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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20210182-WU

Application for limited alternative
rate increase in Highlands County
by Country Walk Utilities, Inc.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 6

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: Next, Commissioners, we'll take
3 up Item 6. Ms. Knoblauch will be presenting the
4 item.

5 MS. KNOBLAUCH: Good morning, Commissioners.

6 CHAIRMAN FAY: Good morning.

7 MS. KNOBLAUCH: Item 6 is staff's
8 recommendation for a limited alternative rate
9 increase by Country Walk Utilities, Inc. Country
10 Walk is a class-C utility providing service to
11 approximately 71 customers in Highland County. In
12 accordance with Rule 25-30.457 of the Florida
13 Administrative Code, an eligible utility can apply
14 for an increase in rates no greater than 20
15 percent. Staff determined the utility met
16 eligibility requirements and recommends a revenue
17 increase of 7.62 percent. All customers received a
18 notice, which included a customer comment card that
19 customers could complete and mail to the
20 Commission. Three customers provided comments.
21 Staff is available to answer any questions.

22 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you, Ms.
23 Knoblauch. With that, Commissioners, you have a
24 summary. I'll take any comments or a motion on
25 Item 6.

1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I would
2 like to make just a very brief comment. I'm not
3 going to chastise the company for the mistake they
4 made here, but I do want to just recognize staff
5 and thank you for your diligence. As we would
6 expect, you caught a significant error there, but
7 it does bring to a point that I would just like to
8 highlight. There's been a lot of questions or
9 comments over the last several months about allowed
10 expenditures that go into rate base, one of those
11 being political campaign contributions. And just
12 an observation, that as staff goes through and
13 looks at these, they find these sorts of things.
14 Number one, companies don't even usually -- they
15 know better and they don't request them to begin
16 with. But when they do accidentally pop up, staff
17 did a great job of catching this. And just to note
18 that political campaign expenditures are not
19 allowed in rate base and never have been allowed in
20 rate bases. I just want to make that observation.
21 I move approval of the items.

22 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you, Commissioner
23 Clark.

24 With that, we have a motion on the item. Do
25 we have a second?

1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: We have a motion and a second.

3 All that support, say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN FAY: None opposed. With that, Item
6 6 passes. Thank you, Ms. Knoblauch.

7 (Agenda item concluded.)

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DATED THIS 15th day of April, 2022.



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