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STAFF'S FIRST
DATA REQUEST

RE: Undocketed Earnings Investigation of the Aloha Gardens Water and Wastewater Divisions and the Seven Springs Water Division of Aloha Utilities, Inc. in Pasco County

Dear Mr. Deterding:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Aloha Utilities, Inc. (Aloha or utility) provide responses to the following data requests. The following data requests 1 through 9 relate to Aloha Utilities, Inc.'s Seven Springs Wells Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7. For these data requests, please provide a separate response for each well stated above.

- 1) Who owns these wells?
- 2) Please identify the year each well was placed in service.
- 3) Please provide an itemized cost breakdown of each well in the year it was placed in service.
- 4) Please provide an annual itemized cost breakdown and detailed description of any additions or upgrades for each well, since it was placed in service.
- 5) Please provide a detailed description of each well's components in the year it was placed in service. This includes, but is not limited to, the depth of the well, the size of the well, and the size of the pump.
- 6) For each well, please state the number of gallons purchased and the cost per gallon for the year ended December 31, 1999.
- 7) Please explain why the utility did not purchase the land on which each well is located.

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- 8) Who pays the property taxes for the land on which each well is located?
- 9) Who pays the operating expenses associated with each well?

Data Requests No. 10 and No. 11 relate to the Regulatory Commission Expense the utility has incurred as a result of Docket No. 960545-WS. By Order No. PSC-99-1917-PAA-WS, issued September 28, 1999, in Dockets No. 970536-WS and 980245-WS, the Commission found that the costs incurred for Docket No. 960545-WS in 1998 and in subsequent years shall be deferred until these costs cease. At that point, the utility shall begin amortizing those amounts over five years according to Rule 25-30.433(8), Florida Administrative Code. Further, the Commission found that the prudence of any these costs shall be addressed in a future proceeding, if necessary. At present, this docket is scheduled to be closed July 11, 2000.

- 10) Please provide a copy of all support documentation for actual regulatory commission expense incurred from January 1, 1998 to date.
- 11) Please provide a schedule of the actual regulatory commission expense incurred from January 1, 1998 to date and the utility's estimated regulatory commission expense through the closing of the docket. Please separate these expenses into the following categories: accounting, legal, engineering, and/or other.
- 12) Please provide the twelve-month year ended December 31, 1999 ERCs for each of the utility's four systems.

Please file the original and five copies of the requested information by Monday, April 24, 2000, with Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6234 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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