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STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20230113-SU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Orange County by Gulfstream Utility LLC.

Dear Mr. Deterding:

Staff reviewed Gulfstream Utility LLC's (Gulfstream or Utility) response, dated February 26, 2024, to staff's first data request. The Utility's response is not complete. Please submit the following information for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, (test year), unless another time period is specified. The numbers in the list below correspond to the numbers in the original data request for which Gulfstream's response was incomplete, preceded by the letters "DR." Please provide the information requested below by **Friday, April 19, 2024**.

DR 1. Purchased Wastewater: All utility related bills from the beginning of the test year to present, which include meter number and location, gallons used, dollars paid, and the utility's account numbers.

Gulfstream provided purchased wastewater bills for calendar years 2021 and 2022. The data request was for the beginning of the test year, July 1, 2022, to the present. Please provide the requested purchased wastewater bills.

DR 2. Purchased Power: All utility related electricity bills from the beginning of the test year to present, which include meter number and location, kilowatts used, dollars paid, and the electric company's account numbers.

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Gulfstream provided purchased power bills for calendar years 2021 and 2022. The data request was for the beginning of the test year, July 1, 2022, to the present. Please provide the purchased power bills received for 2023 and 2024. Additionally, Gulfstream's response omitted these bills for 2022:

- 1) for meter 6645685, December 2022
- 2) for meter 3837061, November 2022

Please provide copies of these bills.

DR 3. Chemicals: A list of all chemicals used in the treatment of wastewater, amounts purchased, quantity purchased, unit prices paid, and dosage rates utilized.

The invoices supplied by Gulfstream contain all of the information requested, except the dosage rate utilized. Please provide the dosage rate utilized. Also, the Utility's response to this data request consisted of two pdf files with different filenames. However, the contents of the files were identical. Please state whether there should have been only one file, or if a second set of documents is missing. If there should have been two files with unique documents, please supply the missing documents.

DR 5. Contractual Services - Testing: A list of tests along with costs paid to outside laboratories for testing the wastewater treatment during the test year.

Gulfstream's response to DR 5 was combined with its response to DR 6. The U.S. Water invoices provided appear to be at least partially responsive to both DR 5 and DR 6. With respect to DR 5, U.S. Water invoices a monthly Regulatory Compliance Sampling charge. However, U.S. Water is not a laboratory that tests wastewater treatment samples. Please indicate whether Gulfstream receives a separate invoice from a laboratory for testing the samples that U.S. Water collects. If not, please indicate what laboratory performs the testing and how it is paid.

DR 6. Contractual Services - Other: The costs of operation and maintenance (O&M) work not performed by utility employees with an explanation of the type of work performed. These costs include the operator's fee, mowing and grounds keeping and contracted repair for the wastewater system.

The provided U.S. Water invoices referenced in the previous question also contain monthly charges for "Wastewater Treatment Plant" and "Emergency By-Pass Pump Standby." Please explain the type of work performed by U.S. Water pursuant to these charges.

Regarding the Excel spreadsheets in the file named "GSU Ledger and Capex 2022 and 2023" (CapEx file) provided, it appears that these spreadsheets contain a variety of charges, many of which appear to be contractual in nature, though some are clearly not O&M or testing related. Others appear to be one-time or as-needed purchases, and still others appear to be account-balancing or -correcting entries. Please provide a list of entities with which Gulfstream has a contractual relationship to perform O&M work, to include work performed at the wastewater treatment plant, the lift stations, mowing and grounds keeping, and contracted repair of the complete wastewater system. For each entity, provide its name, the cost incurred pursuant to the

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Utility's contract with the respective entity, and an explanation of the type of work performed by each entity. Please do not combine the responsive information with non-responsive information, or use the Utility's internal codes and abbreviations.

DR 7. Transportation Expenses: A schedule of all vehicles, by serial number and description, owned or leased by the utility, original cost or lease documents, whom the vehicles are assigned to, and an explanation of how they are allocated to the utility, or a copy of the log book showing miles on personal vehicles associated with utility business.

Gulfstream did not provide a response to this data request. Please indicate whether the Utility owns or leases any vehicles associated with utility business. In reviewing the CapEx file provided in response to DRs 5 and 6, staff found entries for gasoline purchases for maintenance vehicles and WWTP tractor fuel, which suggests that Gulfstream may own or lease such vehicles. If Gulfstream does own or lease vehicles associated with utility business, please provide the schedule and information requested in DR 7. If not, please provide an explanation for the gasoline entries in the CapEx file.

DR 8. DMRs: Copies of discharge monitoring reports (DMR) for wastewater from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 (test year), in Microsoft Excel format, if available, which includes:

FOR WASTEWATER – Total treated, total wash water, total of each chemical in points, chemical dosage rates (average).

Gulfstream's response to DR 8 was combined with DR 9, and only included two DMRs and five Daily Sample Reports (which are not responsive to either DR 8 or DR 9). Please provide each DMR submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

DR 9. Water Sold: Copy of monthly totals of metered water sold for each month of the test year.

As noted above, nothing in the Utility's response addressed DR 9. Please provide a copy of monthly totals of metered water sold for each month of the test year.

DR 13. Assets: A listing of all wastewater assets owned by the utility, including sewer piping, lift stations, etc.

Example: 200' – 8" PVC (Sewer)

250' – 6" PVC (Sewer)

Nothing in the Utility's response addressed DR 13. Please provide a listing of all wastewater assets owned by the utility, including sewer piping, lift stations, etc.

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DR 14. Number of customers: Number of customers classified as to meter size and class (commercial or residential) for the following points in time:

- a. A minimum of 4 years prior to the beginning of the test (or calendar last) year.
- b. The beginning of the last calendar year.
- c. The end of the last calendar year.
- d. Present.

Gulfstream's response included a profit and loss statement that included occupied revenue- and non-revenue-generating sites, as well as unoccupied sites, for the years requested in DR 14. Information regarding class and meter size was not provided. Please provide the number of customers classified by meter size and class for the time periods requested.

DR 15. Engineering Maps. Please provide a copy of the utility's engineering maps for wastewater, showing location and size of wastewater mains throughout the service area, and customer location and classification. On each map, please identify vacant customer lots, customer meter sizes, and lift stations.

The engineering maps provided do not appear to match the entire service territory for Gulfstream. Additionally, they do not contain adequate legends necessary to depict the wastewater system components, they do not identify customer classification, meter sizes, or vacant lots. If Gulfstream is not in possession of wastewater system maps that provide the information requested in DR 15, please produce these maps and provide them in your response. Rule 25.30-125.Florida Administrative Code, requires each utility to maintain, on file at its principal office located within the State of Florida, suitable maps, drawings and/or records of its system and facilities to show size, location, character, date of installation and installed cost of major items of plant and extension of facilities.

DR 16. Pro Forma: Please fill out the attached spreadsheet concerning the pro forma items the utility is requesting. Please include any bid proposals or estimates for the pro forma items. If less than 3 bid proposals were requested for each pro forma item, please explain why.

Gulfstream provided one proposal for a pro forma item in its response. However, it did not fill out the pro forma spreadsheet as required with the specific information requested, nor did it include an explanation as to why less than three bid proposals were provided. Please complete the form, with explanation as necessary, as requested.

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Please file all responses electronically at the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please contact Mrs. Melinda Watts by phone at (850) 413-6952 or email at mwatts@psc.state.fl.us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Melinda Watts

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