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Public Service Commission

March 30, 2000

Mr. Charlie DeMenzes, President Tradewinds Utilities, Inc. P.O. Box 5220 Ocala, Florida 34478-5220

Re: Docket No. 991835-WS- Application for Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI) charge for additional water improvements and for additional lines associated with wastewater extension into the George Mayo subdivision in Marion County by Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.

Dear Mr. DeMenzes:

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Thank you for providing answers to staff's data request dated February 9, 2000. However, this letter is a follow-up with additional questions requesting information on Tradewinds Utilities, Inc.'s (Tradewinds or utility) current AFPI filing. In order for staff to expedite the filing, please provide the following information on the utility's water system:

- 1. What are the current flows for the water system in the utility's service area?
- 2. What are the maximum flows for the water system in the area?
- 3. What are the current number of Equivalent Residential Connections (ERCs) for the utility's water system?
- 4. What are the maximum number of ERCs based on the utility's current capacity level? Will the maximum number of ERCs place the water system at build-out?
- The Department of Environmental Protection requires a utility to expand its plant capacity once it reaches eighty-percent of being fully capacitated. Has Tradewinds reached this level? If so, when does the utility expect to expand its plant capacity? If not, how many future customers or ERCs will it take to reach the eighty-percent not level?

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Provide the above information to the Commission by April 28, 2000. If you have any questions, please call Johnny Butts at (850) 413-6920.

Sincerely,

Troy Kendell

Public Utilities Supervisor

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cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Willis, Butts)

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