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Public Service Commission

August 2, 1999

David B. Erwin, Esquire 127 Riversink Road Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Dear Mr. Erwin:

Re: Docket No. 990939-WS, Application of Indiantown Company, Inc. for Increased Water and Wastewater Rates in Martin County - Test Year Approval

We have received your letter dated July 16, 1999, requesting approval for Indiantown Company, Inc. (Indiantown) to use an historical test year ended June 30, 1999. Staff has also confirmed by telephone that the utility will be requesting interim rates using an historical test year; however, at this time the specific period has not been selected. Further, by telephone, you have stated that the utility will file its application using the Proposed Agency Action (PAA) provision in Section 367.081(8), Florida Statutes. The utility's test year request as outlined above is hereby approved. You should also be aware that prefiled direct testimony must be filed with the minimum filing requirements (MFRs) if you do not elect to request the PAA process.

For administrative purposes only, Docket No. 990939-WS has been assigned to the forthcoming case. Your petition will be deemed filed on the date that the Division of Records and Reporting receives the complete petition, revised tariff sheets, the MFRs, testimony (if not requesting PAA), and the filing fee. To minimize any regulatory lag that may occur, we request that you file the above no later than November 30, 1999. Because of the difficulty in scheduling hearing dates it is not anticipated that an extension of this filing date will be granted.

Under the file and suspend law, the time period for processing the request will begin on the date that all of the required data is completely filed. If not complete, the official filing date will be the date the complete corrections to the deficiencies are filed. The utility is instructed to file all information it wishes the Commission to consider when arriving at a decision on its rate case application with its original filing. Because of the time limitations contained in Section 367.081, ----- Florida Statutes, and the lengthy auditing and investigation required, information not filed with the original application may not be considered. Lastly, the utility should be prepared to justify all \mathbb{C} DCUMENT NUM

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increased operation and maintenance expenses, particularly those in excess of customer growth and inflation since the year ended December 31, 1994, the test year used in Docket No. 960011-WS for overearnings purposes.

Sincerely, have oe Joe Garcia Chairman

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