

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 24

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20220185-WS – Application for limited alternative rate increase in Hardee, Manatee, Marion, Polk, and Pasco Counties, by Charlie Creek Utilities, LLC, Crestridge Utilities, LLC, East Marion Utilities, LLC, Heather Hills Utilities, LLC, Holiday Gardens Utilities, LLC, Lake Yale Utilities, LLC, McLeod Gardens Utilities, LLC, Orange Land Utilities, LLC, Sunny Shores Utilities, LLC, Sunrise Water, LLC and West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

Issue 1: Are any systems that were granted a Limited Alternative Rate Increase overearning, and if so, what are the appropriate revenue requirements going forward?

Recommendation: Three of the fourteen systems included in FUS1 LARI docket were found to be overearning. Those three systems are Crestridge, the water system for East Marion, and the wastewater system for Lake Yale. The appropriate revenue requirement should be \$251,161 for Crestridge; \$50,519 for East Marion’s water system; and \$98,961 for Lake Yale’s wastewater system.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Manatee

Polk

Marion

Hardee

Pasco

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate monthly service rates for the three systems that are overearning?

Recommendation: The appropriate service rates are shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated April 24, 2025. Crestridge and Lake Yale should file tariff sheets and proposed customer notices to reflect the Commission-approved rates. East Marion's rates should remain unchanged. The approved rates 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. In addition, the rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice. Crestridge and Lake Yale 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 3: What is the appropriate disposition of the overearnings?

Recommendation: For Crestridge and Lake Yale, the customers should be provided a refund pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(4), F.A.C. For East Marion, the refund should be recorded as contributions-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) pursuant to the agreement with OPC. In determining the appropriate refund, for the refund period, the revenues calculated using the reduced rates should be subtracted from the revenues collected. Staff should be given administrative authority to approve the refund amount based on the aforementioned calculation prior to the commencement of the refund. The refunds should be made with interest in accordance with Rule 25-30.360(4) F.A.C. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(7), the refund should be made within 90 days of the Commission's order. During the process of the refund, monthly reports on the status of the refund should be made by the 20th of the following month.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. If no person whose substantial interest 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 refunds have been completed and the revised tariff sheets and customer notice filed for approval by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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