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Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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**Re: Docket No. 20240119-WU - Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, by
Alturas Water,LLC**

Dear Commission Clerk

Following is the company response to Staff's Fifth Data Request
for the above Docket file.

1. A. The services for which FUS1 would have to hire an outside contractor that could be accomplished in house would mainly come from the operator of that particular system. Some tasks might include various pump maintenance and or replacement, chemical deliveries and calibrations, line & tank flushing.
2. B. Invoices will be sent in a separate package. I have highlighted on the copies of the invoices the tasks for which I had an outside contractor that could have been done in house if I had the man power.

2. The total number of FUS1 field techs would be 4 with one Supervisor, totaling 5.

You have to look at this request from a whole company view. The new entry level employee may or may not fill in any gaps in Alturas, as my other field techs don't exclusively work at one particular utility but in all utilities as a whole. This is why the salaries are spread among all utilities in the FUS1 family. The same applies to the supervisor position. This person would supervise all field techs as they perform various tasks at all utilities.

3. At Alturas, the entry level tech responsibilities may include but are not limited to: leak repair, customer meter rereads, customer disconnects and reconnection for nonpayment, 811 tickets, water line flushing, customer meter maintenance and replacement, new line install or replacement, mowing and general water plant maintenance. The whole point is, if I had an extra field tech, I would not have to depend on the operator which is more expensive or pay so much in over-time hours.

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A. There will only be one operation supervisor for all of the FUS1 systems which includes, but is not limited to, Alturas.

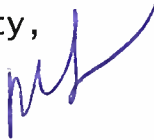
In regards to Alturas, the operations supervisor would oversee tasks like chlorine and other chemical deliveries, hurricane season event and generators, purchasing of supplies, project management, as a bridge between utility office personnel and field techs, scheduling projects and their completion.

b. The Operations Supervisor would be available to fill in if field tech is sick or on vacation etc.

C. The Salary of the New Operation Supervisor will be \$ 65, 031. The new field tech (hopefully) can be hired at around \$19-\$22 an hour.

D. Currently I do this job along with everything else. I feel having a full-time operations supervisor will allow this company to operate more efficiently, lowering overtime costs and allowing a more proactive approach as opposed to a reactionary approach that always costs more money.

On behalf of the Utility,



Mike Smallridge