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## STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST

Re: Docket No. 070466-SU - Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Polk County by West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.

Dear Mr. Deterding:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. provide responses to the following data requests:

- Are there any O&M expenses, such as salary, fringe benefits, or miscellaneous expenses, that are being incurred by the owner's son?
- Since the City of Lakeland is willing to continue meter reading for the utility at the cost of \$1.00 per month per customer, has the utility considered hiring a part time employee to handle the remainder of the billing and collection responsibilities listed in its application?
- a. Is so, why did the utility not choose this option?
  b. If so, what were the costs for the employee and related benefits?

  Given the prevailing wage rates in the Lakeland area, could the utility hire a part-time employee to perform the duties and responsibilities as Severn Trent?

  Does the utility have the computer and software to do its own billing? 3.
- 4.
- What additional expenses would the utility incur, including but not limited to salary, benefits, and postage, if it hired a part-time employee? Please list these expenses by category and amounts.
- How many customers does the utility currently serve?

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- 7. How many residents are in the service area or subdivision served by the utility?
- 8. Are there any homes using the wastewater service that are not being billed?
- 9. How often are the water meters currently being read, i.e., what is the current meter reading cycle?
- 10. If customers are calling the utility with their water readings from the City of Lakeland, is the utility reconciling this water usage with the billed wastewater usage?
- 11. Please provide an affidavit that both the initial customer notice and the notice of the informal meeting were mailed to all customers and the date that such notices were mailed.

Please provide responses by November 15, 2007. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6234.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Revell)
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