

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200185-WS – Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Lake and Sumter Counties, by Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC.

Issue 1: What are the appropriate water and wastewater rates and return on investment for Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission make adjustments to the Utility’s proposed rate base calculations and approve the resulting water and wastewater rates as calculated by staff and shown on Schedule Nos. 4-A and 4-B of staff’s memorandum dated October 24, 2022. The overall cost of capital should be 7.76 percent. A return on equity (ROE) of 7.84 percent with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points should also be approved. The approved rates should be effective for services rendered or 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 charge the approved rates until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC?

Recommendation: The appropriate miscellaneous service charges are shown on Schedule No. 4-C of staff's memorandum dated October 24, 2022 and should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. Gibson should be required to charge the approved miscellaneous service charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 3: Should the meter tampering charge requested by Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested meter tampering charge of actual cost should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Gibson should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 4: Should the Utility's request to implement a backflow prevention assembly testing charge be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested backflow prevention assembly testing charge for general service customers at actual cost should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Gibson should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 5: Should the collection device cleaning charge requested by Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested collection device cleaning charge at actual cost for general service customers should be approved. The approved charge should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Gibson should be required to charge the approved charge until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 6: Should the temporary meter deposit requested by Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The Utility's requested temporary meter deposit for general service customers at actual cost pursuant to Rules 25-30.315 and 25-30.345, F.A.C., is reasonable and should be approved. The approved deposit should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. Gibson should be required to collect the approved deposit, which covers the anticipated costs of installing and removing facilities and materials for temporary service, until authorized to change it by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 7: Should the Utility's requested initial customer deposits be approved?

Recommendation: No. The appropriate initial customer deposits are \$61 for water and \$138 for wastewater service for the residential 5/8" x 3/4" meter size. The initial customer deposits 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 service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 8: What are the appropriate service availability charges for Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC?

Recommendation: The appropriate service availability charges are a meter installation charge of \$571.50 for the residential 5/8" x 3/4" meter size and actual cost for all other residential and general service meter sizes. The main extension charge of \$823 per ERC and plant capacity charge of \$401 per ERC for the Utility's water system should be approved. Additionally, the plant capacity charges for Gibson should be \$401 for water and \$1,183 for wastewater. For Middleton, plant capacity charges should be \$1,128 for water and \$3,327 for wastewater. The recommended main extension and plant capacity charges should be based on an estimated 80 gallons per day (gpd) of water demand. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

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Issue 9: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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