

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

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Docket No. 20190170-WS – Application for transfer of facilities and Certificate Nos. 259-W and 199-S in Broward County from Royal Utility Company to Royal Waterworks, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the transfer of Certificate Nos. 259-W and 199-S in Broward County from Royal Utility Company to Royal Waterworks, Inc. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The transfer of the water and wastewater systems and Certificate Nos. 259-W and 199-S is in the public interest and should be approved effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as the Buyer’s certificate and should be retained by the Buyer. The existing rates, service availability charges, and billing policy should remain in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding. The tariffs reflecting the transfer should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariffs, pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The Seller is current with respect to annual reports and regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) through December 31, 2019. Royal should be responsible for filing annual reports and paying RAFs for 2020 and all future years.

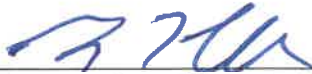
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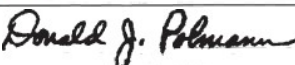
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Issue 2: What is the appropriate net book value for Royal's water and wastewater systems for transfer purposes?

Recommendation: The net book value (NBV) of the water and wastewater systems for transfer purposes is \$943,455 and \$539,395, respectively, as of July 1, 2019. Royal 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 the 2020 Annual Report when filed.

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Issue 3: Should a positive acquisition adjustment be recognized for ratemaking purposes?

Recommendation: No. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.0371, F.A.C., a positive acquisition adjustment should not be granted as the Utility failed to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances.

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Issue 4: Should Royal's request to revise water and add wastewater miscellaneous service charges be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Royal's request to revise water and add wastewater miscellaneous service charges should be approved. Royal should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet 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 and the notice has been received by customers. Royal 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 5: Should Royal's request to implement a late payment charge of \$6.50 be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Royal's request to implement a late payment charge of \$6.50 should be approved. Royal should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charge. The approved charge should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved charge should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by customers. Royal 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 6: Should Royal be authorized to collect Non-Sufficient Funds Charges?

Recommendation: Yes. Royal should be authorized to collect NSF charges. Royal should file a tariff sheet 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. Royal should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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Issue 7: Should Royal's request for a new class of service for private fire protection be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Royal's request to establish a new class of service for a private fire protection rate of \$50.96 for a six inch meter should be approved. Royal should file a proposed tariff and customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rate. The approved rate should be effective on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet provided customers have received notice pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. Royal should provide proof of noticing within 10 days of rendering its approved notice.

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Issue 8: Should Royal’s request to establish initial customer deposits be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. Royal’s request to establish initial customer deposits should be approved. The appropriate initial customer deposit should be \$62.26 for water and \$79.08 for wastewater for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter size. The initial customer deposit for all other residential meter sizes and all general service meter sizes should be two times the average estimated bill. The approved customer deposits should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved initial customer deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 9: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no protest to the proposed agency action is filed by a substantially affected person within 21 days of the date of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued and the docket should be closed administratively upon Commission staff’s verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed, the Buyer has notified the Commission in writing that it has adjusted its books in accordance with the Commission’s decision, and proof that appropriate noticing has been done pursuant to Rule 25-30.4345, F.A.C.

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