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March 11, 1998

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JAEGER) *RRJ*

RE: DOCKET NO. 970991-SU - INVESTIGATION INTO RATES AND CHARGES OF FLORIDA CITIES WATER COMPANY - LEE COUNTY DIV., SOUTH FT. MYERS WASTEWATER FOR POTENTIAL OVEREARNINGS.

Please place the attached letter dated March 6, 1998, in the above-referenced docket file.

RRJ/lw

Attachment

cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Merchant, Moniz)

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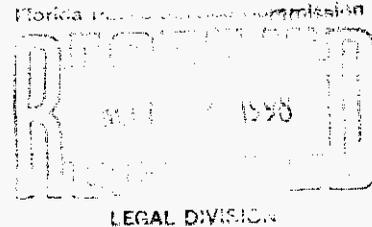
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RE: Docket 970991-SU
Investigation into rates and charges of Florida Cities Water
Company - Lee County Div., South Ft. Myers Wastewater for
potential overearnings.

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

As you know, Mr. Willis and Mr. Murphy continue to discuss appropriate resolution of the issues in this docket. We all are optimistic that a satisfactory resolution may be obtained.

In your letter of March 2, 1998, you request that FCWC file certain schedules by March 31, 1998. It will not be possible for FCWC to meet that deadline. FCWC has recently suffered the loss of three personnel (CPAs) from its accounting and financial section. The first of those positions has just been filled. Because of this FCWC just this week completed the closing of its books for the year-ended December 31, 1997. With this shortage of personnel FCWC is faced with the requirements that it prepare immediately its year-end financial statements as required by its bonds and other indenture documents and begin the preparation of the annual reports that have to be filed with the PSC, Hillsborough, Sarasota and Collier Counties. The annual report for the PSC is due by March 31, 1998. It is very likely that it will be necessary for FCWC to request an extension of time in order to compile the annual report. In view of these circumstances, FCWC cannot commit to furnishing the requested schedules or provide information to assist the PSC in preparing the requested schedules any earlier than April 30, 1998. Therefore we respectfully request that you grant FCWC a 30 day extension to furnish the requested information.

Mr. Ralph Jaeger
March 6, 1998
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Please be assured that FCWC believes it has cooperated with Staff in the resolution of the questions in this docket. It is FCWC's intention to continue to cooperate and furnish information necessary for the resolution of questions raised in this docket.

If you have any questions please let know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Kenneth Gatlin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

B. Kenneth Gatlin

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