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Public Service Commission

January 12, 2016

East Marion Utilities, LLC Attn: Mr. Michael Smallridge, Sole Managing Member 3336 Grand Blvd. Suite 102 Holiday, Florida 34690 COMMISSION

Re: Docket No. 150257-WS, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Marion County, by East Marion Utilities, LLC

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

Staff has completed its review and has determined East Marion Utilities, LLC (East Marion or utility) is eligible for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC).

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case is \$1,000 (\$500 for water and \$500 for wastewater). The fee is based on the capacity of the utility's systems as provided by Section 367.145(2) of the Florida Statutes (F.S.). The filing fee of \$1,000 must be received by February 12, 2016, which will be the official filing date for this rate case. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.455(9), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Commission will deny the application if a utility does not remit the fee within 30 days after official acceptance, as provided by Section 367.145, F.S., and paragraph 25-30.020(2)(f), F.A.C.

Section 367.091(2), F.S., provides:

Upon filing an application for new rates, the utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief executive officer of the governing body of each county within the service areas included in the rate request. The governing body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Please forward a copy of East Marion's application for a SARC to the chief executive officer of Marion County as required by law, and copy the Commission as proof that an application was forwarded to them.

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Members of Commission staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books, records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Matthew Vogel at (850) 413-6453.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Maurey

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cc: Division of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 150257-WS)