\$1,233.00
8"	\$1,676.37	<del>\$2,050.74</del> \$2,052.00	<del>\$2,089.12</del> \$2,089.60	\$1,972.80
10"	\$2,409.78	<del>\$2,947.94</del> \$2,949.75	<del>\$3,003.10</del> \$3,003.80	\$2,835.90
Bulk Service	\$523.86	<del>\$640.85</del> \$641.25	<del>\$652.84</del> \$653.00	\$616.50
Charge per 1,000 Gallons - General Service	\$8.24	<del>\$10.08</del> \$10.09	\$10.27	\$9.70
<b><u>Typical Residential 5/8" x 3/4" Meter Bill Comparison</u></b>				
3,000 Gallons	\$41.56	<del>\$50.83</del> \$50.88	<del>\$51.79</del> \$51.80	\$48.93
6,000 Gallons	\$62.17	<del>\$76.03</del> \$76.11	<del>\$77.47</del> \$77.48	\$73.20
8,000 Gallons	\$75.91	<del>\$92.83</del> \$92.93	<del>\$94.59</del> \$94.60	\$89.38

Thanks,  
Greg