

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 7

VOTE SHEET

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FPSC - COMMISSION CLERK

**Docket No. 20240123-WU** – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Columbia County by Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.

**Issue 1:** Should Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC’s application for a grandfather water certificate in Columbia County be acknowledged?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Suwannee Valley’s application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be granted Certificate 696-W, effective May 16, 2024, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated April 23, 2026. The resultant order should serve as Suwannee Valley’s certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

**APPROVED**

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**

*Ann Alton*  
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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What rates, charges, and deposits should be approved for Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC?

**Recommendation:** Of the Utility's rates and charges that were in effect when the County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, only the rates and charges shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff's memorandum dated April 23, 2026, are appropriate and should be approved. The rates and charges should be effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. Suwannee Valley should be required to charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate miscellaneous service charges for Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate miscellaneous service charges shown on Table 3-4 of staff's memorandum dated April 23, 2026, should be approved. The Utility should be required to file a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved charges. The approved charges should be effective for service rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(2), F.A.C. In addition, the tariff sheets should be approved upon staff's verification that the tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision and that the proposed customer notice is adequate.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** What is the appropriate meter installation charge for Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate meter installation charge is \$219 and should be approved. The Utility should file a tariff sheet and a proposed customer notice. The Utility should provide notice to potential customers who have requested service within 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed and up until this Order becomes final. The approved charge should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheet. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of notice.

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**Issue 5:** What are the appropriate initial customer deposits for Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate initial customer deposit amount should be \$85 for the residential 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter sizes. 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 initial customer deposits 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 collect the approved deposits until authorized to change them by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 6:** Should this docket be closed?

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

**APPROVED**