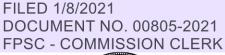


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Re: Docket No. 20190166-WS - The Office of Public Counsel's Response to Staff's Data Requests issued December 18, 2020

Dear Ms. Ramos,

The Citizens of the State of Florida, by and through the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), pursuant to the December 18, 2020 letter from the Staff of the Public Service Commission, hereby respond to the Staff's data requests regarding the Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) filed on August 11, 2020:

OPC notes for the record that while Staff's letter requested the parties to jointly respond to Staff's data request, HC Waterworks, Inc. (HCW) filed a unilateral response on December 21, 2020; OPC was not consulted before that document was filed and was not asked to contribute to said document.

OPC's responses to Staff's Data Requests are below.

1. Please refer to page two of the agreement, subsection 8(a).

OPC's Response: The request appears to reference page two of the Joint Motion for Approval rather than the Agreement itself. OPC's responses below relate to subsection 8(a) of the Joint Motion.

a. Please explain the significance of February 28, 2021, as the deadline for the joint movant's request for staff's participation in any scheduled activities.

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OPC's Response: The date was designed to allow time for a scheduled activity with customers to occur before the final quarterly status report is to be filed by HCW pursuant to the Agreement.

b. If there are any scheduled activities after February 28, 2021, will staff be invited to participate in them?

OPC's Response: Yes

2. Please state if any activities, such as meetings or phone calls, have been scheduled and the anticipated dates of the activities, if scheduled.

OPC's Response: OPC has scheduled a meeting via GoToMeeting and telephone with the customers, Highlands County Commission personnel, and HCW to occur January 21, 2021; OPC informed Commission Staff of the plans for this meeting and invited them to attend.

3. Do the joint movants anticipate the instant docket be closed upon the Utility's filing of its final status report? If not, please explain why and provide an alternative procedure for docket closure.

OPC's Response: Yes

Respectfully Submitted, JR Kelly Public Counsel

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