

CHC VII, LTD.

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Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20220033-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County by CHC VII, Ltd.

Dear Mr. Tietzman:

The following are CHC VII, Ltd.'s responses to Staff's Third Data Request dated August 17, 2022:

1. Refer to the invoice for \$38,035 dated for 12/30/2021.
 - a. Did the Utility obtain at least three bids for this project? If so, please provide these bids. If not, please explain why not. - **We attempted to obtain multiple bids for this project, but the vendor we used was the only one who could complete the work in a timely manner. We had difficulties getting other vendors to even bid. The vendor who completed the job was familiar with the system and the issues we were having and were qualified to complete the project.**
 - b. Please explain why this project was necessary. - **The lift station had to have significant work done, as it was not able to function properly. We have been having issue with this lift station for a while, as the lift station would go into alarm and back up frequently. We engaged an engineer to help provide a solution, which we implemented.**
 - c. Provide the anticipated completion date of this project. - **the project has been completed, and the lift station is now functioning properly.**
2. Refer to the two invoices for \$20,880 dated for 4/26/2021 and 12/8/2021.
 - a. Did the Utility obtain at least three bids for this project? If so, please provide these bids. If not, please explain why not. - **We attempted to obtain multiple bids for this project, but the vendor we used was the only one who could get the pumps in a timely manner to complete the project. We have done business with this vendor for many years.**
 - b. Please explain why this project was necessary. - **The existing pumps were not large enough to handle the flow and distance it needs to pump. The new, larger pumps were necessary. Also, rails and control panel were needed for the new pumps to operate properly.**

- c. Provide the anticipated completion date of this project. - **The project has been completed and the pumps are working as anticipated.**
3. Refer to the invoice for \$4,475 dated for 11/9/2021.
 - a. Did the Utility obtain at least three bids for this project? If so, please provide these bids. If not, please explain why not. - **We attempted to obtain multiple bids for this project, but the vendor we used was the only one who could complete the work in a timely manner.**
 - b. Please explain why this project was necessary. - **We needed a new electric panel. The work was to connect the new control panel up to the lift station to operate with the new pumps.**
 - c. Provide the anticipated completion date of this project. - **This project has been completed and is working properly.**
4. Please refer to the Utility's response to Staff's First Data Request, Question No. 17.
 - a. Did the Utility obtain at least 3 bids to replace the handrails? If so, please provide these bids. If not, please explain why not. - **We attempted to obtain multiple bids for this project, but the vendor we used was the only one who could complete the work in a timely manner. We had difficulties getting other vendors to even bid.**
 - b. Have the handrails already been replaced at the wastewater plant? If not, explain when the Utility expects to replace them. - **Not yet. We expect them to be replaced within the next 60 days.**
 - c. Is the water tank coating project a DEP requirement? If so, explain this requirement. If not, explain why the water tank coating project is necessary. - **No, we are required by the Polk County Health Department to have our water tank inspected every 5 years. The tank inspection identified a need to have the tanks coating.**

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian Altman
Brian Altman