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Chairman Andrew Giles Fay Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Forest Utilities, Inc.

2022 TY General Rate Increase Application

Dear Chairman Fay:

This letter, pursuant to Rule 25-30.430, Florida Administrative Code, requests approval of a test year for Forest Utilities Inc. (the "Company"). The Company intends to submit an application for general rate relief to the Florida Public Service Commission for its wastewater system located in Lee County, Florida. The Company intends to submit the minimum filing requirements ("MFRs") on or before October 2, 2023.

The Company has never had a file and suspend rate case. It was granted a revenue neutral rate restructure based upon a test year ended December 31, 1993 (Order No. PSC-1995-0967-FOF-SU), an AFUDC rate based upon a 12-month period ended September 30, 2001, and Service Availability Charges (Order No. PSC-2002-1239-PAA-SU).

The Company requests an historic test year ending December 31, 2022. The requested test year is representative of a normal full year of operation, with a proforma increase based upon the current price index.

The Company anticipates including pro forma plant additions, which will be completed and placed into service within 24 months of the end of the proposed December 31, 2022, test year. The pro forma projects consist of (1) WWTP reinforced concrete process tanks restoration, structural repair and lining, (2) WWTP process air piping replacement, and (3) WWTP effluent filter units replacement. These three projects are estimated to cost approximately \$3,206,600.

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Pursuant to Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes, the Company requests that the Commission process this petition for rate relief using the proposed agency action procedure. The Company also will request interim rates based on the historic test year.

Should you or members of the Staff have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/Martin S. Friedman Martin S. Friedman For the Firm

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