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March 17, 2025

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## STAFF'S FOURTH DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

**Re: Docket No. 20240119-WU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, by Alturas Water, LLC.**

Dear Mr. Smallridge:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Alturas Water, LLC (Alturas or Utility) provide responses to the following data request:

1. **Salaries and Wages:** Please explain the process in which Florida Utility Service 1, LLC employees are paid and the reason for any month-to-month variation for Technician employees?
2. **Salaries and Wages:** Please explain why the December 15<sup>th</sup> payroll is higher than the following and previous period payrolls.
3. **Contractual Service – Other:** Please provide supporting documentation or invoices for the Consta Flow Inc. annual CCR, billed at \$375, and call out repair, billed at \$290, if any.
4. **Pro Forma:** Please indicate if the \$13,192.50 investment amount for the Dunham Well Drilling, Inc. pump replacement was included in Alturas' test year Plant in Service balance (as audited) and also requested as a Pro Forma item. If this investment is included both in test year Utility Plant in Service and as proforma, please comment if either approach is more preferable to the Utility, or in the alternative, comment on staff's initial desire to remove this investment from proforma.

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Please refer to Alturas' response to staff's audit report for the following questions:

5. **Utility Plant in Service:** Please refer to the Plant in Service & Accumulated Depreciation Attachment, Page 2 or 3 for the following questions:
  - a. Please indicate if the \$31,078 plant addition on to Account 311 – Pumping Equipment in 2022 includes an additional \$734 for water treatment equipment.
  - b. Please explain the (\$29,078) plant “adjustment” to Account 311 – Pumping Equipment.
  - c. Please clarify why there is no retirement associated with the \$31,078 plant addition. If there is one, what is the appropriate amount?
6. **Contractual Services - Testing:** Please provide a detailed breakdown and all supporting documentation for the \$4,410 balance in Account No. 620 – Contractual Services - Testing.
7. **Miscellaneous Expenses:** Please provide supporting documentation relating to the \$596 of direct charges in Account 675 – Miscellaneous Expenses to Alturas for banking and customer convenience fees associated with postings to Alturas's bank account.

Please file all responses no later than **Friday, April 4, 2025**, electronically via the Commission's website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com), by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20240119-WU). In addition, please email the filed response to [discovery-gcl@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:discovery-gcl@psc.state.fl.us). Please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6686 or by email at [owooten@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:owooten@psc.state.fl.us), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*s/ Orlando Wooten*

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20240119-WU)