BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed adoption of Rule 25-30.4575, F.A.C., Operating Ratio Methodology.

DOCKET NO. 20180141-WS ORDER NO. PSC-2019-0096-FOF-WS ISSUED: March 8, 2019

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman JULIE I. BROWN DONALD J. POLMANN GARY F. CLARK ANDREW GILES FAY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has adopted without changes Rule 25-30.4575, Florida Administrative Code.

The rule was filed with the Department of State on March 8, 2019, and will be effective on March 28, 2019. A copy of the rule as filed with the Department is attached to this Notice.

This docket is closed upon issuance of this Notice.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 8th day of March, 2019.

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25-30.4575 Operating Ratio Methodology.

(1) Under the operating ratio methodology, instead of calculating the utility's revenue requirement based on a rate of return on the utility's rate base, the revenue requirement includes the utility's operating expenses plus a margin of 12 percent of the utility's operation and maintenance expenses. For utilities that are resellers, purchased water and purchased wastewater expenses will be removed from operation and maintenance expense before the 12 percent margin is applied. The operating ratio adjustment shall be no more than \$15,000.

(2) In rate cases processed under Rule 25-30.455, F.A.C, the Commission will use the operating ratio

methodology to establish the utility's revenue requirement when:

(a) The utility's rate base is no greater than 125% of operation and maintenance expenses; and

(b) The use of the operating ratio methodology does not change the utility's qualification for a staff assisted rate case under subsection 25-30.455(1), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 367.0814(9) FS. Law Implemented 367.0814(9) FS. History- New .