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## **VIA E-FILING**

Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 150102-SU; Application for an increase in wastewater rates in Charlotte County by

Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven Our File No. 30057.221

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

The following is the final response of Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven, ("Utility") to the Staff's Fifth Data Request dated October 4, 2015:

- 14. Please refer to Sandalhaven's response to staff's first data request number 22a.
  - a. Please explain why the outstanding balance of short-term debt in the months of December 2013 and December 2014 is significantly lower than the outstanding balance in the eleven months January 2104 through November 2014.

**Response:** Short term debt increased throughout 2014 to temporarily cover long term debt interest obligations and was reduced at year end through an infusion of equity by the parent company. The MFRs correctly reflect the application of the Commission's Rules to the cost of debt, and it would not be appropriate to ignor the Rule.

Should you or Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin S. Friedman

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