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Dear Chairman Garcia:

Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. respectfully requests approval of a test year ending December 31, 1998, for the filing of a rate increase application for its water and wastewater operations in Wedgefield, including the setting of interim rates. December 31, 1998 is the most recent fiscal year end for Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. This test year is the most current and representative period to measure the cost of service and establish new rates.

Pro forma adjustments will be made to the test year for known and measurable changes in expenses and rate base. The pro forma adjustments to water rate base include approximately \$32,000 to replace an underground diesel fuel storage tank and acquire a parcel of land related to the water treatment plant. At the present time, we are still evaluating whether to include a necessary pro forma sewer plant expansion in this rate case. The sewer plant expansion is currently in progress.

Wedgefield Utilities, Inc. intends to file using the proposed agency action process.

If further information is required, please advise.

Respectfully Submitted,

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