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Re: Docket No. 980242-SU - Application for limited proceeding in wastewater rates by Lindrick Service Corporation in Pasco County (data request)

Dear Ken:

In processing this limited proceeding, staff requests that the utility respond to the following data requests by no later than June 1, 1998:

1. What is the cost of the land on which the wastewater treatment plant currently sits?
2. Who owns the land that the treatment plant is located on?
3. The plant is proposed to be converted to a flow equalizing master pumping station. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the pumping station?
4. Has the utility explored the possibility of dismantling the treatment plant? If so, would the utility anticipate selling the plant and land?
5. On page two of the application, the utility listed three options. What are the estimated costs for the first two options?

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6. Did the utility obtain bids on the wastewater collection system improvement for chloride reduction program from companies other than H₂O?
7. If so, who are the other companies and what are their estimates? If not, why?
8. What is the final agreement on the bulk wastewater rates the City will charge Lindrick? Did the City give the utility a final amount? If so, provide a copy of the final agreement.
9. What is the anticipated date of interconnection to the City of New Port Richey?
10. How does the utility intend on financing this project?
11. Schedule No. 9 on page 11 of the application included 15% engineering and 10% contingencies of engineer's estimated costs, what is the rationale for using these percentages?
12. Regarding the \$2,500 permitting costs in note 2 on page 11, are these estimates or actual costs? Can the utility provide verification on these costs? (i.e. copies of permits, checks, invoices, etc.)
13. Provide a breakdown on the cost for the construction management of \$90,000 in note 2 on page 11.
14. Provide a breakdown of the hours and billing rates for the \$54,000 from Borda Engineers & Energy Consultants (BEEC) on page 29 of Exhibit D.
15. Provide a breakdown of the \$18,000 accounting fee and the \$12,000 legal fee included on page 6.
16. Provide a revised Schedule No. 4 using the amounts for operation & maintenance expense as of December 31, 1997.

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17. Provide a breakdown of each estimated change in operation & maintenance expense listed in Schedule No. 4 on page 6.
18. Did the utility have to pay any fines to DEP? If so, is the utility requesting recovery of the penalties and or legal fees? If so, why is it appropriate to include such expenses in the utility rates?
19. Provide a breakdown of the \$18,720 reduction in payroll taxes on page 8.
20. Provide copies of the invoices listed on page 30 and 31 of Exhibit E.

Also, please advise me if you wish staff to go ahead with the processing of the request for emergency rates. As agreed to at our meeting, you said you would provide additional justification by March 4, 1998. However, because the city has apparently changed its position on accepting wastewater, you have advised me that you would have to refile the request for emergency rates. Therefore, staff has not drafted its recommendation on your original filing. If staff should go forward with the original filing, please advise me immediately.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Senior Attorney

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