

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 16

VOTE SHEET

December 11, 2018

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Docket No. 20180219-SU – Request for approval of amendment to tariff to charge a standby charge to customers significantly impacted by Hurricane Michael in Gulf County, by ESAD Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Beaches Sewer System.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Beaches' request to offer a standby charge of \$11.79 to customers whose homes incurred extensive damage due to Hurricane Michael and, therefore, cannot utilize wastewater service?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility's request to offer a standby charge of \$11.79 to customers whose homes incurred extensive damage due to Hurricane Michael and, therefore, cannot utilize wastewater service should be approved. The utility should file a tariff sheet and a proposed customer notice which encompasses the amount and purpose of the standby charge, the customer's right to discontinue service by providing written notice to the utility, and that the continuance of the standby charge will be reviewed by the Commission staff in January 2020 subsequent to the utility filing a report by January 1, 2020 detailing the number of customers still being billed the standby charge. Beaches should be required to provide notice to all customers. The approved charge should apply to affected customers on a temporary basis until all affected customers have either resumed wastewater service or disconnected from the system. The utility should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING



REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the standby charge approved herein should remain in effect with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, a consummating order should be issued. This docket should remain open for the Commission to reevaluate the continuance of the standby charge in 2020.

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