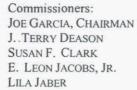
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DIVISION OF WATER & WASTEWATER DANIEL M. HOPPE, DIRECTOR (850) 413-6900





Public Service Commission

May 10, 2000

Pierre D. Thompson Buffalo Bluff Utility, Inc. HC4 Box 4450-220 Satsuma, Fl. 32189

Re: Staff Assisted Rate Case for Buffalo Bluff Utility, Inc. in Putnam County, Docket No. 000327-WS

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have determined eligibility for staff assistance filed by Buffalo Bluff Utility, Inc. We find that the utility is eligible for the staff assisted rate case filing.

The staff engineer has determined the filing fee in this rate case of \$1,000. This fee is based on the capacity of the utility system as provided by Chapter 367.141 of the Florida Statutes. We received a filing fee payment of \$400 on March 17, 2000 with the staff assisted rate case application. The filling fee balance owed is \$600. The balance due must be received by June 9, 2000 which is the official filing date for this rate case.

Members of Commission Staff will contact you to schedule a convenient time for examination of the utility's books and records and physical plant. If you have any questions regarding the rate proceeding, please call Paulette Dewberry at (850) 413-6962 or Ryan Fitch at (850) 413-6928.

Sincerely,

Our Stoppe Daniel Hoppe

Director

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Division of Legal Services (Van Leuven)

Division of Records and Reporting (000327-WS)