

# **Exhibit A**

Date: April 17, 2018

## **RECOMMENDED ORDER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY UTILITY COMMITTEE**

### **SUWANNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, LLC. SUWANNEE VALLEY ESTATES**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Columbia County Utility Committee, as part of a Proposed Board Action initiated by the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners and after due consideration of the exhibits, evidence and testimony presented in a public meeting on April 10, 2018 and continued on April 17, 2018, recommends to the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners that they adopt a Resolution Issuing Final Order for Rate Adjustments for the rates, fees and charges as set forth:

\$23.32 per month base rate.

\$ 3.35 per 1000 gallons

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1) Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC provides water services to approximately 23 customers in the Suwannee Valley Estates subdivision.
- 2) On May 3, 2007, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2007-15, the Columbia County Utilities Regulatory Ordinance, which became effective on May 8, 2007.
- 3) On August 20, 2007, the Florida Public Service Commission issued an order acknowledging the rescission of jurisdiction. (Docket Number 070345-WS, Order Number PSC -07-0667-F0E-WS).

- 4) On January 6, 2011, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners adopted an amendment to Ordinance 2007-15 authorizing Proposed Board Actions
- 5) The Utility serving Suwannee Valley Estates has been operating as part of the franchise with Consolidated Water Works, LLC until the sale of this water system to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC on June 6, 2017, when they began operations as Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.
- 6) .On March 19, 2018, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners approved the application for the Transfer of Franchise, Facilities or Control to Florida Utility Services 1, LLC for this water system and authorized the execution of a separate provisional franchise agreement for Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.
- 7) Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC currently charges an \$11.49 base fee and \$0.92 for every 100 gallons of use. This rate was in effect prior to the change in ownership to Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.
- 8) On April 5, 2018, County staff conducted a Customer Meeting of the Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC customers at the Springville Community Center 3710 Suwannee Valley Road, Lake City, Florida. 32055. A recording of the meeting was placed in public record.
- 9) On April 10, 2018, County Staff presented the rate adjustment request and supporting documentation to the Columbia county Utility Committee. The Utility Committee continued the meeting on April 17, 2018 to consider additional information. The public was present at these meetings.
- 10) County staff and the Utility Committee have reviewed all of the exhibits provided by Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC as part of the rate adjustment process and found them to contain sufficient evidence to support the stipulated rates, fees and charges as set forth in this recommendation.
- 11) The stipulation of rates as the settlement of all issues related to the determination of rates, fees and charges for services rendered by Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC within its service area is supported by competent, substantial evidence.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

On April 10, 2018 and April 17, 2018, the Columbia County Utility Committee, in a noticed meeting at the Columbia County Communications Center/ Emergency Operations Center, met to consider this issue. Based upon the testimony and documentary evidence presented at the Customer Meeting, the Utility Committee meeting, and in the exhibits, the Columbia County Utility Committee finds the recommended rates are supported by competent, substantial evidence and are just, reasonable, compensatory and not unfairly discriminatory.

On a motion by Chairman Nash and seconded by Chad Williams, the Utility Committee voted to recommend that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners adopt the resolution approving the rates, fees and charges as set forth:

\$23.32 per month base rate  
\$ 3.35 per 1000 gallons above base

In addition, the following charges have been reaffirmed:

Deposit	\$75.00
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00
Disconnection Fee	\$25.00
Late Fees	\$ 5.00
Meter Tampering Fee	\$75.00
Returned Check Charge as allowed in FS 832.08(5)	

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Bucky Nash, Utility Committee Chair

Date:

# **Exhibit B**

## **Approved Rates, Fees, and Charges Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.**

**Date Approved:**      **April 19, 2018**

**Date of Final Order:**

### **Water Rates:**

Monthly Base Charge:	\$	
Usage Charge:	\$	per 1,000 gallons
Initial Connection Fee:	\$	

### **Miscellaneous fees and Charges:**

Late Fee:	\$
Disconnection Fee:	\$
Reconnection Fee:	\$
Deposit:	\$
Meter Tampering Fee	\$
Returned Check Fee:	FL Statute 832.08(5)