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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST

Martin S. Friedman, Esquire
Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP
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Longwood, FL 32779

Re: Docket No. 080250-SU – Application for increase in wastewater rate in Pinellas County by Mid-County Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Please provide staff with the following information to facilitate our review of Mid-County Services, Inc.'s application.

1. With regard to the "I/I Study in Macaroni Grill L/S area" pro forma plant addition reflected on MFR Schedule A-3, Page 1 of 2, Line 5, please provide the following:
 - a. a detailed statement why this addition is necessary;
 - b. a copy of any report or other documentation completed which reflect the findings or results from this I/I study;
 - c. a copy of all invoices and other support documentation if the plant addition has been completed;
 - d. a copy of the signed contract or any bids, if the plant addition has not been completed;
 - e. a status of the engineering and permitting efforts, if the plant addition has not been through the bidding processing; and
 - f. the projected in-service date, if the plant addition has not been completed.
2. Please provide all support documentation, including but not limited to, work papers, bases and/or assumptions for the pro forma expense adjustments reflected on MFR Schedule B 3, Page 1 of 2, Lines 8 through 10.

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3. On MFR Schedule B-8, Lines 1 and 3, the Utility reflects an increase of \$34,816 or 14.29 percent for Salaries & Wages - Employees and \$8,912 or 16.67 percent for Employee Pensions & Benefits. Mid-County asserts that the reason for these increases are due to “[s]alaries have increased due to inflation, annualization, and the need for additional personnel.” On MFR Schedule B-8, the Utility reflects an adjusted test year amount of \$25,126 for Contractual Services - Other, which represents an increase \$18,872 or 301.76 percent. Mid-County stated that the reason for this increase was due to “[t]emporary employment for Mid-County due to staffing needs for WSC (costs allocated to Mid-County.”
 - a. Given the fact that the Utility included pro forma Salary and Pensions & Benefits adjustments totaling \$34,816 and \$8,912, respectively, for “inflation, annualization, and the need for additional personnel” (emphasis added), please explain why Mid-County did not make a corresponding adjustment to decrease Contractual Services - Other for the “temporary employment for Mid-County” during the test year.
 - b. Identify each temporary position employed during the test year and provide a detail of the duties performed and the associated cost. Please be sure the total cost equals the \$18,872 shown on MFR Schedule B-8.
 - c. State whether the additional personnel will eliminate the need for temporary employment.
4. The following items relate to the Utility’s requested rate case expense.
 - a. For each individual person, in each firm providing consulting services to the applicant pertaining to this docket, provide the billing rate, and an itemized description of work performed. Please provide detail of hours worked associated with each activity. Also provide a description and associated cost for all expenses incurred to date.
 - b. For each firm or consultant providing services for the applicant in this docket, please provide copies of all invoices for services provided to date.
 - c. If rate consultant invoices are not broken down by hour, please provide reports that detail by hour, a description of actual duties performed, and amount incurred to date.
 - d. Please provide an estimate of costs to complete the case by hour for each consultant or employee, including a description of estimated work to be performed, and detail of the estimated remaining expense to be incurred through the PAA process.
 - e. Please provide an itemized list of all other costs estimated to be incurred through the PAA process.

5. The following items are related to Miscellaneous Service Charges. Please complete the following charts.

Initial Connection and Normal Reconnection

<u>Component</u>	<u>Normal Hours</u> <u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Normal Hours</u> <u>Typical Time</u>	<u>Normal Hours</u> <u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Clerical & Administrative Labor				
Labor to inspect facilities				
Labor to determine complaint resolution				
Transportation costs				
Computer services				
Overhead				
Etc...				
Total Costs				

<u>Component</u>	<u>After Hours</u> <u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>After Hours</u> <u>Typical Time</u>	<u>After Hours</u> <u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Clerical & Administrative Labor				
Labor to inspect facilities				
Labor to determine complaint resolution				
Transportation costs				
Computer services				
Overhead				
Etc...				
Total Costs				

These costs above should address, in detail, the following components:

- a. Office costs associated with recording and processing a customer request for service, including labor, computer service, and postage.
- b. Office costs associated with receiving, recording and processing the subsequent customer request for termination of service and final bill, including labor, computer services and postage.
- c. Field costs associated with the inspection of a facility and connection of service including transportation, labor and meter reading expense.
- d. Field costs associated with the disconnection of service including transportation, labor, and meter reading expense.
- e. Overhead costs indirectly related to a specific job including a portion of general office facilities and equipment, supervision, insurance and small miscellaneous expenses required to support service activities.

- f. In addition, please provide the number of initial connections and reconnections during the preceding 12 months.
- g. Provide the above information for after hours rates as well.

Premises Visit

<u>Component</u>	<u>Normal Hours Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Normal Hours Typical Time</u>	<u>Normal Hours Total Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Clerical & Administrative Labor				
Labor to inspect facilities				
Labor to determine complaint resolution				
Transportation costs				
Computer services				
Overhead				
Etc...				
Total Costs				

<u>Component</u>	<u>After Hours Hourly Rate</u>	<u>After Hours Typical Time</u>	<u>After Hours Total Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Clerical & Administrative Labor				
Labor to inspect facilities				
Labor to determine complaint resolution				
Transportation costs				
Computer services				
Overhead				
Etc...				
Total Costs				

These costs above should address, in detail the following components:

- a. Office costs associated with receiving, recording and processing a customer request or complaint, including labor, and computer service.
- b. Field costs associated with the inspection of a facility and determination of complaint resolution including transportation and labor. This may include outside services.
- c. Field costs associated with the disconnection of service including transportation, labor, and meter reading expense.
- d. Overhead costs indirectly related to a specific job including a portion of general office facilities and equipment, supervision, insurance and small miscellaneous expenses required to support service activities.
- e. In addition, please provide the number of premises visits during the preceding 12 months.
- f. Provide the above information for after hours rates as well.

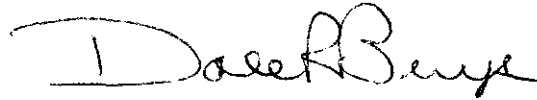
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Please submit the requested information to the Office of Commission Clerk by January 7, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6536 or by email at dbuys@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale R. Buys". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dale R. Buys
Regulatory Analyst

cc: Office of Commission Clerk
Office of the General Counsel (Hartman)
Division of Economic Regulation (Bulecza-Banks, Buys, Daniel, Fletcher, Walden)