RESOLUTION NO. 2010-R-53

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SECTION 25-30.020 OF THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS FEES CHARGED BY COLUMBIA COUNTY, AND ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF SAID ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS A RULE OF THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATING INVESTOR-OWNED WATER, WASTEWATER, AND EFFLUENT RE-USE SYSTEMS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County enacted Ordinance No. 2007-15, asserting jurisdiction within Columbia County over investor-owned water, wastewater, and effluent re-use systems, as authorized by Chapter 367, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2007-15 was filed with the Florida Department of State and thereby became effective on May 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, by its own Order, the Florida Public Service Commission acknowledged rescission of its jurisdiction on that date; and

WHEREAS, Section 118-227 (g) of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Board Of County Commissions to adopt such fees as set forth in FPSC rules; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County desires to adopt the Florida Administrative Code 25-30.020 titled "Fees Required to be Paid by Water and Wastewater Utilities" as amended from time to time as the fees charged by Columbia County in the regulation of investor-owned utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 118-227 (g) of the Columbia County Code of

Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County adopts the fees set

forth in Florida Administrative Code 25-30.020 as fees to be charged in the regulation of

the regulation of investor-owned utilities in Columbia County.

Section 2. These adoption of these fees shall be a Rule of the Board as

defined in Ordinance No. 2007-15, and shall by reference automatically include all

amendments to F.A.C. section 25-30.020, may from time to time be enacted without

inserting any such amendment in the Rule.

Section 3. The Rule shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this 18th day, November, 2010.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ronald W. Williams, Chairman

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason, Cleri

25-30.020 Fees Required to be Paid by Water and Wastewater Utilities.

- (1) When a utility files any application for a certificate of authorization pursuant to Sections 367.045, 367.071 and 367.171, F.S., or files any request for a rate change pursuant to Sections 367.0814 and 367.0822, F.S. (except an index or pass-through), or files for authorization to collect or change service availability charges pursuant to Section 367.101, F.S., the utility shall remit a fee to the Commission's Division of Administrative Services. A separate fee shall apply for water service and wastewater service. A separate fee shall also apply for each section listed above. For purposes of this rule, capacity is determined by combining the capacities of all systems included in the application. For purposes of this rule, an equivalent residential connection (ERC) is 350 gallons per day (gpd) for water service and 280 gallons per day (gpd) for wastewater service.
 - (2) The amount of the fee to be filed pursuant to subsection (1) of this rule shall be as follows:
 - (a) For an original certificate application filed pursuant to Section 367.045, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For utilities with the existing or proposed capacity to serve up to 500 ERCs. \$750:
 - 2. For utilities with the existing or proposed capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$1,500;
 - 3. For utilities with the existing or proposed capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250;
 - 4. For utilities with the existing or proposed capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$3,000.
- (b) For an application for extension or deletion of territory filed pursuant to Section 367.045, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve up to 100 ERCs, \$100;
 - 2. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve from 101 to 200 ERCs, \$200;
 - 3. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve from 201 to 500 ERCs, \$300;
- 4. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs. \$1,000;
 - 5. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, 750:
- 6. For applications in which the area to be extended or deleted has the proposed capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250.
- (c) For an application for transfer or change in majority organizational control filed pursuant to Section 367.071, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For applications in which the utility to be transferred has the capacity to serve up to 500 ERCs, \$750;
 - 2. For applications in which the utility to be transferred has the capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$1500;
 - 3. For applications in which the utility to be transferred has the capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250;
 - 4. For applications in which the utility to be transferred has the capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$3,000.
- (d) For an application for a grandfather certificate filed pursuant to Section 367.171, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as 'ollows:
 - 1. For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve up to 100 ERCs, \$100;
 - 2. For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve from 101 to 200 ERCs, \$200;
 - 3. For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve from 201 to 500 ERCs, \$500;
 - 4. For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$1,000;
 - 5. For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$1,750;
 - For applications in which the utility has the capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250.
 - (e) For file and suspend rate cases filed pursuant to Section 367.081, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve up to 500 ERCs, \$1,000;
 - 2. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$2,000;
 - 3. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$3,500;
 - 4. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$4,500.
 - (f) For staff-assisted rate cases filed pursuant to Section 367.0814, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve up to 100 ERCs, \$200;
 - 2. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 101 to 200 ERCs, \$500;
 - 3. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve more than 200 ERCs, \$1,000.
- (g) For an application for a limited proceeding pursuant to Section 367.0822, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:

- 1. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve up to 100 ERCs, \$100;
- 2. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 101 to 200 ERCs, \$200;
- 3. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 201 to 500 ERCs, \$500;
- 4. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$1.000;
- 5. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$1,750;
- 6. For utilities with the existing capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250.
- (h) For an application for approval of charges or conditions for service availability filed pursuant to Section 367.101, F.S., the amount of the fee shall be as follows:
 - 1. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve up to 100 ERCs, \$100;
 - 2. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve from 101 to 200 ERCs, \$200;
 - 3. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve from 201 to 500 ERCs, \$500;
 - 4. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve from 501 to 2,000 ERCs, \$1,000;
 - 5. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve from 2,001 to 4,000 ERCs, \$1,750;
 - 6. For utilities with existing and proposed capacity to serve more than 4,000 ERCs, \$2,250.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 367.121(1) FS. Law Implemented 367.045(1)(d), (2)(e), 367.071(3), 367.081(5), 367.0814(2), 367.0822(2), 367.101(2), 367.145, 367.171(2)(b) FS. History-New 10-29-80, Formerly 25-10.11, 25-10.011, Amended 11-10-86, 11-30-93.