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**STAFF'S FIFTH DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL**

Re: Docket No. 20250122-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Highlands County, by Sun Communities Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Buttonwood Bay Utilities.

Dear Mr. McGinn:

By this letter, Commission staff requests that Buttonwood Bay Utilities (Utility) provide responses to the following questions regarding the Utility's response to staff's first data request:

1. Refer to the Utility's response to staff's first data request, No. 17. Part of the Utility's response stated that water used for main line flushing, backwashing of filters, and fire hydrant exercising was included in utility purposes. For the test year period, please provide the monthly and/or annual amount of utility usage. As part of your response, identify how these values were measured and/or estimated.
2. Refer to the Utility's response to staff's first data request, No. 20 and the pro forma projects listed in the Utility's application for a staff assisted rate case. For each pro forma project, please provide the following information:
 - a. Describe the project. As part of this response, identify the location(s) associated with it.
 - b. Identify the in-service date of the project and state whether it is actual or estimated.
 - c. Explain why the project is needed. For example, specify if it addresses deferred maintenance, safety, compliance, reliability, or water quality concerns and how it does so.
 - d. Explain if the project is required by a regulatory authority. If so, identify that authority and what mandates the project.

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- e. Identify the number of bids requested and received for the project. If less than three bids were requested and/or received, please explain why. Provide copies of the bid(s) as part of this response.
 - f. Identify the selected bid and if it was the least cost bid. If not, explain why not.
 - g. Provide the amount sought for the project by NARUC account by year. If these do not match the bids or if the project costs are estimated, please explain how the project costs were determined.
3. Refer to the Utility's response to staff's first data request, No. 4, specifically within 'BUT-2024 Workbook', tab 'S-3 711', row 18, described in Column L as 'extra sludge haul per Jennifer Andrews for compliance with DEP.' Please provide additional information explaining the need for the sludge hauling expense recorded on this line. As part of your response, explain if this is a recurring annual expense or, if not recurring, identify how frequently this occurs.

Please file all responses electronically via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20250122-WS), by **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**. In addition, please email the filed response to discovery-gcl@psc.state.fl.us. Please include the docket number on all submissions to the Commission Clerk.

Should you have any questions concerning the information in this letter, please feel free to contact me by phone at (850) 413-6582, or by email gdavis@psc.state.fl.us for technical questions, or Timothy Sparks by phone at (850) 413-6216 or email at tsparks@psc.state.fl.us for legal questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20250122-WS)