## **STATE OF FLORIDA**

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## Hublic Service Commission

February 15, 2001

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7000 0600 0027 1507 2634

Steven and Susan Cliett Lake Region Paradise Island 115 Scenic Highway Haines City, Florida 33844

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Delinquent Annual Reports and Regulatory Assessment Fees Re:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cliett:

According to our records, Lake Region Paradise Island has not filed an annual report for the period from May 16, 1996, through January 7, 1997, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code. Our records also indicate that Lake Region Paradise Island has not paid regulatory assessment fees for 1996, pursuant to Rule 25-30.120, Florida Administrative Code. Although you no longer own Lake Region Paradise Island, you owned it between May 16, 1996 and January 7, 1997. Therefore, you are responsible for filing the annual report and paying regulatory assessment fees for that time period.

Rule 25-30.110(3), Florida Administrative Code, requires annual reports to be filed on March 31 of each year. The utility did not request an extension of time to file the 1996 annual report. Because Lake Region Paradise Island has failed to file the annual report, the utility is accruing penalties, as provided by Rule 25-30.110(6) and (7), Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(7)(b), Florida administrative Code, "the penalty for delinquent" reports shall accrue based on the utility's classification . . ." The applicable penalty for Lake Region: Paradise Island, as a Class C utility, is set forth below. DOCUMENT NUMBER

Year	Time <u>Elapsed</u>	Penalty Fees (\$3.00 per Day)
1996 (3-31-96 - 2-28-01)	1,429 days	\$ 4,287.00

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The above-referenced penalty has been calculated as of February 28, 2001. The penalty is subject to change and increase over time, and any delay in payment past February 28, 2001, may subject you to additional penalties and interest. Please submit payment of \$4,287.00 by check made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission. Payment of the penalty should be mailed with a copy of this letter to the Bureau of Fiscal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, Attention: Ms. Evelyn Sewell.

Your 1996 annual report is likewise due on or before February 28, 2001, and should be mailed with a copy of this letter to the Division of Economic Regulation, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, Attention: Tim Devlin, Director.

With regard to regulatory assessment fees, pursuant to Rule 25-30.120(2), Florida Administrative Code, regulatory assessment fees must be paid by March 31 of each year. The Commission may impose administrative penalties plus interest, as provided for under Rule 25-30.120(7), Florida Administrative Code. After reviewing the available information, we have determined that Lake Region Paradise Island owes the following:

		Regulatory Assessment			
Year	<u>Revenues</u>	Fees	Penalty	Interest	Total
1997 (5-16-96 - through 1-7-97	\$ 7,485.75	\$ 336.86	\$ 84.22	\$161.68	\$ 582.76

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.120(7)(a)(2), Florida Administrative Code, Lake Region Paradise Island has an ongoing responsibility to pay interest of one percent every thirty days on the unpaid balance of the regulatory assessment fees. The amounts shown above have been calculated as of February 28, 2001. The amounts are subject to change and increase over time, and any delay in payment past February 28, 2001, may subject you to additional penalties and interest. Therefore, please submit payment of \$582.76 by check made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission.

Your payment of the amounts set forth above are due on or before February 28, 2001, and should be mailed with a copy of this letter to the Bureau of Fiscal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, Attention: Ms. Evelyn Sewell.

In addition, if payment has not been received by February 28, 2001, the Commission may initiate show cause proceedings. Show cause proceedings may also be initiated if the 1996 annual report is not timely filed in a form and manner which comports with Rule 25-30.110, Florida

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Administrative Code. If show cause proceedings are initiated, and the utility is found to be in violation of Commission rules, pursuant to Section 367.161, Florida Statutes, the Commission is authorized to impose fines of up to \$5,000 for each day the violation continues.

Do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6222 if you have any questions regarding the matters discussed herein.

Sincerely, Alice L. Crosby Paralegal

ALC/dm/lw

cc: Division of Records and Reporting
Division of Administration (Sewell)
Division of Regulatory Oversight (Messer, Daniel, Redemann)
Division of Economic Regulation
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