

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20260098-WS

Application for a limited proceeding to
increase wastewater rates and service
availability charges in Polk County, by
NC Real Estate Projects, LLC d/b/a
Grenelefe Utility.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 12

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
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
Court Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State
of Florida at Large

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving to Item No. 12. Mr.
3 Imig.

4 MR. IMIG: Good morning, Commissioners. Jacob
5 Imig with Commission staff.

6 Item 12 is Grenelefe's petition for variance
7 and waiver of Rule 25-30.455 as part of its
8 application for a limited proceeding.

9 Grenelefe filed an application for a limited
10 proceeding to address the rebuilding of its
11 wastewater treatment plant following the conclusion
12 of its SARC earlier this year. The upgrades would
13 result in a rate increase exceeding 30 percent,
14 which is greater than the amount allowed under the
15 rule for limited proceedings.

16 The Commission can grant variance and waiver
17 of a rule if a person demonstrates that the purpose
18 of the underlying statute will or has been achieved
19 by other means, and that the principles of fairness
20 or a substantial hardship would be created without
21 the waiver.

22 Grenelefe argues that the purpose of the
23 underlying statute will be achieved by addressing
24 the singular topic of the wastewater treatment
25 plant, and that all other issues of a full rate

1 case were addressed in its SARC earlier this year.

2 Grenelefe also argues that denial of the
3 limited proceeding would result in a substantial
4 hardship because of added costs to the utility and
5 its customers. Additionally, substantial delay in
6 the improvements to the wastewater treatment plant
7 will result in DEP violations.

8 Staff recommends the waiver be granted because
9 Grenelefe has demonstrated that both requirements
10 for the rule waiver have been met.

11 Staff is available for questions.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

13 Are there questions?

14 I will hear a motion, then.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move staff
16 recommendation, Madam Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Hearing a motion and a
19 second.

20 All those in favor, please say aye.

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. See that Item 12
23 passes.

24 Thank you.

25 (Agenda item concluded.)

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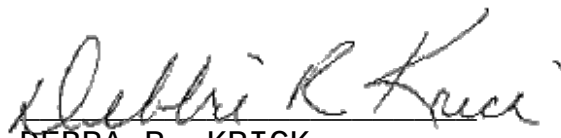
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COUNTY OF LEON)

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DATED this 16th day of October, 2026.


DEBRA R. KRICK
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