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#### January 24, 2013

**Docket No. 130005-WS** – Annual reestablishment of price increase or decrease index of major categories of operating costs incurred by water and wastewater utilities pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), F.S.

**Issue 1:** Which index should be used to determine price level adjustments?

**Recommendation:** The Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index is recommended for use in calculating price level adjustments. Staff recommends calculating the 2013 price index by using a fiscal year, four quarter comparison of the Implicit Price Deflator Index ending with the third quarter 2012.

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<u>Issue 2:</u> What rate should be used by water and wastewater utilities for the 2013 Price Index? **Recommendation:** The 2013 Price Index for water and wastewater utilities should be 1.63 percent.

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**Issue 3:** How should the utilities be informed of the indexing requirements?

Recommendation: Pursuant to Rule 25-30.420(1), F.A.C., the Office of Commission Clerk, after the expiration of the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) protest period, should mail each regulated water and wastewater utility a copy of the PAA order establishing the index containing the information presented in Form PSC/ECR 15 (4/99) and Appendix A (Attachment 1) of staff's memorandum dated January 10, 2013. A cover letter from the Director of the Division of Accounting and Finance should be included with the mailing of the order (Attachment 2 of staff's memorandum dated January 10, 2013).

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**Issue 4:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** Yes, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of the Consummating Order if no substantially affected person files a timely protest within the 14-day protest period after issuance of the PAA Order. Any party filing a protest should be required to prefile testimony with the protest.

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