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February 28, 2011

Ralph Jaeger Office of General Counsel Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

# Re: Docket No. 100330-WS - Application for increase in water/wastewater rates in Alachua, Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, and Washington Counties by Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. – Staff Twenty Second Data Request

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

By this letter, Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. (AUF or Company) provides its response to the Staff's Twenty Second Data Request.

1. For each individual person, in each firm providing consulting services to AUF, please provide a description and associated cost for any and all expenses incurred to date.

# **RESPONSE:**

The enclosed CD labeled "Staff Twenty Second Data Request Response" provides the rate case expense summary sheet, the detail of contents sheet, the cost estimates and invoices for legal services and consultants and the cost estimates for Service Company employees. This information covers the data requests in Staff 22nd Data Request #1, #2 & #3.

2. For each firm or consultant providing services for AUF, please provide copies of any and all invoices for services provided to date.

### **RESPONSE:**

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3. Please provide an estimate of costs to complete the case through the end of the PAA process, broken down by hour, for each consultant or employee, including a description of estimated work to be performed, and detail of the estimated remaining expense to be incurred.

## **RESPONSE:**

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4. For all individual AUF systems, involved in this case, that have purchased water or wastewater treatment, please provide a table indicating the system, the purchased water/wastewater provider, the bulk rates charged to AUF, and the retail rates charged by these providers for their own residential customers.

## **RESPONSE:**

The requested information concerning the retail rates is contained on the enclosed CD labeled "Staff Twenty Second Data Request Response." Attached hereto is the requested table of current purchased water and wastewater charges. Also see AUF's response to Staff Fifteenth Data Request, as well as the letter dated February 2, 2011 concerning the Lake Osborne water system.

- 5. In its response to the Lake Osborne Civic Association's letter, dated February 2, 2011, AUF also requested a pro form increase in purchased water for the Lake Osborne system. AUF also indicated that it is now being billed under multi-family rates, instead of general service rates pursuant to the original purchased water contract dated October 9, 1974. The original contract indicates that AUF will be billed at the general service rates. Please respond to the following:
  - a. Please provide any and all correspondence between AUF and Lake Worth Utilities Authority (LWUA) regarding the justification for switching AUF's customer class from general service to multi-family.
  - b. Please explain or describe whether AUF is actively pursuing that it remain a general service customer, instead of a multi-family customer with LWUA. If so, please provide the current status of the negotiations.

### **RESPONSE:**

a. AUF and LWUA continue to exchange telephone calls and electronic mails (e-mails) concerning the current revision to the rate structure change. AUF respectfully believes it is inappropriate to submit internal e-mails with LWUA while negotiations are ongoing. AUF has requested the justification for the switch and a review of the appropriate rates and charges. LWUA has responded that they are conducting further investigation for the switch. Further, AUF is scheduled to meet with LWUA on February 28, 2011 for further discussions.

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b. AUF is involved with on-going discussions and negotiations with LWUA concerning the appropriate bulk water rates which AUF should be charged. AUF is scheduled to meet with LWUA on February 28, 2011 for further discussions. Once these discussions are concluded, AUF will report back to the Commission on the progress and any resolutions.

AUF has calculated that if it is successful in reverting back to the General Service rates as agreed to in the 1974 agreement, the increase in purchased water expense will be \$63,597.85 through October 2011. See spreadsheet attached hereto.

Further, the impact of the General Service rates beginning in October 2011 forward will be \$79,004.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely. Trov Rendell

Rates Manager

cc: Bruce May, Holland & Knight
Office of Commission Clerk
Patricia Christensen, Office of Public Counsel
Kimberly A. Joyce, Aqua America, Inc.

#### Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc. Docket No. 100330-WS Staff Twenty Second Data Request Current AUF Charges

#### Purchased Water

Vendor Name	System Name	Rate Band					
Board of County Commissioners - Pasco	Pairn Terrace W	1012	Bulk Water		Per 1000 Gal Charge		includes \$.68 surcharge
Brevard County Water Resources	Kingswood	1011	Base	\$197.15	Per 1000 Gal Charge		varies based on usage per rate chart
Brevard County Water Resources	Oakwood W	1011	Base	\$349.10	Per 1000 Gal Charge	various	varies based on usage per rate chart
City of Lake Worth	Lake Osborne	1006	Base Facility Charge - per unit	\$12.28	Per 100 Gal Charge	various	Billing schedule attached
		-	Customer Service Charge	\$4.11			
			WT Outside Srchg 25%	25%			
City of Altamonte springs	Harmony Homes	1011			Per 100 Gal Charge	\$3.70	Purchased only when needed.
City of Mount Dora	Tangerine	1000	Base - incl. utility tax	\$556.60	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$1.06	varies based on usage per rate chart
Desoto County Water Utility	Lake Suzy W	1010	Bulk Water	1	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$3.75	
Lakeland Electric	Village Water W	1012	Base Charge	\$1,194.17	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$2.34	
Lakeland Electric	Village Water W	1012	8ase Charge	\$79.43	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$2.34	
St Johns River Utility Inc	Holiday Haven W	1013	No base		Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$4.50	
St Johns River Utility Inc	Holiday Haven W	1013	Base	\$725.00	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$4.50	
St Johns River Utility Inc	Jungle Den W	1013	No base		Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$4.50	
St Johns River Utility Inc	Jungle Den W	1013	Base	\$725.00	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$4.50	
Town of Welaka	Beechers Point W	1013	Base	\$1,600.63	includes 300,000 gal.		
				1	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$5.83	over 300,000
			Surcharge	\$480.19			

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#### Purchased Wastewater

Vendor Name	System Name	Rate Band		······································
Board of County Commissioners - Pasco	Zephyr Shores WW	2004	Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$4.54 includes \$1.00 surcharge
Town of Welaka	Beechers Point WW	2007 Base	\$3,594.50 includes 300,000 gal.	
			Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$5.72 over 300,000
Polk County	Lake Gibson Estates WW	2006 Base	\$734.21 Per 1000 Gal Charge	\$5.34