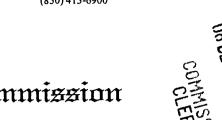
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## Hublic Service Commission

December 10, 2008

Mike Smallridge, Utility Consultant 1645 W. Main Street Inverness, FL 34450

Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for Sebring Ridge Utilities, Inc. in Highlands County, Docket No. 080669-SU

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

KATRINA J. MCMURRIAN NANCY ARGENZIANO NATHAN A. SKOP

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Sebring Ridge Utilities, Inc. (Sebring or Utility). We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is 500. The fee is based on the capacity of the utility system as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes. The filing fee must be received by January 9, 2009 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Section 367.091(2), Florida Statutes, provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of Fairmount's application for a SARC to the Chief Executive Officer of Highlands County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Shannon Hudson at (850) 413-7021.

Sincerely,

Timothy Devlin Director

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cc: Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Fletcher, Hudson, Daniel) Office of General Counsel (Williams) Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 080669-SU)