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STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF Administrative Services Apryl C. Lynn Director (850) 413-6330

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October 27, 2009

Ms. Molly Merry Bureau of Accounting Financial Services 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0354 COMMISSION

Dear. Ms. Merry:

The Public Service Commission has exercised reasonable efforts to collect fines from the utility referenced below. No response has been received, therefore further collection efforts would not be cost effective.

DOCKET NUMBER	UTILITY NAME	TOTAL AMOUNT
090154-SU	West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.	\$6,219.95

The Delinquent Accounts Receivable Transmittal form, a memorandum from the Commission's Office of the General Counsel, and other supporting documentation are enclosed. At your discretion, please grant this agency permission to write off the debt.

Sincerely, Apryl C. Lynn

AL:vm Enclosures

cc: Office of the General Counsel (Saylor) Division of Economic Regulation (Clapp) Office of Commission Clerk (Cole)

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES BUREAU OF ACCOUNTING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TRANSMITTAL (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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Provide as much information as possible for each account or returned check listed. Names should include legal entities as well as individuals. Principal Amount is the original amount of the debt excluding any service charge, penalty, and/or interest. Penalty/Interest Amount is the amount of the service charge, penalty, and/or interest due to date on the delinquent account or returned check. For those accounts subject to interest charges, please indicate the interest rate, method of calculation, and whether the rate is subject to change. Penalty/Interest Authority is the Florida Statutory and/or Florida Administrative Code citation authorizing the service charge, penalty, and/or interest on delinquent accounts and returned checks. Date Incurred is the date the account became delinquent; e.g., the date a check was returned marked NSF, the date an invoice was due to be paid, etc. Debt Type must be indicated using the codes listed at the bottom of the form.

In order to properly pursue a delinquent account the Bureau of Accounting and the collection agency, if used, require pertinent information about the debt and debtor. Such information regarding the debt should be provided in the area titled Debt Description and include the purpose of the original payment by check; type of goods/services provided; what, when, and where State property was damaged; when, why and what court ordered a payment; when and why a fine was issued; for what and when were State funds overpaid; etc. Additional Information about the debtor should include, if available, date of birth, driver license number, credit card type and number, names and addresses of relatives, and any other information that may be used to locate the debtor. The more the Bureau and the collection agency know about the debt and debtor the more likely the recovery of the debt.

To facilitate the transfer of moneys collected, each agency shall designate one FLAIR revenue account code to which all moneys will be transferred by the journal transfer. Agencies will be provided a detailed listing of amounts collected and collection fees charged for each amount. The Department will also provide instructions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles on the appropriate method of recording the difference between any moneys collected and the amount of the delinquent account; i.e., treat the difference as cost of collection or provide approval for adjusting the balance of the account pursuant to Section 17.04, Florida Statutes.

Forms and Questions should be addressed to:

Department of Financial Services Bureau of Accounting Room 414 Fletcher Building 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0354 (850) 410-9365 / SC 210-9365

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DATE:	October 22, 2009
TO:	Karen Belcher, Director, Division of Administrative Services
FROM:	Erik L. Sayler, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counse
RE:	Request for Permission from Department of Financial Services to Write-Off the Penalty Imposed on West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc., pursuant to Order No. PSC- 09-0607-FOF-SU, issued September 8, 2009, in Docket No. 090154-SU <u>In re:</u> <u>Notice of abandonment of wastewater system for The Village of Lakeland Mobile</u> <u>Home Park in Polk County, by West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.</u>

On March 30, 2009, Docket No. 090154-SU was established to address the notice of abandonment submitted by West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. (the Utility), effective June 30, 2009. On June 22, 2009, the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit issued an order in Case No. 53-2009CA-005284, in which it declared West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc. abandoned and appointed Mr. Michael Smallridge as receiver of the wastewater system.

During the pendency of this proceeding, it was discovered that the Utility was in apparent violation of Sections 367.145, 367.161, and 350.113, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Rules 25-30.110, and 25-30.120, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Commission staff contacted the former owners, by phone, letter, and email concerning the outstanding RAFs, penalties and interest owed to the Commission, and their failure to file annual reports. By phone, the former owners stated they could not pay the RAFs nor penalties and interest. The former owners did not respond to staff's letter or email concerning these outstanding amounts.

Order No. PSC-09-0607-FOF-SU, issued on September 8, 2009, acknowledged abandonment of the Utility and appointment of Mr. Smallridge as receiver. In addition, the order declined to show cause the former owners of the Utility for their failure to pay regulatory assessment fees, penalties and interest on those fees, and for failing to file annual reports because the Utility was abandoned and the likelihood of recovering any money from the former owners was minimal.

In its Order, the Commission found that the Utility had failed to timely submit, pursuant to Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., its regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) and was assessed penalties and interested pursuant to statute and rule. The Utility made a partial payment of \$1,360.67 on May 31, 2008, for its 2007 RAFs, and no payment for its 2008 RAFs. Notices of delinquency for failure to remit the 2007 and 2008 RAFs were mailed to the Utility on April 22, 2008, and April 15, 2009, respectively. As of the date of receivership, June 22, 2009, the Utility owed delinquent

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RAFs for 2007 and 2008, respectively: \$3,961.53 in RAFs, \$856.62 in interest, and \$312.80 in penalties. The amount of 2009 RAFs owed from January 1, 2009, through June 22, 2009, is \$1,315.17; however, this amount will be the responsibility of the receiver.¹

The Commission also found that the Utility had failed to timely file, pursuant to Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., its annual reports, and was assessed a penalty pursuant to the rule. Because the Utility was abandoned and was now in receivership, the Commission found good cause for the Utility's non-compliance, exercised its discretion in Rule 25-30.110(6), F.A.C., and did not assess the penalties set forth in Rule 25-30.110(7), F.A.C., for outstanding annual reports.

Because the Commission also found that further collection efforts would likely not be cost-effective and that collection of any fees is highly unrealistic, the Commission further ordered that the outstanding the RAFs, penalties and interest be sent to the Department of Financial Services for collection, and that the Division of Administrative Services shall request permission to write-off the uncollectible amount.

Therefore, staff requests that the Division of Administrative Services/Fiscal Services Section take the appropriate steps to seek permission from the Department of Financial Services to write-off the uncollectible the RAFs, penalties and interest for West Lakeland Wastewater, Inc.

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cc: Valorie Moore Stephanie Clapp

¹ See Order No. PSC-95-0222-FOF-WU, issued February 17, 1995, in Docket No. 941122-WU, In Re: Notice of abandonment of water system in Levy County by Manatee Utilities, Inc.