

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20250122-WS

Application for staff-assisted rate
case in Highlands County, by Sun
Communities Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a
Buttonwood Bay Utilities.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 11

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER BOBBY PAYNE
COMMISSIONER ANA ORTEGA

DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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Tallahassee, Florida

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Public in and for the State
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Moving to item 11
3 now. You are recognized whenever you are ready,
4 Mr. Sibley.

5 MR. SIBLEY: Good morning, Commissioners. I
6 am Matthew Sibley with the Division of Economics on
7 behalf of Commission staff.

8 Item 11 is a petition for Sun Communities
9 Acquisitions, LLC, doing business as Buttonwood Bay
10 Utilities, for a staff-assisted rate case in
11 Highlands County.

12 Buttonwood Bay is a Class C utility providing
13 water and wastewater service to approximately 955
14 water customers and 939 wastewater customers. On
15 October 3rd, 2025, Buttonwood Bay filed an
16 application for a staff-assisted rate case.

17 The Commission held a virtual customer meeting
18 on July 16th, 2026. In total, 11 customers spoke
19 at the customer hearing regarding this case.

20 Staff is recommending a water revenue
21 requirement of \$286,851 representing a 56.64
22 percent increase, and a wastewater revenue
23 requirement of 2,000 -- or \$205,091, representing a
24 30.41 percent increase.

25 Additionally, staff is recommending revising

1 its miscellaneous service charges to conform to the
2 rule. And, furthermore, staff is recommending that
3 the utility's existing system capacity charges for
4 water and wastewater be discontinued.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

6 Any questions on this item? Yes, Commissioner
7 La Rosa.

8 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Just a quick comment,
9 Madam Chair.

10 I didn't see the need to pull this item, but I
11 want to thank staff for walking me through and
12 explaining to me some of the communications that
13 they have had with the company. Maybe the
14 communication hasn't been great in the past. It
15 seems to be a little bit better on track currently.
16 So I appreciate that and fully support what staff
17 is recommending. Sorry.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. So I think that's
19 a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Motion to approve
21 staff's recommendation.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Hearing a motion
25 and a second.

1 All those in favor, please say aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. See that Item 11
4 passes.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Agenda item concluded.)

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DATED this 16th day of October, 2026.


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