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# Re: Docket No. 100128-WU – Application of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. for an Increase in Water Rates in Gulf County

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed on behalf of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. is an electronic version of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.'s Request for Waiver of MFR Schedules in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely, Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on the following parties by Electronic Mail and/or U.S. Mail this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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### **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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In re: Application for Increase in Water Rates In Gulf County by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

Docket No. 100128-WU Date Filed: September 14, 2010

### **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MFR SCHEDULES**

COMES NOW, Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. ("Lighthouse" or "the Company"), through its undersigned and requests a partial waiver of portions of the Minimum Filing Requirement ("MFR") schedules and as basis would state:

1. Lighthouse provides water service to customers in the southern portions of Gulf County. The Company holds Certificate No. 491-W issued in 1987 when the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") acquired jurisdiction over Lighthouse. The last, and only, base rate proceeding for Lighthouse was concluded in 1988.

2. On September 1, 2010, Lighthouse file an application for an increase in its rates and charges for water service. Accompanying the application were MFR schedules required by the Commission, some of which are incomplete.

3. Within the MFRs are several schedules which require balances for accounts for all years since the rate base was last established, which for Lighthouse would be 1988, or over 22 years of data. While Lighthouse included balances on these schedules for the test year and prior two years, it did not include balances from 1988 forward. Specifically, the schedules affected are Schedules A-4, A-8, A-11, A-13 and B-7.

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CODUME AT ALMOER-DATE 67663 SEP 14 2 FPSC-COMPLISSION CLERK 4. Lighthouse would request that the Commission grant a partial waiver as to the requirement to provide balances since the last rate case and, for purposes of this application, accept balances for the test year and prior five (5) years as to Schedules A-4, A-8, A-11, A-13, and B-7. Lighthouse has very limited resources and preparing the schedules with 22 years of balances would be time consuming and overly costly for the Company.

5. In addition to submitting revised schedules as proposed, the Staff will have access to all records of the Company which it has as to any account, thus providing the ability to verify balances. It is expected that such a review would occur even if balances for each year since the last rate case were included in the MFRs thus approval of the request would not impair the Staff review but would reduce the additional expense and time of the Company which would ultimately be of benefit to the customers of Lighthouse.

For the reasons cited, Lighthouse requests that for purposes of the MFR schedules, the Commission accept balances for the test year and five (5) prior years for Schedules A-4, A-8, A-11, A-13 and B-7.

Respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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