

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for an increase in water and
wastewater rates in Charlotte, Highlands, Lake,
Lee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk,
and Seminole Counties by Utilities, Inc. of Florida

Docket No. 20200139-WS

PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER OF A SPECIFIC PROVISION OF
RULE 25-30.437, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA (“UIF”) by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes, hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission for a variance or waiver of one specific requirement of Commission Form PSC/AFD 19-W (11/93) which form is incorporated by reference by Rule 25-30.437, Florida Administrative Code (“FAC”), as specifically identified below. In support of this Petition, Utilities, Inc. of Florida asserts the following:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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2. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact concerning this

Petition is:

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3. Petitioner will be filing an application for a file and suspend rate increase.

Information required in such a case includes the information contained in Commission Form PSC/AFD 19-W (11/93) which form is incorporated by reference by Rule 25-30.437, FAC

(“MFRs”). Schedule E-14 of the MFRs requires a billing analysis for each class of service by meter size. If a rate change has occurred during the test year, then a separate billing analysis coincided with each period must also be provided.

4. Although UIF intends to provide the billing analysis, it does not intend to provide separate billing analyses which coincides with each period of rate change during the test year. The purpose of this schedule is to provide the necessary rates and consumption information for the staff to annualize revenues in designing rates. To do so what the staff needs is the last rate change in the Test Year and consumption information.

5. The requested waiver or variance is needed because in order to provide the detailed billing analyses with billing changes it will result in a substantial hardship as defined in Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes, in that UIF will incur an inordinate amount of time to prepare these detailed billing analysis schedules which would also result in an additional 700 to 900 individual billing schedules.

6. In the instant case, as UIF has confirmed with Staff, these detailed rate change billing analyses do not provide any meaningful information which would facilitate the Commission’s review of UIF’s rate request.

7. The application of this specific MFR requirement to the revenue requirement and rate setting requested by UIF in this Docket would lead to an unreasonable, unfair and unintended result. The purpose of this specific MFR requirement is achieved through the billing analysis schedules to be filed by UIF.

8. This same issue arose in connection with UIF’s rate case in Docket No. 20160101-WS which resulted in the issuance of Order No. PSC-2016-0530-PAA-WS, granting the Petition. There has been no change in the rate case requirements since that time which would dictate a

different result.

8. UIF has been authorized by Office of Public Counsel to represent that “OPC takes no position on UIF’s Petition for Rule Waiver.”

WHEREFORE, UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA requests this Commission grant a waiver or variance of the referenced provision of Commission Form PSC/AFD 19-W (11/93) as incorporated by reference in Rule 25-30.437, Florida Administrative Code.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of April,
2020, by:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 21st day of April 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via email to:

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