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Ann Cole
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

RE: Application for staff assisted rate case in Polk County Florida by Alturas Utilities, LLC

Dear Ms. Cole:

Please find enclosed an application for a staff assisted rate case for Alturas Utilities, LLC in Polk County.

Alturas Utilities is asking for a dual phased inclining block rate structure that would allow for replacing existing piping around the well head, a meter replacement program, a cover for the well, installation of 8 isolation valves, replacement of existing transmission lines and looping of existing lines.

All correspondence for this docket should be sent to the above address.

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Sincerely,



Mike Smallridge
Alturas Utilities, LLC.

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A
STAFF ASSISTED RATE CASE

I. General Data

- A. Name of utility Alturas Utilities, LLC
- B. Address P.O. Box 10186
Brooksville, FL 34603
1. Telephone Nos. (352)302-7406
2. County Polk Nearest City Bartow
3. General area served Alturas

C. Authority:

1. Water Certificate No. 871-WU Date Received _____
2. Wastewater Certificate No. _____ Date Received _____
3. Date utility started operations: Water 11/30/03 Wastewater _____

D. How system was acquired _____

- If utility was purchased, give date _____ Amount Paid _____
1. Name of Seller _____
2. Was seller affiliated with present owners? _____
3. Did you purchase: Stock _____ or assets only _____

E. Type of legal entity: (Corporation, Partnership or Sole Proprietorship)

1120 corporation

F. Ownership & Officers:

| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Percent Ownership</u> |
|----|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| I. | Stuart Sheldon | President | 100% |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |

G. List of Associated Companies and Addresses:

1. Sunrise Utilities, LLC
2. _____
3. _____

H. If you have retained an attorney and/or a consultant to represent the utility for this application, furnish the name(s) and address(es):

Mike Smallridge
1645 W. Main St.
Inverness, FL. 34450

II. Accounting Data

A. Outside Accountant

1. Name Mike Smallridge
2. Firm _____
3. Address _____
4. Telephone () _____

B. Individual to contact on accounting matters:

1. Name Mike Smallridge
2. Telephone () _____

C. Location of books and records 6115 St. RD. 60E Bartow, FL.

D. Have you filed an Annual Report with the Commission? YES
Date Last Filed 2008

E. Has your latest regulatory assessment fee payment been made? YES

F. Basic Rate Base Data (Most recent two years)

| 1. Water | 2007__ | 2008__ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Cost of Plant In Service: | \$ <u>48,034</u> | \$ <u>48,034</u> |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation: | <u>(42,603)</u> | <u>(47,171)</u> |
| Less Contributed Plant: | _____ | _____ |
| Net Owner's Investment: | \$ <u><u>5431</u></u> | \$ <u><u>863</u></u> |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 2. Wastewater | 20__ | 2006__ |
| Cost of Plant In Service: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation: | _____ | _____ |
| Less Contributed Plant: | _____ | _____ |
| New Owner's Investment: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| G. Basic Income Statement (Most recent two years): | | |
| | | _____ |
| 1. Water | 2007__ | 20__08 |
| Revenues (By Class): | | |
| a. 5/8 x 3/4 | \$ 20,898 | \$ 19,488 |
| b. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Total Operating Revenues: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Less Expenses: | | _____ |
| a. Salaries & Wages - Employees | _____ | _____ |
| b. Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders | _____ | _____ |
| c. Employee Pensions & Benefits | _____ | _____ |
| d. Purchased Water | _____ | _____ |
| e. Purchased Power | _____ | _____ |
| f. Fuel for Power Production | _____ | _____ |
| g. Chemicals | 474 | _____ |
| h. Materials & Supplies | 9044 | 9410 |
| i. Contractual Services | 1866 | 3561 |
| j. Rents | _____ | _____ |
| k. Transportation Expenses | _____ | _____ |
| l. Insurance Expense | 1822 | 1899 |
| m. Regulatory Commission Expense | _____ | _____ |
| n. Bad Debt Expense | 326 | 2036 |
| o. Miscellaneous Expense | 10,248 | 11,326 |
| p. Depreciation Expense | _____ | _____ |
| q. Property Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| r. Other Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| s. Income Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (2882) | \$ (8744) |

| | | | |
|----|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2. | Wastewater | 2006__ | 20__ |
| | Revenues (By Class): | | |
| a. | <u>residential</u> | _____ | _____ |
| b. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Total Operating Revenues: | \$ <u>_____</u> | \$ <u>_____</u> |
| | Less Expenses: 87,696 | | |
| a. | Salaries & Wages - Employees | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| b. | Salaries & Wages - Officers, Directors, & Majority Stockholders | _____ | _____ |
| c. | Employee Pensions & Benefits | _____ | _____ |
| d. | Purchased Wastewater Treatment | _____ | _____ |
| e. | Sludge Removal Expense | _____ | _____ |
| f. | Purchased Power | _____ | _____ |
| g. | Fuel for Power Production | _____ | _____ |
| h. | Chemicals | _____ | _____ |
| i. | Materials & Supplies | _____ | _____ |
| j. | Contractual Services | _____ | _____ |
| k. | Rents | _____ | _____ |
| l. | Transportation Expenses | _____ | _____ |
| m. | Insurance Expense | _____ | _____ |
| n. | Regulatory Commission Expense | _____ | _____ |
| o. | Bad Debt Expense | _____ | _____ |
| p. | Miscellaneous Expense | _____ | _____ |
| q. | Depreciation Expense | _____ | _____ |
| r. | Property Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| s. | Other Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| t. | Income Taxes | _____ | _____ |
| | Operating Income (Loss) | \$ <u>_____</u> | \$ <u>_____</u> |
| H. | Outstanding Debt: | | |

| | <u>Creditor</u> | <u>Date Borrowed</u> | <u>Balance Due</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Expiration Date</u> |
|----|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | <u>Sunrise Utilities, LLC</u> | | \$ 5127 | | |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | <u>Leasage</u> | | \$6118 | | |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

- I. Indicate Type of Tax Return Filed:
- x Form 1120 - Corporation
- _____ Form 1120S - Subchapter S Corporation
- _____ Form 1065 - Partnership
- _____ Form 1040 - Schedule C - Individual (Proprietorship)

III. Engineering Data

A. Outside Engineering Consultant:

1. Name _____
2. Firm _____
3. Address _____
4. Telephone (____) _____

B. Individual to contact on engineering matters:

1. Name mike Smallridge _____
2. Telephone (____) _____

C. Is the utility under citation by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or county health department? If yes, explain.

NO _____

D. List any known service deficiencies and steps taken to remedy problems.

E. Name of plant operator (s) and DEP operator certificate number (s) held. _____

David Blount, Blount Utilities _____

F. Is the utility serving customers outside of its certificated area? no
If yes, explain _____

G. Wastewater:

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities existing _____
under construction _____ proposed _____
2. Type and make of present treatment facilities _____
3. Approximate average daily flow of treatment plant effluent _____
4. Approximate length of wastewater mains:
Size (diameter) _____"
Linear feet _____
5. Number of manholes _____
6. Number of liftstations _____
7. How do you measure treatment plant effluent? _____
8. Is the treatment plant effluent chlorinated? _____ If yes, what is the normal dosage rate?
9. Tap in fees - Wastewater \$ _____
10. Service availability fees - Wastewater \$ _____
11. Note DEP Treatment Plant Certificate Number and date of expiration: _____
12. Total gallons treated during most recent twelve months _____
13. Wastewater treatment purchased during most recent twelve months _____

H. Water

1. Gallons per day capacity of treatment facilities existing 108,000 under construction _____ proposed _____
2. Type of treatment Chlorine _____

3. Approximate average daily flow of treated water 15,000
4. Source of water supply well
5. Types of chemicals used and their normal dosage rates chlorine
6. Number of wells in service 1 Total capacity in gallons per minute (gpm)
- Diameter/Depth 6 / 550 / /
- Motor horsepower 15 / /
- Pump capacity (gpm) 350 / /
7. Reservoirs and/or hydropneumatic tanks:
- Description steel / /
- Capacity 3,000 / /
8. High service pumping:
- Motor horsepower / /
- Pump capacity (gpm) / /
9. How do you measure treatment plant production? meter
10. Approximate feet of water mains:
- Size (diameter) / /
- Linear feet / /
11. Note any fire flow requirements and imposing government agency
none
12. Number of fire hydrants in service
13. Do you have a meter change out program? no
14. Meter installation or tap in fees - Water \$
15. Service availability fees - Water \$
16. Has the existing treatment facility been approved by DEP? yes
17. Total gallons pumped during most recent twelve months 5,600,000
18. Total gallons sold during most recent twelve months 5,400,000
19. Gallons unaccounted for during most recent twelve months 200,000
20. Gallons purchased during most recent twelve months 0

IV. Rate Data

A. Individual to contact on tariff matters:

1. Name mike Smallridge
2. Telephone Number (352)302-7406

B. Schedule of present rates (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

1. Water:
- a. Residential Water \$11.00 / \$ 3.25
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other - Specify
2. Wastewater:
- a. Residential Wastewater
- b. General Service
- c. Special Contract
- d. Other - Specify

C. Number of Customers (Most recent two years):

| | 2007__ | 20__08__ |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Water Metered | | |
| a. Residential | 64 _____ | 58 _____ |
| b. General Service | _____ | _____ |
| c. Special Contract | _____ | _____ |
| d. Other - Specify | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Water Unmetered | 20__ | 20__ |
| a. Residential | _____ | _____ |
| b. General Service | _____ | _____ |
| c. Special Contract | _____ | _____ |
| d. Other - Specify | _____ | _____ |

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|
| 3. Wastewater | 2006__ | 20__ |
| a. Residential - Metered | 308 | _____ |
| b. Residential - Unmetered | _____ | _____ |
| c. General Service | _____ | _____ |
| d. Special Contract | _____ | _____ |
| e. Other - Specify | _____ | _____ |

V. Affirmation

I, Michael A. Smallridge the undersigned owner, officer, or partner of the above named public utility, doing business in the State of Florida and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission, certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Signed 

Title System manager

Notice: Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that any person who knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Annual Utility Operating Budget

| | | PRIOR YEAR 2009 | BUDGETED AMOUNTS 2010 | ACTUAL 2009 |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | REVENUE | | | |
| | Customers | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | One time fees / late fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | TOTAL REVENUE: | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| NARUC Acct. No. | UTILITY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE | | | |
| 601 | Employees' Salaries (meter reading) | \$ - | \$ 150.00 | \$ - |
| 603 | Officers' Salaries | \$ - | ? | \$ - |
| 604 | Employee Pensions and Benefits | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 610 | Bulk Purchased Water / Wastewater | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 615 | Electric Bill | \$ - | \$ 2,040.00 | \$ - |
| 618 | Chemicals | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 620 | Office Supplies | \$ - | \$ 135.00 | \$ - |
| | Postage (other than billing) | \$ - | \$ 264.00 | \$ - |
| | Copier Expense & Paper | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 630 | Contractual Services: | | | |
| | Billing | \$ - | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ - |
| | Accounting & bookkeeping | \$ - | \$ 600.00 | \$ - |
| | Legal Services | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Annual Report Expense | \$ - | \$ 495.00 | \$ - |
| | Index Adjustment Expense | \$ - | \$ 400.00 | \$ - |
| | Operator | \$ - | \$ 3,300.00 | \$ - |
| 640 | Rents | \$ - | \$ 900.00 | \$ - |
| 650 | Vehicle Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 655 | Insurance Expense | \$ - | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ - |
| 670 | Bad Debt Expense | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | \$ - |
| 675 | Miscellaneous Expenses | | | |
| | Corporate Filing Fees | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | \$ - |
| | Licenses and permit fees | \$ - | \$ 55.00 | \$ - |
| | Prof. Assoc. Fees (FRWA, AWWA) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Bank Fees | \$ - | ? | \$ - |
| | Leak Repairs | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ - |
| | Sludge Hauling | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Painting (well house, valves, etc.) | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| | Generator Maintenance and Fuel | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Mowing and grounds maintenance | \$ - | \$ 480.00 | \$ - |
| | Telephone Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Utilities (other than electric) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 224 | Mortgage Payment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Capital Improvement Costs (CIP) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Federal income tax | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Local property tax | \$ - | \$ 80 | \$ - |
| | Regulatory assessment fee (4.5% of gross revenue) | \$ - | ? | \$ - |
| | County Tax (Polk = 10%) | \$ - | ? | \$ - |
| | Other (Specify) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$ - | \$ 14,199 | \$ - |
| | NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) Revenue less expenses: | \$ - | \$ (14,199.00) | \$ - |

CURRENT YEAR

2010

| LOCATION | ASSET LIST | AVG SERVICE LIFE IN YEARS | REMAINING LIFE IN YEARS | COST TO REPLACE | CURRENT CONDITION | REPLACE / REPAIR? | DATE TO REPLACE OR REPAIR | MOVE TO CIP? Y / N | AMT FOR CIP |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Buildings | | | \$ 2,000.00 | | REPLACE | 2010 | y | 2,000.00 |
| | Backflow Prevention Devices | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Blowers | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Communications Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Customer Meters | | | \$ 1,500.00 | poor | replace | 2010 | y | 1,500.00 |
| | Electrical Panels | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Generators | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Hydrants | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Lift Station Pumps | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Lift Stations | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Master Meter | | | \$ 1,800.00 | poor | replace | 2010 | Yes | 1,800.00 |
| | Miscellaneous Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Office Furniture and Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Other Pumping Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Power Operated Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Rapid Infiltration / Effluent Ponds | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Supply Mains | | | \$ 3,000.00 | bad | replace | 2010 | Yes | 3,000.00 |
| | Tanks | | | \$ 2,000.00 | good | coated | 2010 | Yes | 2,000.00 |
| | Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Trans. & Dist. Mains | | | \$ 5,900.00 | poor | replace | 2010-13 | yes | 5,900.00 |
| | Transportation Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Water Testing Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Water Treatment Pumps | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Water Treatment Other Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Well Pumping Equipment | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | Wells | | | | | | 0 | - | - |
| | | | | | | | | CIP | 16,200.00 |

| CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Buildings | | | - | - | - |
| Backflow Prevention Devices | - | - | - | - | - |
| Blowers | - | - | - | - | - |
| Communications Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Customer Meters | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Electrical Panels | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generators | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hydrants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lift Station Pumps | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lift Stations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Master Meter | 1,800 | | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Office Furniture and Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Pumping Equipment | - | 135 | - | - | - |
| Power Operated Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rapid Infiltration / Effluent Ponds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Supply Mains | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | |
| Tanks | 2,000 | 3,000 | - | - | - |
| Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trans. & Dist. Mains | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 |
| Transportation Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water Testing Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water Treatment Pumps | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water Treatment Other Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Well Pumping Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wells | - | - | - | - | - |
| CIP TOTAL BY YEAR | 14,200 | 13,535 | 10,400 | 10,400 | 5,900 |