February 5, 2014

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumark Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 130211 -WS - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by S.V. Utilities, Ltd.: Our File No. 42038.02

Dear Ms. Stauffer:
The following are the responses of S.V. Utilities, Ltd. (SV or Utility) to the Staff's Fourth Data Request dated January 28, 2014.

1. Currently, the Utility bills its customers on a quarterly basis. In the past, where appropriate, the Commission has changed quarterly billing to monthly billing. The change in the frequency of customer billing may result in an increase to the Utility's expenses. Please provide the additional expenses that the Utility will incur if the billing changes from quarterly to monthly.

## Response:

-Meter Reader - The Utility will have to hire a new employee to handle the increased demands on reading meters as it changes from quarterly to monthly in frequency. The Utility anticipates that it will take 5 full business days a month for meter reading duties for SV utility customers. At $\$ 12.00$ per hour, plus $30 \%$ for payroll costs, the monthly payroll expense for this position will be $\$ 624$ (the annual cost will be $\$ 7,488$ ).
-Office/Clerical staff - The office and clerical demands will also increase. This is a result of not only increasing the frequency of meter reading/billing from quarterly to monthly, but the fact that there will be no water consumption allowance in the base facility charge and everyone will get a bill. Under the existing structure, the residents are allowed 8,000 gallons of water consumption in the base facility charge. This means most of the customers do not generate a bill. So only a small percentage of the customers use over the monthly allowance and therefore are billed. The new structure dictates that everyone will get billed (no matter how much they use). The Utility anticipates the need to hire additional clerical/office staff to work on the increased billing and collection work. The Utility believes this will require 5 business days a month ( 40 hours) for the additional demand for SV. At an hourly rate of $\$ 14.00$, plus $30 \%$ payroll costs, the additional monthly cost would be $\$ 728.00$ (an annual cost of $\$ 8,736$ ).

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-Postage - The increased frequency in billing from quarterly to monthly, in addition to the additional bills (charging for all usage - with no allowance as described above), will add additional postage expense. We currently send approximately 100 bills each quarter to customers at SV. The Utility anticipates all 750 will get bills going forward on a monthly basis. Thus, postage will increase by $\$ 3,949$ annually.
-Software - The increased billing requirements will require the Utility to improve its current software. The current software is very basic and cannot handle the increased demands. The new software will cost $\$ 15,000$. This can be allocated between CHC VII and SV Utilities as both utilities are experiencing changes in billing structure from quarterly to monthly. CHC VII serves 869 residential lots and SV utilities services 705 residential lots. Therefore, the portion allocated to SV Utilities will be $45 \%$, or $\$ 6,719$.
-Additional card stock for the water bills to be printed on, additional toner and office supplies will total approximately $\$ 1,000$ annually.
2. Please identify the general service customers by name and meter size. If any of the general service customers were not billed for the entire 12 month period ending June 30, 2013, please indicate when the Utility started billing the customers and provide all billing data collected to date.

Response: Enclosed is the Billing Detail for all general service customers by name, location and meter size. All customers were billed during the period ending June 30, 2013.
3. Please identify the irrigation customers by name and meter size. If any of the irrigation customers were not billed for the entire 12 month period ending June 30, 2013, please indicate when the Utility started billing the customers and provide all billing data collected to date.

Response: All irrigation customers are shown on the enclosed Billing Detail. All irrigation customers were billed for the period ending June 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.


MSF/der
Enclosure
cc: Brian Altman (via email)
Kelly Thompson (via email)

## Swiss Village

## S.V. Utilities, LTD.

## Billing Detail

4/1/2013 to 6/30/2013

## Water/Sewer 5/8

|  |  |  | Usage | Water | Other Amount | Other Amount | Sewer Amount | Local Tax | County Tax | State Tax | Late Fee | Period Total | Previous Balance | Total Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SV ACROSS | 4/5/2 |  | 6120 | \$15.71 | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  |
| SHUFFLEBOARD | COMMON AREA |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$15.71 |  | \$15.71 |
| SWISS VILLAGE | 4/5/2 |  | 0 | \$15.71 | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  |
| COMMON AREA 381 | COMMON AREA 381 |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$15.71 |  | \$15.71 |
| SWISS VILLAGE SEWER PLANT | 4/5/2 |  | 5020 | \$15.71 | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  |
|  | SV SEWER PLANT |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$15.71 |  | \$15.71 |
| Total 11140 |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  |
| Water/Sewer 5/8 |  |  |  | \$47.13 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$47.13 |  | \$47.13 |
| \# of Customers Billed |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Water 5/8 |
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## Swiss Village (cont.)

|  | Usage | Water | Other Amount | Other Amount | Sewer Amount | Local Tax | $\underset{\operatorname{Tax}}{\text { County }}$ | State Tax | Late Fee | Period Total | Previous Balance | Total Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Report | 140330 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$15.72 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  |
| Totals |  | \$162.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$0.00 |  | \$177.72 |  | \$177.72 |
|  | \# of Cust / Billed Category | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |

## Hidden Cove West

## S.V. Utilities, LTD.

Billing Detail
4/1/2013 to 6/30/2013


Hidden Cove West (cont.)


# Hidden Cove East 

## S.V. Utilities, LTD.

## Billing Detail

4/1/2013 to $6 / 30 / 2013$

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