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**DATE:** March 25, 2015  
**TO:** Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Clayton Lewis, Engineering Specialist, Division of Engineering  
**RE:** Docket No. 140219-WU. Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Alturas Utilities LLC.

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Please file the attached in the above mentioned Docket File.

Thank you.

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Mr. Leslie Szabo  
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### STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST

**Re: Docket 140219-WU -- Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by Alturas Utilities LLC.**

Dear Mr. Szabo:

Staff has reviewed Alturas Utilities' (Alturas) case history and its response to Staff's First Data Request. We have some additional questions that will help aide in our evaluation of Alturas' application. Please review the following questions and provide a response to the Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, by **April 20, 2015**.

1. Alturas's response to the first data request indicated it did not have possession of system maps. Rule 25-30.125, System Maps and Records, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), states: Each utility shall maintain on file at its principal office located within the State suitable maps, drawings and/or records of its system and facilities to show size, location, character, date of installation and installed cost of major items of plant and extension of facilities. Please indicate when Alturas will have up to date system maps as required.
2. Rule 25-30.265, Periodic Meter Tests, F.A.C., requires each utility to inspect all of its residential meters in service at least once during during a ten-year period (see Attachment 1). Additionally, Rule 25-30.267, Record of Meter Tests, F.A.C., requires each utility to preserve the original records of all meter tests at least until same meter is performed or until the meter is retired by a later test (see Attachment 2).
  - A. Has Alturas inspected its residential meters at least once during the past 10 years?
  - B. If so, provide copies of your meter test records.
  - C. If not, why not?

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3. In reviewing the case history, it was noted in Docket No. 000580-WU that the Utility had purchased a leak detector. Does Alturas still have this equipment? If not, please explain.
4. Has Alturas conducted a leak survey of its system? If so, please provide the results of the most recent leak survey. If not, why has a leak survey not been done?
5. In its last rate case (Docket No. 090477), the Utility was granted \$18,800 to replace 48 customer meters within 6 months after issuance of PSC Order No. PSC-10-0380-PAA-WU.
  - A. If so, were all 48 customer meters replaced?
  - B. What was the date that the meter replacements were completed?
  - C. If not, why not?
6. Staff's audit of Alturas' records indicated several line breaks during the test year.
  - A. On what dates and times were the line breaks reported?
  - B. Please include the time it took to repair the line breaks.
  - C. Provide the associated invoices for the repairs?

Please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6578 or by e-mail at [clewis@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clewis@psc.state.fl.us), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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CKL:tj

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 140219-WU)

**25-30.265 Periodic Meter Tests.**

Each utility shall inspect and test a representative sample of its meters in service at least once during the intervals set out in this rule.

Size of Meter	Maximum Interval Between Tests
5/8"	10 years
3/4"	8 years
1"	6 years
1 1/2"	4 years
2"	4 years
3"	3 years
4"	2 years
6"	1 year

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 367.121 FS. Law Implemented 367.121(1)(a), 367.122 FS. History—New 9-12-74, Formerly 25-10.93, 25-10.093, Amended 11-10-86.*

**25-30.267 Record of Meter Tests.**

(1) Each utility shall preserve the original records of all meter tests at least until same meter is performed or until the meter is retired by a later test.

(2) These records shall include:

(a) Sufficient information to identify the meter;

(b) The reason for the test;

(c) Date of test and reading of the meter;

(d) The computed accuracy before and after the repair; and

(e) Any other data taken at the time of the test which would permit the convenient checking of the test results.

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