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### **JANUARY 18, 2000**

RE: DOCKET NO. 000005-WS - Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4), F.S.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments? <u>Recommendation</u>: The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 2000 price index by using a fiscal year, four-quarter comparison of the GDP Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 1999.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

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Issue 2: What should be the 2000 Price Index for water and wastewater
utilities?

<u>Recommendation</u>: The 2000 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 1.36%.

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<u>Issue 3</u>: How should the utilities calculate and provide annualized

revenues for indexing purposes?

Recommendation: The utilities should utilize Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99).

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<u>Issue 4</u>: How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

Recommendation: The Division of Records and Reporting should be directed to mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index which will contain the information presented in Form PSC/WAW 15 (4/99) and Appendix "A" (Attachment 1 of staff's memorandum dated January 6, 2000). A cover letter from the Director of the Water and Wastewater Division should accompany the Order (Attachment 2 of staff's memorandum).

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<u>Issue 5</u>: Should this docket be closed?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes, this docket should be closed if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the <u>14-day</u> protest period after issuance of the PAA Order. Any party filing a protest should be required to prefile testimony with the protest.

