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March 30, 2015

Mr. Tim Thompson  
Marion Utilities, Inc.  
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Ocala, Florida 34470

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## STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST

**Re: Docket No. 150092-WS – Request for approval of amendment to tariff for miscellaneous service charges by Marion Utilities, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have reviewed the application filed by Marion Utilities, Inc. (Marion or Utility) to amend the Utility's tariffs. The Utility's cover letter indicated the basis for the requested increase in miscellaneous service charges is the annual Commission indexing percentage from 2005 to present. The supporting documentation, however, included the approved Commission index percentages from 1990-2002. Additionally, the Utility's application did not specify which charge the Utility is requesting to increase by the annual index amount. Further, Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, requires cost justification to amend rates or charges other than monthly service rates or service availability charges. Staff needs the following information to complete our review of the application

1. **Miscellaneous Service Charges.** Please provide staff with a breakdown of the costs included in the Utility's requested \$25.00 (\$50.00 after hours) charge.
2. **Meter Tampering Fee.** Please provide staff with a breakdown of the costs included in the Utility's requested \$50.00 (\$93.00 after hours) charge. Cost justification may include such activities as labor, inspection, transportation costs associated with repairing a tampered meter. In addition, provide staff with the number of meter tampering events experienced by the Utility over the past 24 months and a reason for the requested after hours charge.
3. **Convenience Charge.** Please provide staff with a breakdown of the costs included in the Utility's requested \$2.50 charge. Cost justification may include such activities as costs

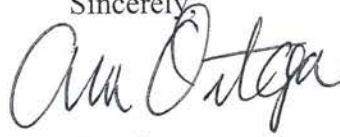
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incurred for bank and credit card processing, administrative or clerical labor, and credit card machine costs associated with the processing of credit card payments.

4. **Initial Customer Deposits.** Please provide staff with the calculation of the Utility's requested \$55.00 customer deposit. Typically, the Commission has set customer deposits equal to two times the average estimated bill. Please provide the average residential water bill and wastewater bill for the most recent 12 months.

Please submit the above information to the Office of Commission Clerk by April 23, 2015. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this matter, please contact me at (850) 413-6435 or via e-mail at [aortega@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:aortega@psc.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,



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Public Utility Analyst III

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