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February 3, 1998 Venture Associates Utilities Corp. Arthur F. Talt 2661 N. W. 60th Avenue Ocala FL 34482-3933 Dear Mr. Tait: Docket No. 971670-WU -- Venture Associates Utilities Corp. Audit Request - Establish Rate Base as of January 31, 1998 The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to establish the rate base as of January 31, 1998 in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Ian Forbes, the district office supervisor, (407) 317-7337, will coordinate this audit. Rule 25-30.110(b), F.A.C., states that, "Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each utility shall maintain its records at the office or offices of the utility within this state and shall keep those records open for inspection during business hours by Commission staff". ACK . Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., promulgates the procedure to exempt confidential and proprietary business information from Public Records Law 119.07(1), Florida AFA -Statutes. Excerpts from this rule are attached to this letter however, the APP rule should be read in its entirety when an exemption is claimed. Write or $\underline{\omega}$ rule should be read in its entirety when an exemption is claimed. Write or in call the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of the General Counsel for edditional information, (904) 413-6248. 86 CAF 01728 FEB-3 CMU ______edditional information, (904) 413-6248. CTR _____ FAG ____ LEG ____ LIN _____ 090 RCH SEC WAS _ CAPITAL CIRCLE OFFICE CENTER . 2540 SHU'MARD OAK BLVD . TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850 OTH Inernet E-mail: CONTACT@PSC.STATE.FL.US An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

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A formal audit report will be issued for internal official use only by the Commission on or about July 20, 1998. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison officer listed in the Commission Mailing Directory. Comments should be mailed to the Director of Records and Reporting within ten days after receipt.

Questions regarding the audit or staff conduct should be directed to Ian Forbes or myself at (904) 413-6487.

Sincerely,

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Excerpts from Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. and 366.093, F.S.

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