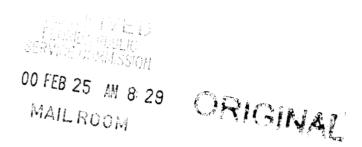
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February 22, 2000

Ms. Blanco S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 971065-SU

Application for rate increase in Pinellas County by Mid-County Services, Inc. *Preliminary* Refund Report

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please be advised that Mid-County Services, Inc. (Mid-County) has processed the refunds as required in Commission Order No. PSC-99-1912-FOF-SU.

Approximately 2,200 refund checks were mailed directly to each customer on February 10, 2000. Refund checks were made necessary due to the fact that Pinellas County was unable to process refund credits in conjunction with Mid-County's ordinary monthly billing.

Refunds reflect the difference between the interim rates approved in Commission Order No. PSC-97-1608-PCO-SU and Mid-County's final approved rates, plus accrued interest compounded monthly. The total amount refunded was \$395,903. This amount included \$10,197 of accrued interest.

Follow-up reports will be made as prescribed in the above rule.

Respectfully submitted,

Vice President, Regulatory Matters

cc: Mr. Richard D. Melson, Esq.

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