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Public Service Commission

June 4, 1997

Vicki Gordon Kaufman, Esquire McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Rief & Bakas, P.A. 117 South Gadsden Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

> Re: Docket No. 970521-WS - Application for limited proceeding to increase base facility charges and gallonage rates for water service by Betmar Utilities, Inc. in Pasco County

Dear Ms. Kaufman:

Commissioners:

SUSAN F. CLARK

J. TERRY DEASON

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After review of Betmar Utilities, Inc. (Betmar or utility)'s application for limited proceeding, a need for additional information vital to proceeding with this PAA case was apparent. Staff requests the company supply the following information:

- During the customer meeting on June 26, 1997, Mr. Willard Hamm at 36506 Kay Avenue believed he was being charged a minimum of 3,000 gallons for every billing period. Please provide his billing records for the last year showing his meter readings and usage billed for both water and wastewater.
- If Betmar were to purchase the two generators, please explain how would they be financed?
- Please provide a schedule showing how the purchased generators would be recorded on the utility's books.
- 4. If Betmar were to purchase the two generators, would the utility still request liability insurance on them? If so, please explain why it would be necessary?
- 5. If Betmar were to purchase the wastewater generator, would the utility still need the annual license tag renewal fee? If so, please explain why the trailer would be necessary?
- In Exhibit D, Volume III, page 9, of the limited proceeding application, Betmar is requesting recovery of \$749.61 for the autodial alarm system. Please provide an overview of how the autodial system will work.

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- 7. Please provide an explanation as to why extended service charges were placed on this autodial line?
- 8. Please provide an explanation as to why long distance calls were placed from this autodial line?
- 9. If Betmar receives a late payment fee from the telephone company for not paying the telephone bill on time, does the utility believe its rate payers should pay the added late charge?
- In Exhibit E, Volume III, page 43, of the limited proceeding application, Betmar is requesting recovery of \$824.99 for two GTE mobilnet numbers.
 - A. Who uses the two cellular phones?
 - B. Does Mr. Turco use the cellular phones? If so, what amount of time?
 - C. What benefit does the two cellular phones provide the utility that it could not receive from a normal business line?
 - D. Why is there long distance charges on these two cellular phones?
 - E. Please provide justification for each long distance call?
- 11. Regarding Exhibit K, Volume III, page 129, please explain why is it necessary for the utility to pay a one time administrative fee of \$100 to LSG for the lease?
- 12. Regarding Exhibit M, Volume III, page 134, the invoice from Roe Insurance, Inc. states that depending on the load capacity of the trailer, they may be able to reduce the insurance premium. Has this insurance premium been reduced? If so, by what amount? If not, please explain why not?
- 13. Regarding Exhibit N, Volume III, page 136, should the utility refund with interest pursuant to Rule 25-30.360(4), Florida Administrative Code, the amount that was over collected from staff's error in Docket No. 941280-WS? If not, please explain why not?
- Regarding Exhibit O, Volume III, page 138, provide a list of job duties and responsibilities as it relates to this application for the following titles: Principal, Associate, Analyst and Clerical.
- Please provide an update with invoices through July 31, 1997, for the services performed by Regulatory Consultants, Inc. in this case.

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- Please provide an update with invoices for all Out-of-Pocket Expenses through July 31, 1997, for Regulatory Consultants, Inc. in this case.
- Please provide an update with invoices through July 31, 1997, for the services performed by the law offices of McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Rief & Bakas, P.A. in this case.
- Please provide an update with invoices for all Out-of-Pocket Expenses through July 31, 1997, from the law offices of McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Rief & Bakas, P.A. for this case.

In order to allow sufficient time for Staff to analyze the data requested, please provide the requested responses by September 8, 1997. We request that the responses be provided on an earlier, piecemeal basis, to the extent possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 413-6228 or Mr. Eric Groom at (904) 413-6940.

Sincerely,

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Staff Counsel

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Groom)

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