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Public Service Commission

January 26, 2000

Mr. Anthony Staiano, President Park Water Company 25 First Avenue North Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Re: Docket No. 991627-WU - Application of Park Water Company, Inc. For an Increase in Water Rates and Charges in Polk County - Revised Test Year Approval

Dear Mr. Staiano:

We have received your letter dated January 13, 2000, requesting approval of a change in test year from an historical base year ended December 31, 1998 and projected test year ended December 31, 1999 to only an historical base year ended December 31, 1999 for the above docket. Further, you stated that the utility will file its application using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) provision in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes. The utility's change in test year request as outlined above is hereby approved. You should also be aware that if you do not elect to request the PAA process in your application, prefiled direct testimony must be filed with the minimum filing requirements (MFRs).

Your petition will be deemed filed on the date that the Division of Records and Reporting receives the complete petition, revised tariff sheets, the MFRs, testimony (if not requesting PAA), and the filing fee. To minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above no later than April 1, 2000 as stated in your letter. Because of the difficulty in scheduling hearing dates, it is not anticipated that a further extension of this filing will be granted.

Under the file and suspend law, the time period for processing the request will begin on the date that all of the required data is completely filed. If not complete, the official filing date will be the date the complete corrections to the deficiencies are filed.

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The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, information not filed with the original application may not be considered.

Sincerely

Joe Garcia Chairman

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cc: Commissioners

Mr. William Talbott

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