

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

VOTE SHEET

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**Docket No. 20160193-WU** – Application for approval of transfer of certain water facilities and Certificate No. 619-W from McLeod Gardens Water Company to McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, in Polk County.

**Issue 1:** Should the transfer of Certificate No. 619-W in Polk County from McLeod Gardens Water Company to McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The transfer of the water system and Certificate No. 619-W is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission vote. The resultant order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The existing rates and charges should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The Buyer should be responsible for filing the 2017 Annual Report, and all future annual reports and Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs).

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What is the appropriate net book value for the McLeod Gardens water system for transfer purposes?

**Recommendation:** The net book value of the water system for transfer purposes is \$43,566, as of September 1, 2016. Within 90 days of the date of the final order, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC should be required to notify the Commission in writing, that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission's decision. The adjustments should be reflected in McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC's 2017 Annual Report when filed.

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**Issue 3:** Should an acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371(3), F.A.C., a negative acquisition adjustment of \$14,553 should be recognized for ratemaking purposes. Beginning with the date of the issuance of the order approving the transfer, 50 percent of the negative acquisition, which is \$7,277 should be amortized over a 7-year period and the remaining 50 percent should be amortized over the remaining 13-year life of the assets in accordance with Rule 25-30.0371(4)(b)2., F.A.C.

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**Issue 4:** Should McLeod Gardens be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds Charges (NSF)?

**Recommendation:** Yes. McLeod Gardens should be authorized to collect NSF charges. McLeod Gardens should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved NSF charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided customers have received notice, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. McLeod Gardens should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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**Issue 5:** Should McLeod Gardens' requested meter tampering charge be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes. McLeod Gardens' request to implement a \$50 meter tampering charge should be approved. McLeod Gardens should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved meter tampering charges. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets provided customers have received notice, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. McLeod Gardens should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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

**Recommendation:** The docket should remain open pending staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, and approved by staff. If no timely protest is filed to the proposed agency action, a consummating order should be issued and, once staff verifies that the notice of the charge has been given to customers, the docket should be administratively closed.

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